



**September 2021**



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This month's cover photo was taken during our September Chapter Gathering. About 30 chapter members drove and flew in to hear Jim White share the magic of KidVenture. Located at Pioneer Airport across from the EAA AirVenture Museum and held during AirVenture week, KidVenture allows young people to explore aviation from several different fronts including learning how to fly a radio-controlled airplane, experiencing flight simulators, hands on workshops and learning about aviation history.

Jim described the many hands-on activities from which the kids can learn a number of building tasks.

The Riveting Booth teaches how to buck solid rivets providing the kids an opportunity to make a personalized metal riveted name badge.

The Engine Booth features four-cylinder engines the kids inspect and work on under the guidance of skilled A&P mechanics.

The Electronic Troubleshooting Booth shows kids how to make simple wire circuits and also teaches about working with electricity.

The Prop-Shaping Booth allow kids to take a wooden prop blank and shape it into a finished propeller.

The Wooden Rib Building Booth teaches kids how to make a 20-inch wooden wing rib exactly like a homebuilder does using the same material, jigs, and tools required for a full-size rib.

Jim is the Co-Chairman of KidVenture and is always looking for volunteers to help man the many booths and work with the kids. If you are able to assist, even for just a few hours during AirVenture, please let me know and I will put you in touch with Jim.

Stay safe and see you soon.

Mike



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# CHAPTER 579 2021 MONTHLY CHAPTER GATHERING SCHEDULE

January 28  
February 25  
March 25  
April 22  
May 27  
June 24



Gone to Oshkosh  
August 26  
September 23  
October 28  
November 18  
December 16



## Federal Aviation Administration

### FAA Proposes Changes to Midway Airspace to Increase Safety



The FAA is proposing to modify the existing Class C airspace surrounding Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW) to further separate arriving traffic to Midway Runway 22L and general aviation aircraft flying by Visual Flight Rules north and south, along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

The agency will hold a virtual informal airspace meeting for the proposal on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, beginning at 1 p.m. and Wednesday, September 29, 2021, beginning at 6 p.m. Both events will be held on Zoom. The public can register via the Zoom platform or watch the presentation on FAA's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube social media channels.

[Register](#) for the Tuesday, September 28, meeting, and [here](#) for the Wednesday, September 29, session. Watch the presentation on FAA's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) channels.

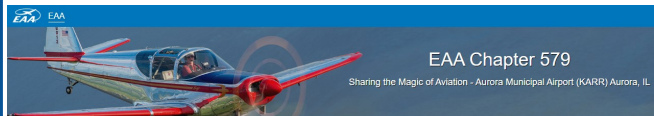


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**Chapter 579**  
 Sharing the Magic of Aviation  
 Aurora, IL - Home Airport: Aurora Municipal (KARR)

Check out our chapter website at [EAA579.org](http://EAA579.org) for detailed information about our Chapter



<p><b>EAA Chapter 579 Home</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About Us</li> <li>Event Calendar</li> <li>Propose Newsletters</li> <li>Member Aircraft</li> <li>Young Eagles</li> <li>Flag Flights</li> <li>Ray Aviation Scholarship</li> <li>Technical Counselors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Welcome to our chapter</b></p> <p><b>Our Mission</b> A community created to Share the Magic of Aviation through educational and social opportunities! We are Flyers, Builders, Teachers, and Nuts about Aviation!</p> <p><b>Our Vision</b> EAA Chapter 579 encompasses all by providing many outlets in aviation at our local airport. We believe in sharing our passion for the air to all no matter where one is in their aviation journey. We focus on promoting aviation education by having subject dedicated speakers at our monthly meetings. Young Eagle Flights to share flight with local youth, and offer many other educational resources provided through the EAA network. EAA 579 believes in sharing flight through social fly-outs and many other social aviation related activities. As a chapter, EAA 579 strives to be a local home to aviation for all to enjoy the air.</p> <p><b>Advanced Air Academy</b> Each year EAA Chapter 579 sponsors a girl or boy to spend a week attending EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI in the summer where they interact with others...</p>
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# CHAPTER 579 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY UPDATE

## 2021 Rally Schedule

~~Jun-27~~ / ~~Jul-18~~ / ~~Aug-15~~ / ~~Sep-19~~ / **Oct 17**



## ONLINE REGISTRATION

**Online Registration for our October 17th  
Young Eagles Rally will open on October 3rd  
Watch our Facebook page for details!**

We have implemented a number of COVID-19 safety precautions for our Young Eagle Rallies including:

- Online registrations
- All Young Eagles wearing masks while inside the aircraft regardless of vaccine status
- Hand sanitizer before entering the aircraft
- Temperature check prior to flight

Our next Young Eagles rally is scheduled for October 17th and we will continue to monitor CDC Guidelines as well as State and Local Health Authorities to determine reasonable COVID-19 safety precautions. Our guidelines will be included in the online registration form.

## *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!



Young Eagles Flight



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Membership



Sporty's Learn  
to Fly Course



First Flight  
Lesson



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Your route from Young Eagle to licensed pilot.

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# Member Moments and Milestones



## Young Eagles Flight Milestones

Mariano's 200th Young Eagle



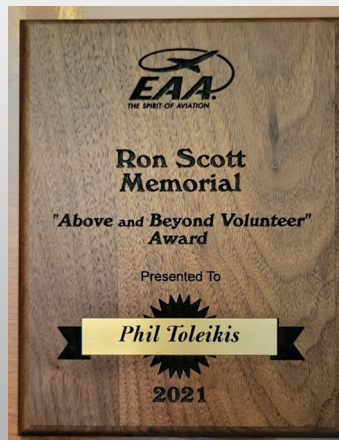
Jerry's 300th Young Eagle



## Phil Goes Above & Beyond!



Following AirVenture this year, Phil Toleikis received the following three EAA awards! Congratulations Phil and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication in making AirVenture even better.



If you have any Aviation milestones you wish to share with the Chapter, please send them to me at [mikebaer150@gmail.com](mailto:mikebaer150@gmail.com)

# Ken's Aviation Museum of the Month

By: Ken Kwiatkowski



The Prairie Aviation Museum and Air Park is located on the grounds of Bloomington Airport.

Established in 1984, the museum has a building of exhibits and an airpark with 9 planes and helicopters.

Highlights of the museum are a number of historical exhibits including a Link trainer.



The airpark includes a UH-1H Huey, T-38 Talon, AH-1J Cobra, F-4 Phantom, A-7 Corsair, A-4 Skyhawk, F-14D Tomcat, Cessna 310-B, and a F-100C Super Sabre (rescued from the late Chanute Air Museum).

Also on display is a T-33A Shooting Star which is currently under restoration.

Museum hours are Saturday & Sunday 11-3



# Gastronomic Failure Flight

By: John W. Robbins

On Monday, September 13th, Peter Taylor, Ed Ramos and John Robbins met at DuPage Airport for an evening dinner flight in Peter's club's Cessna Skyhawk. After a smooth DuPage take-off from 20R under Peter's able piloting, ATC directed us SE where we picked-up Chicago Approach for a direct to Griffith-Merrillville (05C) where we hoped to catch a Mexican dinner at Mi Tierra.



Common view of Fermilab, just after departure from DuPage Airport.



The Naperville "N" building and I-88.

We enjoyed gorgeous pre-sunset views of Chicago's SW suburbs on our way to Indiana. We landed at Griffith on runway 26, noting deer on the periphery of the field, just as the sun was setting.

After a short back-taxi, we parked the 172, and headed into the main hanger, where the restaurant is located. It was dark inside, but the owner was there to greet us and inform us that on Monday's the restaurant was closed.

Disappointed, we headed back to the plane and decided to make a short hop to Lansing (IGQ), thinking we'd just lift off of Griffith's runway 26 long enough to land on Lansing's runway 27, on what might be called a long final. Our destination was Linnie Que's BBQ, on-field at Lansing.



Peter Taylor and Ed Ramos at 2550 feet, keeping us all safe under the Bravo airspace, south of the city.

## Gastronomic Failure Flight (cont.)



The view of Lansing Airport (IGQ) on the way to Griffith-Merrillville. See the large yellow "X" on runway 27?

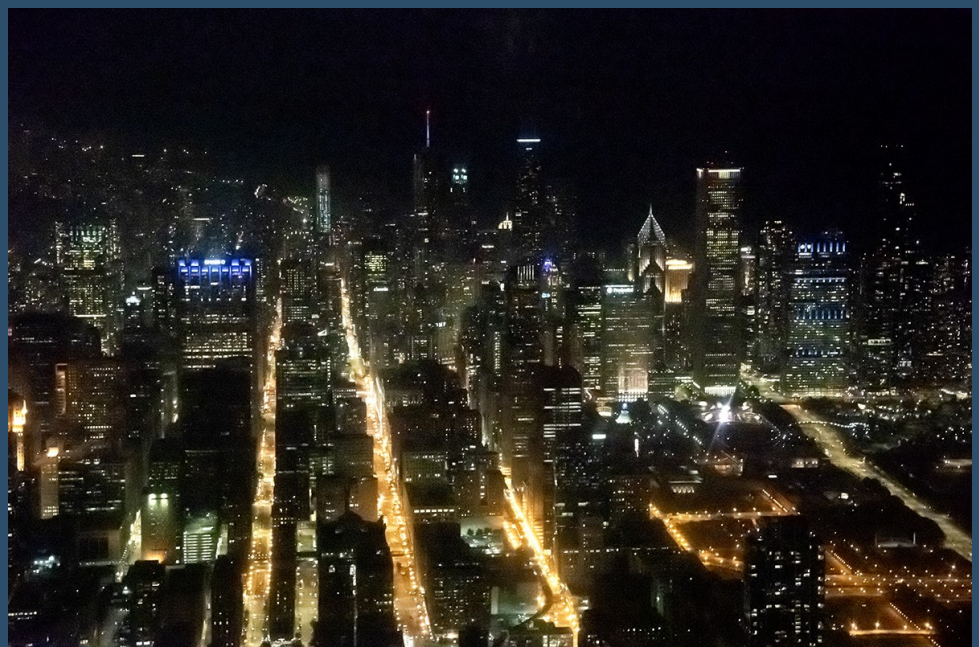
On our departure from Griffith, we waved goodbye to the deer and reached an altitude sufficient for a straight-in landing at Lansing. Then, on Foreflight, John noticed a NOTAM for Lansing indicating that runway 9-27 was closed. Given the layout for Lansing, Peter deftly made a slight right turn, then a sharp left to enter into a short final for Lansing's runway 18, ending the maneuver with a centerline-perfect landing.

We taxied the long way back to Lynnies, hopped out of the plane, and rode the elevator up to the restaurant. It wasn't very busy inside, just a few folks around the bar area, and the bartender informed us that, on Monday's, they stop serving food at 3pm. What?

Wow! We weren't just disappointed, but now we were very hungry. We walked back to the plane, talking over our next option. We decided to simply head back to DuPage and eat at a restaurant close to the airport. Kind of a sad way to end the evening, until Peter had the bright idea to turn the return into a nighttime southside lakeshore-to-downtown flight!

Peter placed the request to the approach traffic controllers who gladly guided us for a fantastic ride, turning us left, just as we approached the Loop. We got back to DuPage, ravenous, but happy that the flight was "rescued" with lighted "jewelry" vistas of nighttime Chicago.

Moral of the story? Don't fly anywhere for dinner without checking Google Maps and consulting restaurant opening hours, first!



Return flight with a glorious view of downtown Chicago's jewelry of lights.

# Memories From Our September Young Eagles Rallies



To see all of the photos from our September Rally please go to the Photos tab on **EAA Chapter 579's** Facebook Page.



# Looking Back

By: Neal Ament

I first soloed on August 5, 1965 between my junior and senior years of high school in this J-3 Cub. I had only 7 hours and 10 minutes of flying time!



This is one of the 20 Stearmans my uncle owned in his lifetime. That's him in the middle. He owned the Sandwich Airport (now Woodlake Landings) for 35 years.



These pictures were taken in 1967 when I was in Guam. I wrote to my Mom and asked her to send me some airplane pictures because I missed flying so much. These are the shots she sent.

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## 579 Officer Change

Based on increasing family, work and school obligations Tony Kennedy has decided that he needed to step down from his role as Chapter 579 Vice President... at least for the next year or two. I am very pleased to announce that while stepping down as an officer, Tony is still planning to make time to participate in all of our Young Eagles rallies, Chapter Gatherings and VMC Club meetings.

While we will miss Tony's contributions on the 579 Board of Directors, I am very pleased to announce that Chuck Newell will be stepping in as our VP once again. Chuck already carries a heavy load for the Chapter as our Web Editor, VMC Club Coordinator and Scholarship Chair and now he will pick up another oar as our VP.

Please join me in thanking Tony and Chuck for all of their contributions.





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# For Sale by Members

## Skybolt 200 For Sale by Todd Ashcraft

Selling my Skybolt to make room.

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ENG. Hartzell CS Prop (B-Hub), Tall Landing Gear, Clamshell 2-  
place canopy, Trig ADSB-Out, Trig Comms and Txpdr, 2 newish  
Softie chutes, Hooker aerobic harnesses front and back,  
Spades, Aerothane paint on PolyFiber, custom cushions/bags/  
etc, many other nice features. All logs since build. Routinely  
flies Sportsman/Intermediate aerobatics.

Used for Bud Davisson Skybolt forum at OSH 2021.

Asking \$54K, less than what I have in it. Very well balanced  
controls, flies like a nice Pitts S-2A but roomy. Located at  
DKB.

Todd Ashcraft  
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If you are a Chapter Member with an aviation related item for sale, please send them to me at [mikebaer150@gmail.com](mailto:mikebaer150@gmail.com)

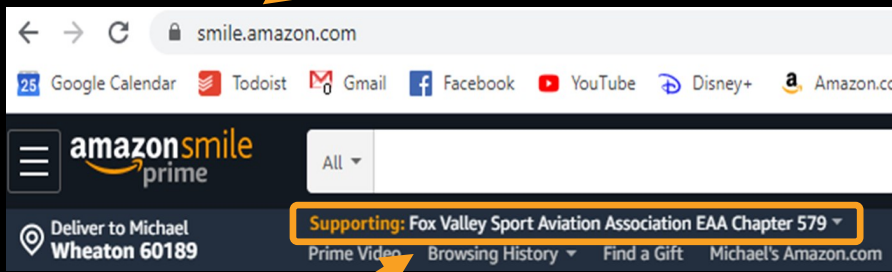


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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Chapter meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, January through October and the third Thursday in November and December at the Chapter's headquarters at SimplyFly 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.

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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	
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