

**FOX VALLEY SPORT AVIATION ASSOCIATION
EAA CHAPTER 579
Aurora, IL**



The Propwash

February, 2016

Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, February 25
SimplyFly Training Room
(Note new location)

[Click here for Map](#)

Director's Meeting: 6:30 pm

Business Meeting: 7:30 pm

Program after the Business Meeting

2016 Meeting Schedule

All meetings at the
SimplyFly Training Room
unless otherwise notified

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~~January 28, 2016~~

February 25, 2016

March 24, 2016

April 28, 2016

May 26, 2016

June 23, 2016

July 21, 2016 **

August 25, 2016

September 22, 2016

October 27, 2016

November 17, 2016 **

December 15, 2016 **

**Meetings the Third Thursday in July
(AirVenture), November (Thanksgiving)
and December (Christmas).

2016 Young Eagles® Schedule

Flights will takeoff from and return to
the Aurora Municipal Airport. Pilot
briefing will be at about 8:30 am.

Begin flying at 9:00 am. Last
registration at or before 2:00 pm.

[Click here for Map](#)

May 22, 2016

June 26, 2016

August 28, 2016

September 25, 2016

October 23, 2016



Young Eagles® 5 Step Plan

2016 Chapter Leadership

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Please join our Facebook page for
additional chapter pictures, postings and
updates.

Search EAA Chapter 579, Fox Valley
Chapter 579 Sport Aviation Association or
[click here](#)

Chapter Website: <http://www.eaa579.org>
(Thanks Mike Baer for your continued work on
the web site)

If you have anything of interest to the chapter, please email me at joeemcbride@gmail.com: fun places you have flown to, progress on your special project, an interesting plane you have flown, your favorite flight, good places for the ~~\$100~~ \$200 hamburger. Let us all know about it. Pictures are always welcome. You don't have to have a completed article. If you send me the details, I'll write the article.

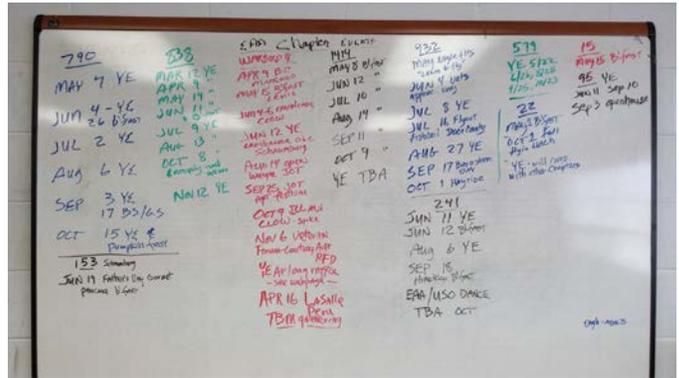


planned to be sponsored by Chapter 461 Bollingbrook at Clow. Photos of the working white board schedule of events (this information will be reformatted into a poster and included in future newsletters) and of the attendees are below:

Looking Up...by Don Horacek

We're back on the airport!!!

Thanks to the generous offer by SimplyFly, our chapter meetings will be held on airport at the SimplyFly office beginning with our February meeting this week. Thank you Tony, Dave and Kathy! Joe announced the good news in a separate e-mail last week and will be providing a map in the newsletter. SimplyFly is located on the Southwest corner of the ramp across from the Suburban Properties hangar where we have been holding our after rally picnics. And a thank you goes out to the Sugar Grove Fire Department for the many years of hospitality shown by them to our chapter. The SimplyFly meeting room is shown below:



The new EAA Youth Protection Policy is a hot topic that we discussed at our January meeting. You should have all received an e-mail from me that I forwarded from the EAA CEO/Chairman Jack Pelton. ([Click here to see Jack's comments.](#)) Feedback on the new policy from the summit attendees and blogs is mixed. Some folks are dead set against submitting to the background checks and will stop flying Young Eagles because of it. I would say, however, that the majority see this policy as a logical step in today's world. One that is probably long overdue. Many other organizations (scouting, school groups, church groups) have had a program like this in place for many years. Our board is asking all chapter volunteers, who are national members, to take the training and obtain the background check. Many have done so already. ([Click here to access the program on EAA's website.](#)) The requirements kick in on May 1. We will continue discussions of this topic at our next meeting to assist in a thorough understanding of the new policy.

I represented our chapter at the Chapter Leaders' Summit last month sponsored by the DeKalb chapter at the Taylor Airport. The purpose of this annual meeting is to build relationships between chapter leaders in the local area, to share knowledge and experience in order to help each other resolve issues facing our chapters, and to encourage our chapter members to attend each other's events. Chapters represented this year were 15--Lewis University, 22--Cottonwood, 95--Morris, 153--Schaumburg, 241--DeKalb, 579--Aurora, 790--Lake in the Hills, 838--Racine, 932--Galt, 1414--Poplar Grove and Warbirds 4 Northern Illinois. In addition to the preparation of a combined schedule of events for the year, discussions focused on the EAA Youth Protection Program, chapter membership and IMC integration. Next year's meeting is

We are in the application stage for our Air Academy Scholarship. Each year the chapter sends one or two scholarship recipients to the EAA Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh. This year, the session dates are July 29 through August 6 and we are hoping to sponsor two. Applicants need

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to be in the 16 to 18 year age range. This is an opportunity for mature students to become totally immersed in the world of flight. If you know of someone that fits these qualifications, have them contact Kathy Spano or myself for an application. Completed applications need to be submitted by March 31st.

Membership renewal became overdue as of the first of the year. Anyone who hasn't paid yet can do so at a chapter meeting or dues can be mailed to the Treasurer, Joe McBride. Please fill in the membership renewal form in the chapter newsletter. Use of the form is requested in all instances of renewal. The Treasurer's mailing address is on the form.

Looking ahead, we will have a speaker at the March meeting. The topic is ADS-B and it will be presented by Ryan Paul of Avidyne. And, in preparation for our first Young Eagles rally in May, the program for the April meeting will be a review of our safety procedures.

See you at the meeting Thursday,

Don

New Location for Chapter Meetings

As was discussed at the last Chapter meeting, SimplyFly has offered the use of their new training/meeting room to our chapter for meetings. This will give the Chapter a home back on the airport. The necessary arrangements have been made with SimplyFly and the proper insurance obtained through EAA to begin using this room beginning with the February meeting. Attached to this newsletter (and sent out via separate email) is a map and directions to SimplyFly on the Aurora Airport.

Many thanks to the Sugar Grove Fire Department for the use of their meeting room the last several years. They have been informed of our venue change and indicated that their meeting room is available to us any time we may need it.

2016 Dates

The front page of this newsletter shows the 2016 dates for Chapter Meetings and Young Eagles Rallies. Please mark your calendar.

Minutes of January 28, 2016 Chapter Meeting

- Meeting called to order by President Don Horacek at 7:40 PM (15 members present)
- Minutes accepted as published in the newsletter
- Treasurer report accepted as presented by Joe McBride.
- SimplyFly has offered their training room for our Chapter meetings and welcomed us to use their lounge. No objections were raised. Chapter leadership will make the necessary arrangements to move our chapter meetings to SimplyFly as soon as practical.
- Congratulations to Mark Hislop who was named volunteer of the Year.
- Explorer post 579: planning an airport visit 4/16. Post will also be planning a demo day at IMSA May 7.
- Current YE total is 16,852. We will likely hit 17,000 in June.
- Air Academy - we will try to reserve 2 slots for 2016. Scholarship applications due by the end of March. Applications are available on our web Site.
- IMC integration- nothing new at this time. Dave Smith attended last month and will go next month.
- Chapter renewal with EAA has been completed.
- Young Eagles reimbursement received for \$1,071.19. In discussions with EAA about reimbursement for Trailer expenses.
- Chapter Leaders Summit is this Saturday at DeKalb. Don will attend. Expect a schedule of all Chapters' events.
- EAA looking for volunteers for selling Young Eagles raffle tickets at AirVenture.
- Avidyne is offering to do an ADS-B seminar. It will be scheduled as the program at a Chapter meeting.
- The CAF is bringing the B-29 (Fifi) to KARR on 7/14-17. This may negate a B-17 at KARR this summer by our Chapter. Don Horacek will explore any involvement that our Chapter could have with the CAF.
- Young Eagles Youth Protection Plan: All EAA members who work at a Young Eagles Rally will have to go through the training and pass the background check. We will have access to a list of our members who have completed the training and the background.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

After a break for refreshments, we viewed the EAA Chapter Video.

Submitted by: Joe McBride, Secretary

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Young Eagles Air Academy
Chapter 579
DANIEL KELLEY SCHOLARSHIP
For students 16, 17, 18, years old

The EAA Advanced Air Academy provides an atmosphere for mature students to become totally immersed in the world of flight. Ground instruction and introductory recreation flight experiences highlight this meaningful, action-packed camp. It combines "in-the-air" and "on-the-ground" hands-on activities.

The EAA Advanced Air Academy also includes full participation (access to forums, flightline and all associated activities) in EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the world's premier aviation event!

YOUR TEEN WILL EXPERIENCE

Flight Training Ground School - Aircraft Construction, Restoration and Maintenance Skills - Airplanes

The dates for the 2016 secession are July 29th—August 6th

PLEASE CONTACT KATHY SPANO AT pkabo2000@yahoo.com for an application or further information or visit our [web site!](#)

We will be taking applications until March 31st 2016

EAA, Soaring Society of America announce joint effort to boost participation

The agreement updates joint efforts to introduce and support flying on all levels. [Click here for more details.](#)

3rd Class Medical Reform



Trying to stay current on this topic is difficult as it is changing continually. As most know, it past the Senate as a stand-alone bill. In the House it has been made a part of the FAA Re-Authorization Bill with essentially the same language as passed in the Senate ([H.R. 4441](#)). The problem is that the FAA

Re-Authorization Bill is loaded with controversial items, including privatization of ATC and user fees, at least for some types of flying.

The latest information that I have seen is that the House Bill has been delayed due to a lot of concerns raised in various sectors of the aviation community—including AOPA and EAA. In fact, the EAA has set up a web page ([follow this link](#)) to send letters to Congress opposing ATC Privatization.

The current FAA Authorization expires March 31, 2016. So there will probably be another short-term bill passed; that is, Congress will kick the can (along with 3rd Class Medical Reform) a little further down the road.

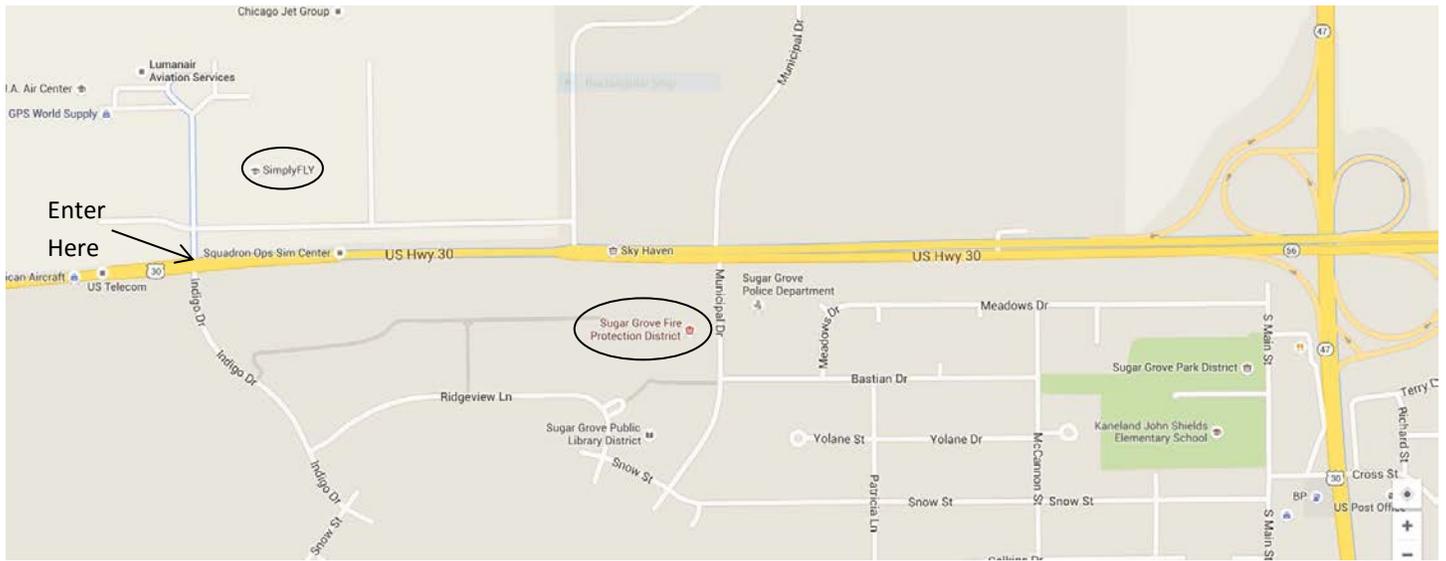
Both AOPA and EAA claim that their objective is to get 3rd Class Medical Reform passed as a stand—alone item, but that doesn't seem to be making a lot of progress at this time.

AirVenture 2016 to Commemorate 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor



Flying activities to include actual airplane involved in the events of December 7, 1941. [Click here for more details.](#)

AirVenture 2016 runs from Monday, July 25 through Sunday, July 31.



The top map shows the area of the Airport with the Sugar Grove Fire Station (where we used to meet) and SimplyFly both circled.

Note that when the Google Earth picture was taken Highway 30 was under construction in front of the airport. That construction is now completed.

Enter at the main airport entrance. Turn right at the first street and then left into the first parking lot. Walk through the gate nearest the building, turn left and the entrance to SimplyFly is at the corner of the building as shown on the map.

Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association
EAA Chapter 579
Membership Application or Renewal - 2016

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ EAA# _____

_____ New _____ Renewal Spouse's Name _____

Annual Membership = \$20.00
Checks made payable to EAA Chapter 579

Please mail this application and your check to our treasurer:

**Joe McBride
422 Arboretum Way
Oswego, IL 60543**

Chapter Membership Renewals for 2016 are now being taken.