

SAVE ILLINOIS PRIVATE AIRPORTS!

Small, private-use airports in Illinois are in danger! A county board may allow **construction of a windmill** on the adjacent property of an existing airstrip **and render the airport unusable!** Ill. Senator Shane Cultra introduced **SB1726** to **prohibit** windmills 3000 feet either side or 5000 feet from the end of the runway for Private and Restricted Landing Area (RLA) **airstrips**. Illinois has 769 airports, of which **660 are listed as private use** airports. Currently the restriction only applies to private airports large enough to base 20 or more aircraft or that are in a metropolitan area. Our family has an IDOT RLA in Grundy County where windmills are springing up all around us. Look on the sectional... those small GA airports cover the state! **HELP!**

Please **call** Sen. Cultra and voice **your support for SB1726** (815-268-4090). Call your local Senator too!

Find your State Senator. Ask him/her to please support SB1726

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This bill is currently stalled in the Transportation committee. If you can, call those on that committee and urge their passage of this bill so that it may be sent to the floor.

<http://www.ilga.gov/senate/committees/members.asp?committeeID=918>

Keep aviation alive!! Please call!



[Young Eagles 5X more likely to become pilots](#)

(General Aviation News: [Janice Wood](#))

Getting young people engaged in flying in the midst of a technology-filled world may seem like a daunting task, but new data shows that the EAA Young Eagles program is making a significant impact in creating aviators.

The results emerged from a joint EAA/FAA project that matched the names of Young Eagles, now ages 15-34, flown since the program's inception in July 1992 with the FAA registry.

"Young Eagles is making an impact on the pilot population that is unmatched by any other single program."

Among the findings is that more than 1.1 million Young Eagles who are now age 15 to 34 are 5.4 times more likely to earn a pilot certificate than those of the same age who have not had a Young Eagles flight. Already, 7.3% of all pilots below age 35 are former Young Eagles, a number that will grow as the group reaches the age — late 30s to early 50s — when their participation in aviation accelerates.

Other facts to emerge from the study:

- 9% of those pilots are female, a 50% difference when compared to females being just 6% of the current U.S. pilot population.
- Two out of every 100 young people who take their first Young Eagles flight at age 17 earn pilot certificates. The older a Young Eagle is at the time of a first flight, the more likely that young person is to become a pilot. Young Eagles ages 13 and up are especially more likely to pursue a pilot certificate.
- The more flights that a Young Eagle takes, the more likely that young person will become a pilot.

Sporty's Online Pilot Training Course — free of charge — that has already been accessed by more than 6,000 Young Eagles in two years, as well as EAA student memberships available to all Young Eagles at no cost.

EAA's Young Eagles program was founded in 1992 and has provided more than 1.6 million free demonstration flights to young people around the world, through the efforts of 43,000 volunteer pilots and 50,000 ground volunteers. More information is available at YoungEagles.org

Become a member of the Morris EAA Chapter to introduce the young people in your life to the program. Help keep General Aviation Alive!! More info at <http://www.eaa95.org/>

