



President's Corner - April 2007

Hello again to all our chapter members! It's amazing how fast a month can vanish! It seems that I just sent out a newsletter and here I am pushing the deadline again.

Activities within our chapter and also EAA headquarters have really picked up with the arrival of spring.

In February of this year the FAA imposed two new rules which could negatively affect the Young Eagles program, namely FAR 91.146 and FAR 91.147 (called the Air Tour Rules). You can read more about these by going to the FAA website and by going to this link:

<http://www.young eagles.org/volunteers/resources/content/Air%20Tour%20Rule%20Letter.pdf> .

New this year at AirVenture 2007 will be the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Young Eagles program with several special events throughout the week as well as a special night at the Museum for Young Eagle volunteers. Lynn (K) and I have been asked to be on the planning committee for these events which are just now being determined.

Our chapter's Oshkosh Work Weekend Party arrangements have been finalized and the date is set for the weekend of May 19th. I have sent the names of those chapter members wishing to attend who have responded to Lynn Sykes and we should receive our confirmation letter shortly. There are 8 members who have signed up, some of whom will be driving down and a few who are planning to fly. We are scheduled to have a special Saturday evening presentation by EAA Sport Pilot expert Ron Wagner addressing the latest on the implementation of the Sport Pilot Rule. This should be a fun weekend and I'm really looking forward to it.

It's official, The "Sawyer Experience" air show is a GO! Clay Dacy Productions has been hired to provide the airshow acts and logistics. A call has gone out to our chapter members as volunteers are urgently needed. Our chapter will also be providing Young Eagle rides during the show so we need volunteers for that event also. Please mark your calendars for the weekend of June 22nd - 24th. Mike McNeil from Boreal is the contact person. There may also be a "Parade of Flight" in which our pilots may be able to make normal low approaches as a review of aircraft subject to Tower and Airboss directives.

Our board of directors met recently to continue planning for the Chapter 850 Air Academy. We will be approaching high school science teachers in May to aid in identifying noteworthy students as candidates.

We have received a \$1000.00 donation from Sawyer Airport to go towards signs, advertising and other costs associated with providing the Air Academy. Lynn Sykes has been gathering information from local sign shops and we should be ordering them soon. Volunteers are needed on June 30th for the Air Academy with many positions open.

The April chapter meeting will be held this Saturday, April 21st at 10:00am in conjunction with chapter 439 at the NMU Jacobetti Skill Center which is located just north of the NMU campus on Co. Rd. 550. Meet in the aviation complex.

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