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THE EAGLE'S WINGS

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHAPTER COORDINATORS AND FIELD REPRESENTATIVES OF EAA'S YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM

GREETINGS

Fall has signaled its arrival in Wisconsin. The trees are awash in color and we've even had the first snow flurries of the year (yes, this is a bit early!). As the seasons change, we have big news for Young Eagles, with a change in leadership. Our new Young Eagles Co-Chairs are Capt. Sully Sullenberger and First Officer Jeff Skiles, from US Airways Flight 1549. Sully and Jeff accepted the offer to lead the program following their visit to AirVenture and discussions with Tom Poberezny and Harrison Ford. [Read more.](#)

From Tom's Desk

Yesterday, EAA president and Chairman Tom Poberezny sent the following message regarding our new chairmen to the EAA Board, supporters and staff. We'd like to share it with you, too.

"A little more than two weeks ago, we named Sully Sullenberger and Jeff Skiles as our new Young Eagles co-chairmen, succeeding Harrison Ford, who had served with a deep commitment for the past five years. As I said during their introductory news conference, Sully and Jeff distinguished themselves not only during the now-famous US Airways Flight 1549 last January, but in how they have represented the aviation community in the months afterward. They have been outstanding role models for all of us.

While the selection of a Young Eagles chairman or co-chairmen certainly includes an amount of public visibility and recognition – as it did with Harrison Ford, Chuck Yeager and Cliff Robertson before them – Sully and Jeff are much more than the topics of today's news. When Harrison and I talked with them during AirVenture 2009, it was apparent that they understood and supported the mission of the Young Eagles program. They want to use whatever recognition they now have to promote and enhance aviation. This is not a new idea. Charles Lindbergh used his popularity more than 80 years ago by touring America and promoting aviation after he returned from his famous flight.

This week I received an unsolicited letter from Sully and Jeff regarding their hopes as Young Eagles chairmen. Their powerful joint statement shows even more that they "get it" and will be outstanding leaders for Young Eagles. We welcome them, especially as this week we surpass and celebrate 1.5 million Young Eagles flown. That is an incredible accomplishment that has made a difference for aviation. In that spirit I share their letter, with pride in what EAA members and staff have created that draws people such as these to serve as the public faces of our program.

Tom

[Read Sully and Jeff's Letter](#)

Please feel free to share this message with your fellow Young Eagle volunteers.

SO WHAT ABOUT NEW MATERIALS?

With the change in leadership will come a change in our Young Eagles materials. For now, please continue to use the Harrison Ford-themed registration forms and brochures. Updated materials will be ready in the next few weeks and you'll begin to see the change when ordering supplies. As always, to order supplies, [just click](#).

SPORTY'S AND YOUNG EAGLES, TAKING "THE NEXT STEP"

If you haven't heard about the fantastic offer from Sporty's, please take a minute to [check it out](#). Sporty's president Hal Shevers has stepped forward to provide Young Eagles free access to Sporty's online Complete Pilot Training course. As the name says, this is a complete course that prepares students to pass the tests required for a pilot certificate – written, oral and flight tests. The course utilizes streaming video to explain what a pilot does and why, in real world conditions. Using interactive demonstrations and 3-D animation, flight maneuvers are shown in a way that is easy to visualize and understand. There are no additional books or software needed to buy. How do Young Eagles take advantage of this offer? Following a Young Eagles flight, you provide them with a logbook (also courtesy of Sporty's) and a unique access code. The Young Eagle simply enters the code on the Young Eagles web site (www.young eagles.org/sportys) and they are registered. Need logbooks and access codes? Just like other Young Eagle supplies, you can order [online](#) or by phone. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the [frequently asked question](#) sheet about this new program so you can better answer questions from your volunteers, Young Eagles and their parents. You may also like to watch the [video demo](#) for additional details on the course.

10 for 2009

Fall is the best time of the year to do a quick check with your pilots to make certain they have flown at least 10 Young Eagles in 2009. Young Eagles credits are not activated until a pilot has flown 10 Young Eagles in a calendar year. In addition to earning credits that can be used to support your local Young Eagle effort or to send a child to the Air Academy, each pilot who flies 10 or more children will be recognized in Sport Aviation magazine next spring. Young Eagles pilots are proud to be recognized for their efforts. Also, make certain all paperwork is being sent into our office so every flight is counted. [See the current 10 for 2009 listing](#).

YOUNG EAGLES CREDITS LEFT OVER?

If you have any Young Eagle credits remaining, remember they expire at the end of the year. Credits can be used to help support your local Young Eagle outreach efforts. For complete details, [click here](#). If you have qualifying expenses, please send the original receipts to our office as soon as possible. Include the [Credit Reimbursement form](#), too.

EAA AIR ACADEMY 2010 DATES

The dates for the 2010 [EAA Air Academy](#) camps have been announced. Many Chapters sponsor sending a child to one of the sessions each summer. Now is the

time to reserve a spot in one of the camps. Last year, we were delayed in getting the information out to Chapters quickly and many were disappointed when the camps were filled. If your chapter is thinking about sending a child to a camp, reserve a space now. [Download the reservation form](#) and send it in with your deposit. In addition, you can use Young Eagle credits to pay for the deposit!

2009 CHAPTER GOALS

If your Chapter set a Young Eagles goal this year, please notify our office when you have reached your mark. If you did not return the goal card to us, that's OK, too. Let us know what your goal was and how many you Young Eagles the Chapter has flown. We look forward to providing special recognition to all Chapters who complete this effort.

GROUND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

We believe all volunteers should be recognized for their efforts, but we don't know who your vital Ground Volunteers are unless you tell us. Please refer to the Guidelines for Ground Volunteer recognition on your Coordinator CD. Many Chapters plan end of year banquets so please plan ahead to we can have the items to you in advance.

FUEL EXPENSES

We still receive calls regarding Young Eagles pilots receiving compensation for their fuel expenses. It is a sometimes confusing issue, simply because of the complexity of the FARs. Back in 2007, FAA issued FAR 91.146/147, also known as the "Air Tour Rule" which was written to help clarify the issue. There are two tracks you can take to organize your Young Eagle activities to remain within the FARs. First, if your pilots volunteer their time and expenses, then you can continue to organize as you have in the past. However, if you are providing fuel, then you need to follow the requirements of FAR 91.146/147. These rules make it possible for Private Pilots to be compensated for their flights, although there are additional requirements and paperwork necessary to comply with the rules. If you are interested, you can find the rules on FAA's web site or [here](#) on the Young Eagles site. Under no circumstances, however, should a Young Eagle (or their parents) ever be charged for their flight experience.

"ICE"

In this case "ice" is not something we have to scrape off our windshields in winter or keep off our wings in flight. Rather "ice" is shorthand for In Case of Emergency. Young Eagle volunteers have compiled a great safety record during the past 16 years. However, no matter how careful we are, sometimes things don't go as planned. If there is an incident or accident at a Young Eagles event:

- First and foremost: make sure immediate first aid and qualified medical and emergency personnel are notified.
- Protect damaged property from any further damage.

Contact EAA Risk Management as soon as possible with the following information:

- Date, time and location of the incident
- Names, addresses and telephone contact numbers for any who is injured
- Names, addresses and telephone contact numbers for all witnesses
- Have someone take photographs of the incident, if possible

- Do not discuss the facts leading up to the incident with the news media at any time
- Report incident to local FAA office or other government authority if applicable

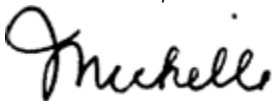
Emergency Contact: Karen Kryzaniak, EAA Risk Management
(920) 426-4822 (Monday – Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST) or (920)379-4822 (cell)

MICHELLE'S THOUGHTS

I embarked on a road trip to North Carolina after AirVenture this year to visit my daughter. My traveling partner had a friend who lived in Durham who we also planned to visit. I have been with Young Eagles for many years and as we drove from town to town, I started naming Chapter Coordinators and volunteers I knew in the cities we were driving through. My friend now thinks I “know” people in every state and I suddenly realized I probably do! When we sat down for dinner in Durham, our host told me how much her father enjoyed AirVenture this year and that he hasn't missed one as far back as she could remember. As a child, she used to accompany him and had many fond memories of Oshkosh. In fact, for the past few years, her mother has purchased his ticket to AirVenture as a Christmas gift because it truly is the best gift he could receive. My traveling partner had no idea she knew anything about EAA – so once again, you never know who you will meet in your travels. I can say this for certain, everyone I have met who has anything to do with EAA have created lasting memories. What a legacy we continue to build as the Young Eagles program reaches another milestone -- 1.5 million Young Eagles flown. It is an incredible accomplishment. Thank you for all you do to continue the legacy.

If I can be of any assistance, please contact me: mkunes@eaa.org, 877-806-8902 or P.O. Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

Take care,



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