



President's Corner – June 2009

Here it is ... June ... how many more weeks do we have to wait to plant the garden until it stays above 30 degrees at night? I just happened to be listening to the scanner the other day and a commuter airline pilot reported mixed icing on the climb-out through 6000 feet.

Several of our chapter members met in Escanaba a few weeks ago to attend a seminar about private airports in Michigan. The meeting was hosted by Terry Glimn and featured a fascinating presentation by Steven Zelle. It is indeed gratifying to witness the level of perseverance and dedication many people have when it comes to the subject of aviation. Thanks to Terry for hosting a fine meeting and an excellent lunch.

Progress is slowly being made on the procurement of two rooms in the former fire station at Sawyer to use as a seasonal meeting place. We are currently working on satisfying provisions put forth to us in a tentative contract in regards to property damage insurance. While EAA provides us with liability insurance they do not cover buildings so we are forced to find alternative coverage. Hopefully we will have a resolution before our meeting and Young Eagles event this Saturday.

I recently received confirmation from Oshkosh on our work weekend schedule for June 26th – 28th. We are reminded that we need to bring our own sleeping bags, pillows, towels, soap & shampoo. For those traveling by aircraft, please let the FAA Oshkosh Tower know that you will be parking on the Convention taxiway west ramp. Bring your own tie-downs and rope. On arrival, go to the phone located on the SOUTHEAST side of the WearHouse and call for van pick up. If you arrive before 17:00 dial 4814 and after 17:00 dial 6800.

AirVenture 2009 is fast approaching and this year should be quite different with all the site changes that have been taking place throughout the year. Lynn & I have been finalizing our plans and making our schedules for the big week. For you Young Eagle pilots, don't hesitate to get your tickets printed for the Annual YE Awards dinner in the AirVenture museum's Eagle Hangar. The cost is free but you must register online and print out your tickets! Go to <http://www.young eagles.org/volunteers/airventure.asp> and click on the "Reserve Your Seat Now" link. Again, tickets are free even though it says "Buy your Tickets".

I also received a follow-up phone call from officials at Land-O-Lakes airport regarding their Airport Day fly-in on July 25th. They are asking us to please help out by flying Young Eagles at their event. They are arranging for FREE FUEL for the participating pilots so you might want to put it on your calendar. I will be in Oshkosh already but I do have an abundance of YE Registration forms and flight certificates for you to bring – contact me.

I am hoping that we are able to meet in the front office of the former fire station on Saturday but as of this writing I can't guarantee it so check in at Boreal Aviation on Saturday. We will begin flying Young Eagles at noon and I believe that the media may be covering our event so please let's have a good turnout of volunteers! If you are one of our YE pilots and find out you can't be there, please contact me so I'll know how many pilots we have.

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