



President's Corner – May 2010 **President's Corner**

Good Morning Chapter 850!

We had an excellent month of activity!

I would like to start by thanking our members who found time and good weather to paint our Compass Rose...it looks FANTASTIC! Thank you! I can't wait to see it from 2200 feet MSL!

Our scheduled Young Eagle Rally could not have gone better! After speaking with Ted, I found we safely flew over 30 youth with 9 pilots and planes. Thanks go to all our pilots, Ground Control/Safety coordinators, and our fantastic registration team! Our success hinges on your dedicated support and enthusiastic attitudes...You all made the "world go around" for these kids! Thank you again!!

I would like to see our web site highlight our team of volunteers and have a corner where we can showcase our YE pilots and their personal YE numbers, volunteer efforts and hours, post more pictures, and maybe add a video clip or two for parents and youth to understand the full potential of our and EAA efforts. Who wants to make a flying YE video clip for the kids?

I received my latest Sport Aviation mag from EAA and was pleased to see a spread on the May 15 International Learn to Fly Day with a free 6 month EAA membership give away card for the person we take flying. If you do not plan to use your card...please bring it to the meeting and we will have an extra supply on hand at the chapter house to pass on to our friends as we take flying with us.

I have a friend at work who is interested in flying...bitten by the bug! He purchased a Merlin LS that needs work and he is also completing a King pilot training CD program that I had lying around. ..Now he wants to possibly sell the Merlin and get a 152/172 and go for his private pilot rating. Now I have another problem; there are two other guys interested in flying and one wants the Merlin! The other individual wants a powered parachute...It's amazing ... brings a smile to my face! It's exciting for me to watch and see these friends talking and dreaming of flight... If you have an opportunity to take someone flying on May 15th please do and let us know how it went! We do not have a formal event planned for this day but I would hope we are all searching for opportunity! Even if we fly people after this date has come and gone we can still give them a membership card for EAA and a free 6 month chapter membership too! This will become an annual event for EAA so we can get a POA for next year (Plan of Action).

Our meetings are going fantastic and I've had a lot of great feedback and encouragement...Thankyou! I have you all to thank for the direction of our chapter and all the great happenings we experience and share. Keep up the great work and thanks for your support!!

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Greg Durand