



**November 2023**





Chapter 579  
Young Eagles Flown:

# 20,065





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I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving. This time of year I always reflect on the things I am most grateful for. With the hectic pace of everyday life and the ever present negative messages we are bombarded with in the news and through social media, taking time to quietly reflect on all of the good things in life is a healthy reminder to keep everything in perspective. If you did not have a chance to be introspective over the Thanksgiving holiday, I encourage you to find some time to focus on the truly important things in your life.

On November 9th we took our VMC Club Hangar Talk on the road to EAA Chapter 461, at Bolingbrook's Clow Airport where the Chapter members of 579 and 461 shared their experiences related to a number of real-world aviation scenarios.

On November 16th we held our monthly Chapter Gathering. With gift giving season right around the corner, I presented an homage to Oprah's "My Favorite Things" holiday episodes by exploring over 20 gift giving suggestions for the aviation enthusiasts on your shopping list. The options ranged from \$4.00 stocking stuffers to a \$780,000 dream gift for that special someone. Photos from the evening appear on page 5.

Please note that our December VMC Gathering will be held on the 14th and we will be back at REVV Aviation. Our December Chapter Gathering has been cancelled due to the holidays.

Blue Skies,  
Mike



## CHAPTER 579 2023 MONTHLY CHAPTER GATHERING SCHEDULE

January 26

February 23

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 22



~~Gone to Oshkosh~~

August 24

September 28

October 26

November 16

December 21\*

(\* Cancelled for the Holidays)

## AVIATION NEWS



### New guide on reducing runway excursions unveiled



The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) has produced a new publication, "[Reducing Runway Excursions in Business Aviation: A high-level guide on mitigating the risks.](#)"

The 25-page document examines many of the psychological and physical factors that cause excursions on takeoffs and landings and explains how to address them in training programs and safety management systems.

While specifically targeted to business aviation pilots, the free guide has a lot of useful information for all general aviation pilots.

Runway excursions are the leading cause of accidents in business aviation. According to the Flight Safety Foundation, business jet operations experienced 79 runway excursions from 2017 to 2022, accounting for nearly 41% of business jet accidents during that period.

"The Runway Excursion Guide is intended to raise awareness about a significant challenge facing the business aviation industry," said Noah Yarborough, NBAA manager of flight operations. "Written in plain English, the document contains a series of practical steps that flight crews and operators can take to improve airport safety in a pro-active manner. The guide is also designed to be a reference for a number of factors to consider, along with links to more in-depth reading from industry resources that have spent considerable time studying the causes of, and possible solutions, to runway excursions."

# CHAPTER 579 2024 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY SCHEDULE



May 19  
Jun 23  
Aug 25  
Sep 22  
Oct 13



ONLINE  
REGISTRATION

We will once again be using Online Registration for our Young Eagle Rallies. Registration will open up approximately ten days before each rally. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for details!



**EAA Chapter 579**  
Aurora, IL

**20,000**  
**Young Eagles Flown**  
September 2023

Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8–17 their first free flight in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. Today, nearly 2.3 million young people have enjoyed a free introductory flight through the Young Eagles program. **On September 24, 2023, Chapter 579 became the first EAA Chapter worldwide to have flown 20,000 Young Eagles!**

**The EAA  Flight Plan**  
Your route from Young Eagle to licensed pilot.

Send your Young Eagles Questions to  
[mikebaer150@gmail.com](mailto:mikebaer150@gmail.com)



# Know Your Chapter Members

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## Roberto Beltramelli



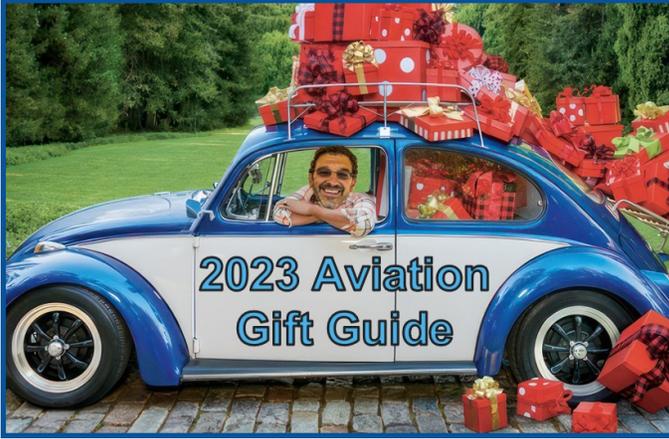
1. Where were you born & raised  
**Munich, Germany**
2. What is your (non-aviation) background?  
**Worked for Motorola. Owned a Hobby Shop and a TV Service Center**
3. What is one thing you would like to accomplish in the next year?  
**Get my private pilot's license.**
4. What would you do if you won the lottery?  
**Buy a home in Aero Estates - Buy a Vision Jet**
5. What is your dream vacation spot?  
**Oshkosh AirVenture**
6. Do you have any hobbies (other than aviation)?  
**Ham Radio - Off Road Driving**
7. How did you get interested in aviation?  
**I attended AirVenture 2013**
8. What is your favorite aviation memory?  
**Discovery Flight in a Piper Lance in 2014**
9. If you could fly any aircraft what would it be?  
**Cessna Cardinal with Fixed Gear**
10. If you could have dinner with any aviator past or present who would it be?  
**Harrison Ford**





# 579 Chapter Gathering

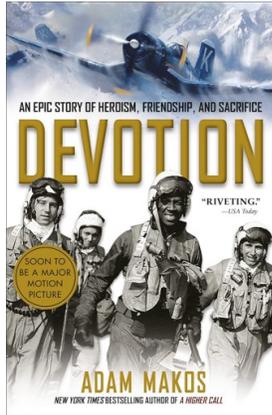
## November 16, 2023



This month Mike Baer presented his favorite holiday gift ideas for aviation enthusiasts.



Devotion: An Epic Story of Heroism, Friendship, and Sacrifice



\$12.69

Best gift for under \$15.00

SENSORCON  
Sensing Solutions by molex

Sensorcon AV8 Inspector AV8-CO-01 Carbon Monoxide Monitor for Aviation



\$164.00

Best gift for under \$200.00



93 Different Do it yourself aluminum can airplanes

\$4.00 ea.



Best gift for under \$5.00

NightBuddy™

Perfect night vision anywhere



\$34.95

Best gift for under \$50.00 - With special thanks to Roberto B. for giving a live product demo

GARMIN™

Garmin D2 Mach 1 Pro Smartwatch



\$1,399.99

Best gift for under \$1,400.00 (but just barely)



## HONOR. THANK. INSPIRE.

By: Daniel G. Porch

The mission of Honor Flight Chicago is to Honor , Thank, and Inspire by building awareness and appreciation of the debt of gratitude America owes its veterans for their service and sacrifice for our nation. The centerpiece of the programming is the Day of Honor in Washington, D.C. I had the pleasure and honor of accompanying my dad Daniel E. Porch, Spec 5, US ARMY Vietnam on this wonderful and meaningful experience. Every veteran was assigned their own personal guardian on this Honor Flight, I was lucky to be my dad's guardian, it was special as he was in Vietnam when I was born. The journey began at 4:00AM when we arrived at Midway Airport. Upon arriving at the airport, we were met by many volunteers



in orange shirts that were excited to see us. They presented my dad with a W/C and I parked the car, every veteran was provided a W/C during the entire trip here and in DC. While we were getting checked in at the baggage claim area, the excitement was overwhelming. It was a very well-orchestrated event for sure. After checking in, the veterans participated in many photo opportunities and handshakes. Everyone treated the veterans "first Class". We even got special security clearance and had our own line to get to the gate, no shoes off for this trip. On the way every veteran was greeted by Wayne Messmer. It was truly an uplifting experience to meet and talk with him. Southwest Airlines is the carrier for

Honor Flight Chicago. I have to say, they were truly the best. So, kind and caring and treated our vets with such dignity and respect. The pilots and flight attendants were amazing on the flight. Upon arriving at Dulles, we were greeted with a band playing and hundreds of people waiting in long lines to shake the hands of the veterans and "thank them for there service". It was overwhelming and at times, you could see many tears shed. We had a lot planned in a short timeframe as this was a day trip. When we entered the buses, we had a full military honor guard. Our first stop, the Air Force Memorial. This was so impressive to see the Air Force Honor Guard perform. Truly



impressive performance. From this spot you could see the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. It was also a time to reflect as the plane that hit the Pentagon flew directly over this area. To see the Vietnam wall with its list of names of our service men and women who lost their lives for our country, put things into perspective. I have a cousin,

Major Charles Edward Rogers, USAF who is on the wall. He was shot down in Laos and he was never recovered. I have a sketching of his name from the wall. I cannot describe the feeling to run your finger over a name on that wall. From this area we could see the Lincoln Memorial and a good view of the Washington Monument. Next stop WWII Memorial. The photo above was taken of the veterans and then they were given a chance to explore the Memorial. My grandfather Leo Robert Rogers was a Tech Sergeant in the US Army Air Corps. He served as a Radio Operator on the B-24 Liberator. From here we went to the F. Udvar-Hazy Center as our final stop for a guided and self-guided tour. It was awesome to see the Enola Gay and the Space Shuttle Discovery up close. What an impressive site to see. On the way back to Dulles from here to more handshakes and appreciation for their service. We boarded Southwest Airlines for our trip home. On the return flight, one of the leaders got on the PA system asked,



“what was one of the most important things that the veterans looked forward to”? Yep, it was Mail Call. The veterans were not aware of this and it came as a complete surprise to them. All veterans got a large package of mail. These consisted of cards and letters from family members and individuals who just wanted to send a card or letter to support the veteran “thanking them for their service”. Guardians were asked before the flight to ask family and



friends to send as many cards as possible and letters to ensure a meaningful Mail Call. There were a lot of emotions during this time, even with members of the cabin crew. Upon arriving at MDW, we were greeted with a water salute and a line of fire and police vehicles with the lights flashing and personnel saluting as we pulled into the gate. As a side note, it was a long deplane at MDW and we found out the flight before ours had an Honor Guard for a fallen soldier. Upon leaving the plane, every veteran was accompanied by a sailor from for the Great Lakes Naval Station. Now the emotional part. There were probably close to 1000 people waiting to welcome our veteran's home. Flags, bagpipes, cheers, banners. The one thing I will remember most "Welcome Home". Lots of tears and emotions shared by everyone.



My dad remembers when returning from Vietnam his CO telling him not to wear his uniform off the plane when they landed at O'Hare - that some people could be unkind to him. Yep, he recalls having rocks, tomatoes and bottles thrown at him and being called horrible names, what a welcome home from people in his own country. This Honor Flight was the "Welcome Home" every one of them deserved but never received when they returned from the war.

There were 113 Veterans on this flight, mainly Vietnam Veterans. There was a 99-year-old WWII female, and it was an honor to be on this flight with her and with all the veterans who served so proudly. Each Honor Flight mission costs about \$140,000.00. All Veterans are free.



# News From HQ

## EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Dates Confirmed Through 2027

Pull out your calendars and mark these dates! EAA has confirmed the dates for AirVenture Oshkosh for the next 4 years:

2024: July 22-28

2025: July 21-27

2026: July 20-26

2027: July 26-August 1



“As the aviation community looks at Oshkosh as one of its highlights each year, we wanted to announce the dates for the next several years so people can plan for their trips to Oshkosh,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board. “We also realize that AirVenture’s dates affect the scheduling of many other aviation events, as well as other activities in Wisconsin, so it’s important to have these dates finalized.”

EAA’s annual fly-in convention has been held since 1953 and has occurred in Oshkosh since 1970. More details regarding highlights of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024 will be announced as they are

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## Gone West: Frank Borman

EAA was saddened to learn of the death of former NASA astronaut and Apollo 8 commander and EAA Lifetime Member, Frank Borman, who passed away on November 7th at the age of 95. Among his many other achievements, in 1968 Borman commanded the first human spaceflight to reach the moon, leading the three-person crew of himself, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders. A longtime supporter of EAA, Borman attended AirVenture numerous times and spoke at multiple EAA functions, most recently in 2018 at the Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet. In addition, he donated a large collection of his personal aviation and NASA memorabilia to EAA, which is displayed in the EAA Aviation Museum. EAA joins the aviation and spaceflight communities in mourning his loss.





## VMC Club Meeting

Mark you calendar for

December 14, 2023

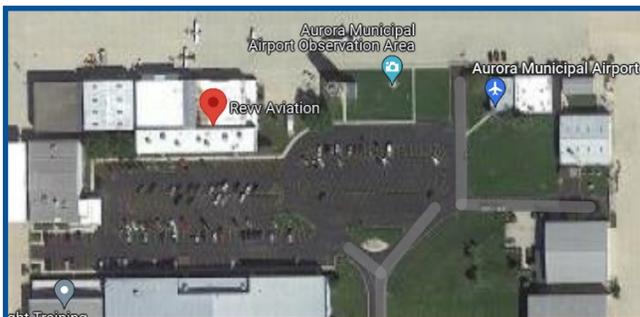
6:30 pm at the REVV Aviation Hangar  
at Aurora Municipal Airport

Our VMC Club offers monthly meetings in which pilots and non-pilots can network and share knowledge and experience.

The meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members, and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. The intent is to create a community of pilots willing to share information, foster communication, promote safety, and build proficiency.

The VMC Club monthly programming is developed and produced by EAA, but it does not use a lecture or presentation format. Instead, an actual scenario is presented and is followed by a group discussion – so audience participation is encouraged! Since everyone has a different experience level and different airplane capabilities, we can all benefit from the discussion.

Send your VMC Club Questions to Chuck Newell at [cmnewell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmnewell@sbcglobal.net)



### CHAPTER INFORMATION

EAA Chapter 579 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed for educational purposes and is incorporated in accordance with the State of Illinois Not For Profit Corporation Act.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Chapter meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, January through October and the third Thursday in November and December at the Aurora Municipal Airport, starting at 7:30 pm. Please check our Facebook page for schedule updates. Family members and guests are always welcome.

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership dues for EAA Chapter 579 are only \$20 per year and are due on the first of January for the upcoming year.

579 Chapter members are to be current members of the EAA, Oshkosh, WI.

Individual membership to the EAA is \$40 per year. Family memberships are available for an additional \$10 per year. Both include a twelve month subscription to *Sport Aviation* magazine.

A 579 Chapter Membership Form is included as the last page of this newsletter.

### ADVERTISING IN PROPWASH

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10% (business card)		\$50
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Classified Ads	Free for members	



# Pokey For Sale



## 1970 Cessna 150

Lindsay Couch (Jon's sister) has decided to make Pokey available to a new home. If you are interested please reach out to me at [mikebaer150@gmail.com](mailto:mikebaer150@gmail.com) and I will put you in touch with Lindsay.

N6483G  
1970 CESSNA 150K  
S/N 15071983  
TT app 5721  
Prop TT 5021  
SMOH 449

Continental O-200 72-JADR-A-48  
Registration current

Bendix King KT76A Transponder  
TKM MX300 NAV COM  
(2) uAvionix AV-30 MFD  
Garmin portable X96  
ADS-B Out  
Shoulder harnesses



Annual 7/2023 with extensive work (see list and logs)  
Over \$8400 of work done recently

Compressions 57/80 75/80 77/80 77/80 before cylinder work  
New rocker cover gaskets  
New universal joint for pilots controls - adjusted control column chain tension and aileron cable tension  
Changed gasket for forward accessory plate cover  
Fixed ELT Antenna  
Nose gear shimmed to resolve loose torque link  
Flap rollers removed, cleaned, lubricated and new chafe pads installed  
Exhaust leaks fixed  
New fuel tank drain seals  
Right hand wing root cover cleaned and stop-drilled  
Left and right hand wing strut attachment fitting hardware replaced with new.  
ELT Batteries replaced  
ADs complied with  
Cylinder work done 8/2023 - new rings, honed cylinder, replaced cylinder base gasket and housing seals



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# EAA Chapter 579

## Membership Application

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (MM/DD): \_\_\_/\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I would be able to help in the following area(s):

Advertising \_\_\_ Chapter Meeting Presentation \_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_ Fund Raising \_\_\_

Hospitality \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Photography \_\_\_ Scholarships \_\_\_

Social Media \_\_\_ Speakers \_\_\_ Videography \_\_\_ Web Site \_\_\_ Young Eagle Rallies \_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>Annual Dues *</u>	Please complete this form, attach check payable to EAA Chapter 579 and mail to:  EAA Chapter 579 422 Clinton Ave. Oak Park, IL 60302
Regular (Individual)	\$20	
Regular (Family)	\$35	
Youth (Under 18)	\$12	
Life	\$400	
*Annual chapter dues are due on January 1st. New members joining after June 30th receive a 50% discount for first year dues		