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President's Corner

This month I am writing to you again from distant locations as I'm sitting at the Denver airport waiting to get on my flight. It looks as though I'll be traveling pretty extensively for the foreseeable future since my firm just won a contract with the U.S. Coast Guard which involves their entire aviation fleet of fixed and rotary wing aircraft. I'm grateful that our chapter has such a great group of individuals who are willing to participate in the planning and execution of upcoming events.

At the time of this writing, plans are being put into place for the arrival of the 2006 Michigan Air Tour participants who will be arriving at Sawyer on Sunday to make their customary award presentation and join us for lunch. I hope that you were able to join them and show them that EAA is alive and well at Sawyer!

Our main focus for this month is the planning and scheduling of a fall Young Eagles Rally. If you are one of our volunteer pilots, please give me a call to let me know what would be a good Saturday for you. Right now I am tentatively planning to hold the rally on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We need to get the word out as soon as possible so we should firm up the date at our Saturday meeting.

Phil Spade is in the process of developing a program for introducing older candidates to aviation. Dubbed the "Bald Eagles" Phil is reviewing information that I received from Chapter headquarters on a similar program. If any of you have ideas along these lines, please contact Phil and help him develop a plan.

We will be holding our monthly meeting in the conference room at Boreal Aviation and will start promptly at 10:00 am. I have a short DVD to show if we can gather up our equipment.

I am looking for ideas and help to plan for special events at upcoming meetings. If you have ideas and are willing to help see them through, please contact me and we'll put them on the agenda. One project that we need to discuss is the completion of our pedal mustang. I guess we'll have to start thinking of our Christmas party soon since that time is rapidly approaching.

Anyone been to any good fly-ins lately? I keep hoping to see a new article appear in our website!

See you Saturday,

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