



**Have you ever wondered  
what it's like to fly a plane?**

**These kids did!**



**Come and join us and see for yourself!**  
**Aviation Explorers Club, Post #9**  
**at Chicago Executive Airport**  
**(formerly Palwaukee Airport, Wheeling, IL)**

## What is Aviation Exploring?

Aviation Exploring is a youth development program, open to young men and women ages 14 to 20, centered around careers in aviation. Aviation Explorers might ...

- Take orientation flights in single-engine general aviation aircraft, helicopters, or gliders.
- Visit aviation museums, air shows, airports, and FAA facilities.
- Learn to preflight an aircraft.
- Take instructional classes that help to prepare for pilot training ground school.

## Who are the Members of A.E. Post #9 and what do they do?

Aviation Exploring Post #9 is part of the Learning for Life program and is sponsored by the Windy City Flyers Flying Club and Flight School located at Chicago Executive Airport (formerly Palwaukee Airport). Since it's founding in 1994, some members of A.E. Post #9 have pursued their aviation dreams by earning their Private Pilot license, receiving A&P (Airframe and Powerplant repair technician) certification, becoming an F-16 fighter pilot, receiving an aerospace engineering degree, and graduating from the Air Force Academy.

The club is made up of high-school and college age students from the Chicago metropolitan area. They meet twice a month (on the first and third Monday evenings, at 7:30pm) at the Chicago Executive Airport Office in Wheeling, IL. Club Activities include:

- Classes in Aviation principles (for those interested in getting their private pilot's license someday)
- Attending meetings where guest speakers discuss such varying topics as flying helicopters, aerobatic flying, operations of a FAA control tower, and many more.
- Visits to local airport operations centers to view and learn about the other aspects of aviation.
- Our annual trip to the EAA AirVenture Airshow in Oshkosh, WI, where our members volunteer as part of the show support staff and get to experience and participate in all types of aviation activities.
- Actual flying in single-engine general aviation aircraft, every other month (usually on a weekend) with the club's sponsor, Mr. Doug Powers, or certified flight instructors from the Windy City Flight School.

## Want to Learn More?

### Come to the Aviation Explorers Post #9 Open House and meet our members:

**When is it:** Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, come join us anytime between 7 and 9 PM, refreshments will be served.

**Where is it:** The Chicago Executive Airport Office, located near Chicago Executive Airport\*, 1020 Plant Road, Wheeling, IL 60090 (see map below).  
(\*formerly Palwaukee Airport, Wheeling, IL.)

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**AE Post #9 Website: [www.AvExp9.org](http://www.AvExp9.org)**

### Other Info on the Web about Aviation Exploring:

<http://www.learning-for-life.org/exploring/aviation/index.html>  
<http://www.learning-for-life.org/exploring/aviation/news/index.html>  
<http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/career-exploring/aviation-career-exploring/>  
<http://www.aviationexplorerbase.com/>

