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Last Thursday we held our February Chapter Gathering. We were joined by Dave Altier who shared his aviation journey from the US Navy to Firefighter to SIU where he earned his degree in Aviation Flight and Aviation Management and eventually to United Airlines. Dave gave us a glimpse into a segment of aviation most of us will never experience. If you were unable to join us I have included a few shots from the evening on Page 4.

International Young Eagle Day this year is on Saturday, June 11th. EAA HQ is encouraging all Chapters to host a rally on this date. Our June rally was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, June 26th, but during the Chapter Gathering we decided to move the date of our June rally to the 11th. The hope is that by hosting the rally on a Saturday we will be able to get some new volunteers and Young Eagles who may have been unable to join us on our usual Sunday rallies.

If you have not renewed your membership the annual membership rate is still \$20. Please send a check and the application form found on the last page of this newsletter to:

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Stay safe and enjoy this month's issue.

Mike



CHAPTER 579 2022 MONTHLY CHAPTER GATHERING SCHEDULE

January 27

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

June 23



Gone to Oshkosh

August 25

September 22

October 27

November 17

December 15*

(* Tentative)



Federal Aviation Administration

FAA Administrator Dickson Resigns



FAA Administrator Steve Dickson announced his resignation on Wednesday, February 16, saying he will be leaving the agency at the end of March, midway through his five-year term. The Department of Transportation and the White House will work to name a successor.

“As I wrote in my letter to President Biden, it is time to go home,” Dickson said in an email to FAA staff, as he cited separation from his family in Georgia as a major factor in his decision. “Although my heart is heavy, I am tremendously proud of everything we have accomplished together over the past several years. The agency is in a better place than it was two years ago, and we are positioned for great success. It has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve alongside you.”

Dickson led the FAA through a particularly challenging period that included the 737 MAX certification review, the complexities of COVID-19 impacts on operations of the NAS, and addressing radar altimeter interference from 5G signals, to name a few.



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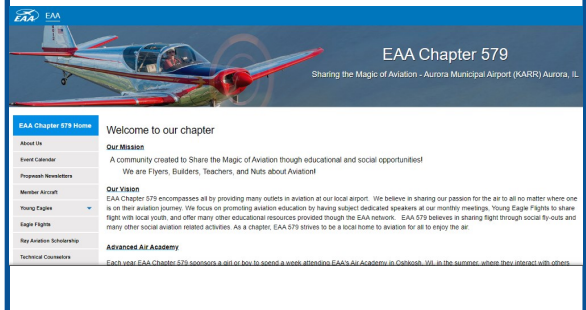
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2022 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY SCHEDULE



Sunday - May 22
 Saturday - Jun 11
 Sunday - Aug 21
 Sunday - Sep 18
 Sunday - Oct 16



**ONLINE
 REGISTRATION**

We will once again be using Online Registration for our Young Eagle Rallies and hope to have the ability to capture electronic signatures eliminating the need for paper forms! Watch our Facebook page for details!



**EAA Chapter 579's
 18,000th Young Eagle**



Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated almost 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, more than 2.2 million young people have enjoyed a free introductory flight through the Young Eagles program. Join us in offering each child, tween and teen the opportunity to experience the Spirit of Aviation by becoming a Young Eagles volunteer today!

Send your Young Eagle Questions to

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579 Chapter Gathering

February 24, 2022



Dave Alter shares his Aviation Journey



Q&A / Social Time



Dave's Office Equipment

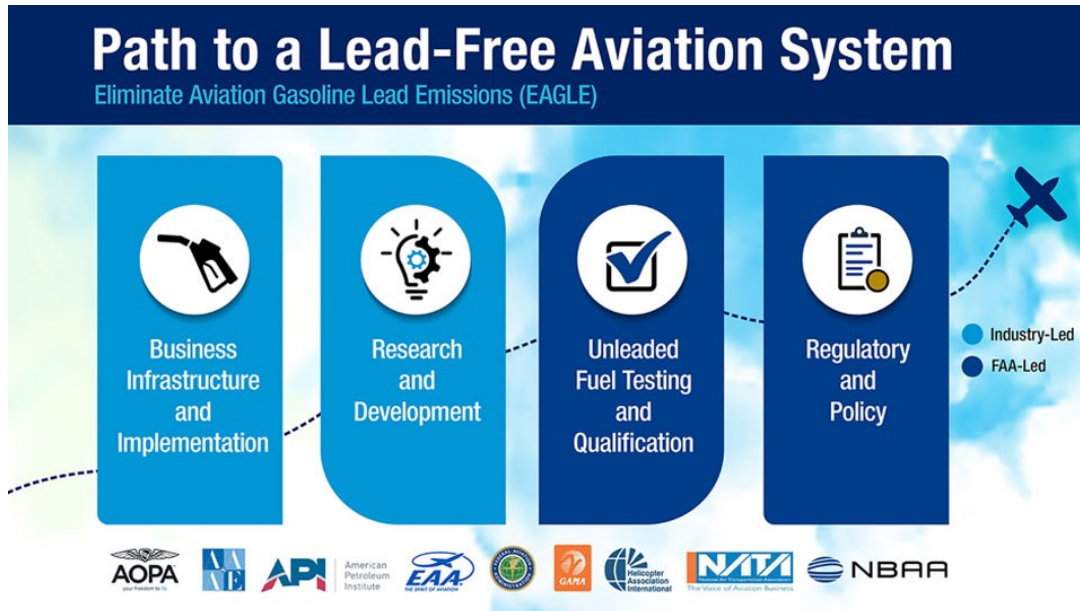


Occasional equipment failures are not unique to GA



Every job has its privileges

EAA and Other Aviation Stakeholder Groups Commit to Lead-Free Aviation Fuels Transition



Leaders of aviation and petroleum groups, including the EAA, have committed to an initiative laying out a clear plan to transition piston-engine aircraft to lead-free aviation fuels by the end of 2030.

Announced at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on February 23rd, the Eliminate Aviation Gasoline Lead Emissions (EAGLE) initiative calls for an industry and government partnership to expand and accelerate the actions and policies necessary for a viable high-octane unleaded replacement for the current 100 octane low-lead aviation gasoline (100LL), without compromising the existing U.S. transportation infrastructure system, aviation safety, and the economic and broader public benefits of general aviation.

The FAA hosted an industry stakeholder roundtable meeting in November 2021 to discuss a strategic plan toward an unleaded avgas future, culminating in the establishment of the EAGLE initiative, which is structured around four key pillars —Regulatory and Policy, Unleaded Fuel Testing and Qualification, Research and Development, and Business Infrastructure and Implementation. These activities, which will require full government support, provide the foundation toward safe unleaded aviation fuels for piston-engine aircraft. Industry stakeholders and the FAA will begin working on the EAGLE initiative right away with a partnership symposium, to define a detailed workplan, planned for March.

FAA Administrator Steve Dickson pledged the FAA’s support of the initiative’s collaborative partnership. “This is a safe and practical path to a lead-free aviation system,” Dickson said. “We look forward to starting this new partnership with aviation stakeholders to achieve this important goal.”

“Securing a lead-free future for aviation fuel is a formidable challenge, but the aviation community has faced and met previous challenges with ingenuity and imagination,” said Jack Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman. “Our goal is to solve the complex issues surrounding lead-free aviation fuels with innovations that ensure safety, as well as reliability, marketplace availability, and continue to provide the countless benefits of general and recreational aviation to our nation and the world.”

Other groups committed to the EAGLE initiative include the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), American Petroleum Institute (API), General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), Helicopter Association International (HAI), National Air Transportation Association (NATA), and National Business Aviation Association (NBAA).



Ice runway opens for business

The ice runway at Alton Bay (B18) in New Hampshire is open for the season.

Located on the southern edge of Lake Winnepesaukee, Alton Bay is a seaplane base in the summer. But in the winter, pilots await freezing temperatures to get the chance to land on the only ice runway in the lower 48.

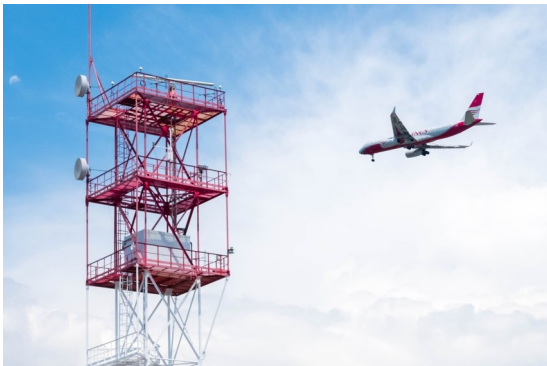
The ice has to be 12 inches thick for the New Hampshire DOT Aeronautical Division to give the go-ahead for ice landings, according to officials.

That happened on Feb. 6, 2022, for this season.

Interested in checking it out? Updates on the runway are posted to the Alton Bay Seaplane Base Facebook page, so check that out as part of your flight planning and be sure to share your photos with the Chapter.



Congress Seeks Answers on Aviation, Telecommunications Conflicts



The lack of collaboration between government agencies regarding the 5G technology rollout and aviation interference was highlighted numerous times on February 3, as the House Aviation Subcommittee heard from FAA Administrator Steve Dickson, aviation industry leaders, and telecom representatives during a hearing on Capitol Hill.

The potential threat of radar altimeter interference, primarily for commercial air operations but also for general aviation users of the technology, loomed over air service until late January, when technical experts from both industries met to share data and solutions.

Although the immediate threat of frequency interference was temporarily resolved by a delayed 5G rollout near many airports, unanswered questions remain on what will occur after the six-month hold expires. In addition, left unanswered were possible impacts on public service operations, such as medical helicopters, as well as effects on regional air service and GA users of radar altimeters.

Committee members also were left with open questions on the lack of coordination between the FCC and numerous federal telecommunications and transportation agencies on the potential conflicts between the 5G frequency auction and aviation technology and why long-standing concerns had not been addressed sooner.

The Aisle Seat

Watch This Video!



STILL WATER 4K: An Aviation Short Film

A beautiful film about a J-3 Cub on floats in the fall foliage and glassy waters of the Adirondack Mountains.

Video: <https://youtu.be/ngosrHE26Js>

If anyone has an aviation video that they would like to share with the Chapter, please send your recommendations to: mikebaer150@gmail.com

Ken's Aviation Museum of the Month

By: Ken Kwiatkowski



Chennault Aviation & Military Museum Monroe, Louisiana.

Founded in 2020 and located in the last remaining classroom buildings of the Selman Field Navigation School which was the largest navigation school in the US during World War 2. The museum is a history and tribute to General Claire Chennault and the Flying Tigers and their role in China during the Second World War. There is an extensive exhibit on General Chennault and his influence on military aviation during and after WWII.

Also celebrated with an extensive display is the history of Delta Airlines which began as a small crop dusting operation at Selman Field in the 1920's and developed into the major airline we know today. The museum operates a veteran's outreach program along with educational programs for students. They also house a large research library on the grounds.



Outside is an airpark that displays an MR18 light bomber, A7 Corsair II, MIG 15, F-86 Sabre, P 40 Warhawk, and OH-G Cayuse. A DC-3 is currently undergoing restoration. The airpark is undergoing extensive upgrade and is still open to visitors.

Each summer the museum hosts an Airshow. This year is the Red White & Blue Airshow in June 2022 at Monroe airport, The next Chennault International Airshow will be in 2023 in Lake Charles LA.

Very nice giftshop on the grounds and online that carries a large variety of books and other items.

The museum is open Tues-Sat 9-4. Admission is free,





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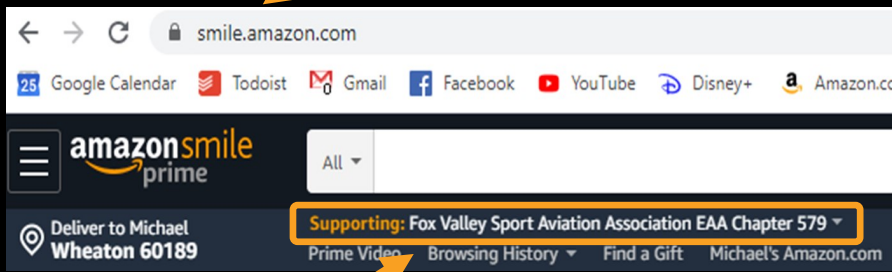


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Membership dues for EAA Chapter 579 are only \$20 per year and are due on the first of January for the upcoming year.

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.

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