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# ***THE EAGLE'S WINGS***

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

## **GREETINGS**

If you are new to The Eagle's Wings newsletter, this publication brings updates and support to Chapter Coordinators and Field Representatives. If you are no longer active in this role, please notify our office so we may update our records. I look forward to a great year for the Young Eagles program and working with both new and returning Coordinators.

## **COORDINATOR INFORMATION**

In past years, we have mailed a Chapter Coordinator folder containing hard copies of Young Eagles materials. Because technology has evolved and more and more of you are accessing information electronically, we are compiling a CD that will be mailed instead. This will give you instant access to Young Eagles materials and, in some cases, the ability to customize the information for your specific needs (such as the news release). We are in the process of putting all of the necessary information together for the CD. In the meantime, you may access most of the same materials on our website at [www.youngeagles.org/volunteers](http://www.youngeagles.org/volunteers).

## **YOUNG EAGLE PILOT CREDIT LETTERS**

By now you have received the Young Eagles Pilot Credits for 2007. EAA Air Academy slots fill quickly, so if you have not done so already, contact the Air Academy staff to reserve your slot. If your Chapter will not be using the credits this year, please return to us and we will add them to the general Air Academy scholarship fund. For more information on the Air Academy or to download the registration materials, visit the Air Academy web site at [www.airacademy.org](http://www.airacademy.org)

## **IYED 2008**

**Our 15<sup>th</sup> annual International Young Eagles Day is June 14, 2008.** Annually, we set aside one day to encourage all EAA members to participate in the program. If you have not already done so, start planning your event and add it to the new EAA Calendar of Events at [www.eaacalendar.org](http://www.eaacalendar.org) By the way, check the April issue of Sport Aviation for some tips to help organize your next event.

## **YOUNG EAGLES MATERIALS**

As you undertake your "Spring" cleaning, please destroy any old Young Eagle materials you may still have. The release form was updated last March. If you need new materials, just let me know or order on line through the web site at:

<https://secure.eaa.org/youngeagles/supplies.html>

If your Chapter pilots fly at times other than scheduled events please make sure they have the updated materials as well. Thank you for your help in making the transition.

## **GETTING READY FOR SUN 'N FUN 2008**

Sun 'n Fun 2008 is right around the corner. If you'll be in Lakeland, you might want to check out "EAA Day" on Wednesday, April 9. EAA Day will feature fun activities all day at Member Village. In addition, EAA Founder Paul Poberezny is scheduled to speak at the Sun 'n Fun Museum at 2 p.m. that afternoon. At 6:30 p.m., EAA Chapter members are invited to attend an Ice Cream Social at the Sun 'n Fun Pavilion, located near the museum. Hosted by the EAA headquarters staff, the event will feature special guests Tom Poberezny and Paul and Audrey Poberezny. Following the social, Tom and Paul will host a special program entitled "Catch the Spirit," at 7:45 p.m.

In addition, Steve Buss, Chapter and Young Eagles Director, will host two forums.

### **EAA Young Eagles Forum**

Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 9 a.m.

Location: Tent #4

### **EAA Chapter Leaders Forum**

Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 9 a.m.

Location: Tent #3

## **AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2008**

The Outstanding Young Eagles Awards are now open. Please take this time to recognize and nominate the EAA members in your Chapter who go the extra mile to support the Young Eagles program. The nomination form may be found at:

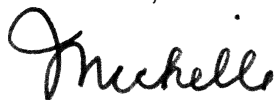
<http://www.eaa.org/chapters/programs/awards.asp>. Award recipients will be honored on Wednesday evening, July 30, during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

## **MY THOUGHTS**

I hope you like the change in the format of the Newsletter, which reminds me, change is a part of our lives all the time. We have all gone through many changes in our personal lives and it's the same with the Young Eagles program. It's not always easy even if it is for the best. However, one thing has always remained the same – your dedication and enthusiasm for sharing your passion for flying with the next generation. As long as the basic foundation remains in place, I believe this program will remain strong. Fly safe, enjoy the good flying weather coming your way if you happen to live where it hasn't been very nice recently to fly. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me:

[mkunes@eaa.org](mailto:mkunes@eaa.org), 877-806-8902 or P.O. Box 2683, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

Take care,



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