

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



The Propwash

March, 2016

Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, March 24
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.

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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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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.



Looking Up...by Don Horacek

Another thank you is in order to Tony, Dave and Kathy for inviting the chapter back to the airport! Our first meeting last month at Simply Fly was well attended. I want to remind everyone of the new location for our monthly meetings. We are now using the training room at Simply Fly for all of our meeting functions. Tony, Dave and Kathy want all members to know that their facility is “home” for the chapter. Come and hang out any time you feel the urge to be at the airport with your friends. Simply Fly is located on the Southwest corner of the ramp across from the Suburban Properties hangar where we have been holding our after rally picnics.



This sign is now in SimplyFly's Training Room

We had a good discussion of the new EAA Youth Protection Policy at our February meeting. Thanks to feedback on many levels, EAA has relaxed the background check requirement for entering your Social Security number on-line. Those who wish to withhold this piece of information, however, may have a longer wait to complete the process. But, that seemed to be the major objection about the process. The work around is to enter all 9s for the number, 999-99-9999. Our board is asking all chapter volunteers, who are national members, to take the training and obtain the background check. Thanks to all who have already done so. 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.

Last Call! We are in the closing stage of the application process for our Air Academy Scholarship. In addition to the chapter sending one or two scholarship recipients to the EAA Advanced Air Academy in Oshkosh, Simply Fly is adding one year of free ground school, including the book, to the prize. The session dates are July 29 through August 6 for the Air Academy and the ground school can be taken during any of the many sessions offered during the year. Applicants need 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.

We are planning an airport visit by members of our Aviation Explorers Post 579 on April 16. We are hopeful that several airport operators will participate in showing the Explorers all that goes on at the airport (the list of activities is still under

development). Volunteers are welcome to tag along as chaperones. Those interested should contact [Joe McBride](#) or [me](#). It will likely be a learning experience for all of us.

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 from Avidyne, Ryan Paul, at the March meeting. He will present on the topic of ADS-B. 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. Presentations regarding the tower, ground and air procedures will be made. All Young Eagle volunteers should plan on attending this presentation in preparation for our first rally on May 22.

See you at the meeting Thursday.

Don



New Location for Chapter Meetings

As Don mentioned in his column, we are now meeting in the Training Room at SimplyFly. Attached to this newsletter is a map and directions to SimplyFly on the Aurora Airport.

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 February 25, 2016 Chapter Meeting

- Meeting called to order by Don Horacek at 7:40 PM. 3 guests. 26 members in attendance.
- Minutes of last meeting approved as published in the newsletter
- Treasurer report was presented and approved.
- The Chapter is currently at 16,842 Young Eagles flown. We expect to hit 17,000 in June.
- Explorer Post will do an airport visit April 16. More details to follow.
- Air Academy Scholarship applications are open. Applications are due by 3/31 for one scholarship. The applications is on the web at this link: http://www.eaa579.org/linked/2016_eaa_scholarship_application.pdf
- IMC integration: nothing new from EAA. Local IMC club leader (Jim) attended tonight. Their meetings are 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the JA Cafeteria. All EAA Members are invited.
- No news on the reimbursement from EAA for trailer expenses. The rest of the expenses have been reimbursed (\$1071.19)
- Avidyne will present ADS-B at next month's meeting.
- No response yet from the CAF about the B-29. It will be at KARR July 14-17.
- EAA Chapter Leader summit: Don attended. A common calendar was created. There was discussion about the Youth Protection Program. 11 Chapters were in attendance. The meeting will held at Clow next year.
- EAA Youth Protection Program: all pilots must go through training and background check by May 1, good for 3 years. We also need at least 2 supervisors at each Rally who have gone through it. Don would like to have 4 on the ramp and 2 at the trailer area. Requesting that all EAA Members go through it. Discussion ensued.
- Scout Merit Badge program is being worked on. More info next meeting.
- Renewals are due
- Name Tags are available.
- Moved and seconded and passed to donate a wall mounted screen to SimplyFly.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30

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!

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

3rd Class Medical Reform



The latest information that I have seen is that the House Bill has been withdrawn 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. A temporary authorization Bill has been passed to extend FAA Authorization through July 31.

An FAA Authorization Bill has passed out of Committee in the Senate. This Bill does NOT include ATC privatization nor user fees. It does include Third Class Medical reform with the same language as was included in a separate bill on the subject. It is expected that the Senate will take up the FAA Authorization Bill upon their return in April. The House could address the Third Class Medical as a stand-alone bill; address the Senate Version of the FAA Authorization Bill once it passes the Senate; or they could come up with their own FAA Authorization Bill, which would require additional work to reconcile the two bill.

EAA and AOPA are both heavily involved in lobbying to get the Third Class Medical Reform passed one way or another.

Young Eagle/Explorer Makes Progress on Sport Pilot Certificate



Kevin Chen is a member of our Explorer Post 579 at IMSA and one of our Young Eagles. He has been working on his Sport Pilot Certificate through SimplyFly. Kevin Completed his long solo cross country on March 20. Congratulations to Kevin—great work.

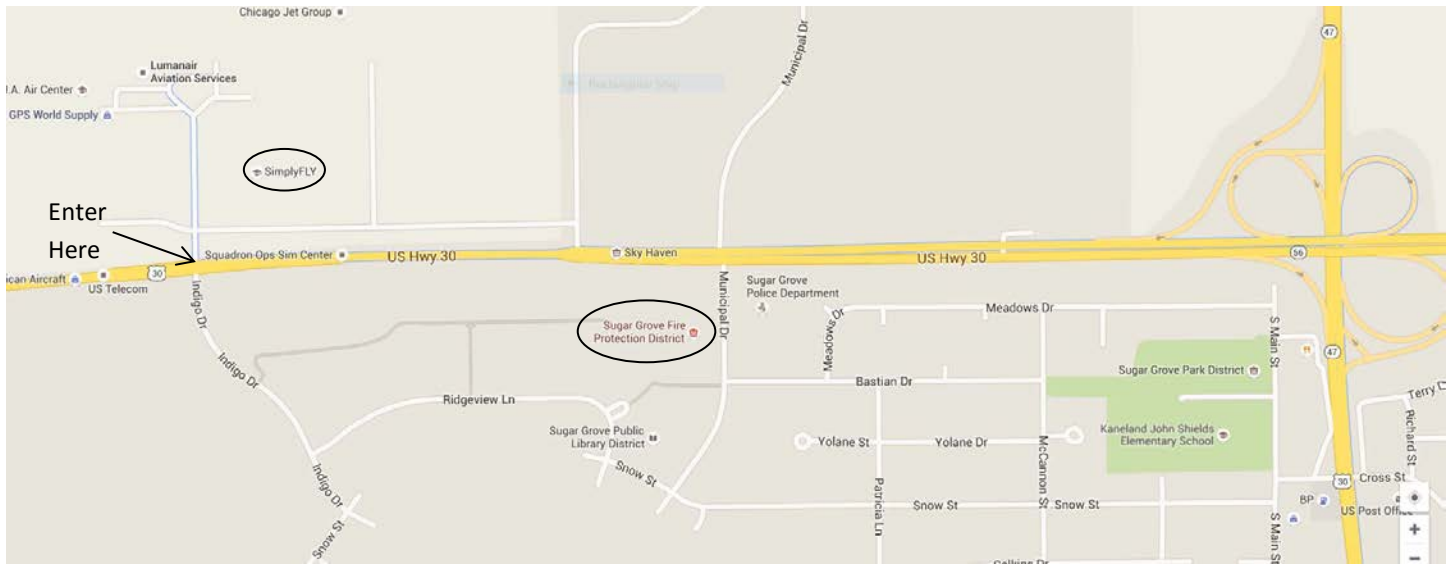
2nd Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Wings of Mercy CareAffaire

The pilots from Campbell Airport (C81) in Grayslake, IL welcome you to their 2nd Annual Wings of Mercy CareAffaire on Saturday, July 16, 2016. It will be a fly-in/drive-in starting with a Runway 5K Run/Walk Race at 8AM followed by a fair from 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM which offers lunch, a car show, a puppy petting area, pony rides, helicopter & airplane rides, bouncy house, Military Honor Service at 11:00 AM and so much more! A Silent Auction will be held from 1:30-3:00 PM with items donated by The Chicago Bulls, Blackhawks, Sox, plus many other great items.

For more information go to <http://www.wingsofmercy.org> or contact Karen Murphy at kdmurphy@wingsofmercy.org or 847-636-8095. All proceeds go to benefit Wings of Mercy who are a group of pilots that fly very ill patients (over half are children) to their life saving medical appointments for free. They hope you will come and support this worthwhile charity!

AirVenture 2016 Daily Themes

- Monday, July 25 – Opening day: Plenty of aviation industry announcements, plus the always anticipated opening-night concert right after the daily air show.
- Tuesday, July 26 – Innovations Day: The latest flying technology on display, plus the “Shark Tank”-style finals for the Founders Innovation Prize.
- Wednesday, July 27 – Pearl Harbor 75th Commemoration and WomenVenture Day: A salute to the heroism of December 7, 1941. Also the annual gathering of women aviators at Oshkosh, plus the first of the week’s two night air shows.
- Thursday, July 28 – Young Eagles Day and the Centennial of Coast Guard Aviation: A celebration of the 2 millionth Young Eagle flown, plus a flight line featuring the hard-working aircraft of the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Friday, July 29 – Salute to Veterans Day and the 25th anniversary of Desert Storm Aviation: The emotional Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight highlights honors for the vets, while the aircraft made more famous by Operation Desert Storm are on display.
- Saturday, July 30 – Salute to World War I aviation and Boeing Aircraft’s 100th anniversary: Aircraft from a century ago take to the sky, while a century of progress by one of the world’s legendary aircraft makers is recognized. The second of the week’s night air show finishes the evening.
- Sunday, July 31 – Fox Valley Day/Closing Day: A salute to the Oshkosh area that welcomes the family of flight each year, plus the world’s greatest aircraft departure show.



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.