



## President's Corner - September 2007

I am writing this month's newsletter from my hangar at Sawyer where I am making final preparations for our 2007 one-day Air Academy which will be held tomorrow, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Greg Durand tells me that response has been good and it looks as though we will have a full group of kids. We are hoping for good weather so we will be able to fly our Young Eagles to Iron Mountain and back so that each of them will be able to fly as "co-pilot".

EAA is assembling a new chapter resource called the "Speakers Bureau" to assist chapters in scheduling high quality programs and find guest speakers to put on a presentation or program for their meetings. In light of this they are asking each chapter to identify local individuals who would be willing to be potential guest speakers. If any of you know of a person in our area who would be a good candidate please let me know and I will follow up with them. Chapter leaders will benefit from this database by being able to search for potential guest speakers and invite them to meetings.

Our next fall event will be a fly-out to Land-O-Lakes WI to help them by sponsoring their Young Eagle Flight Rally. New EAA rules require that all organized YE events be sponsored by either an EAA chapter or a Field Representative. Land-O-Lakes have had a yearly YE rally and last year flew 117 kids with only two pilots but unfortunately they don't have an EAA chapter so they've asked us to sponsor them. Several pilots from our chapter have expressed an interest in participating. September 29<sup>th</sup> is the date of this event which is their Airport Days celebration.

Believe it or not, two years have passed since our last election of chapter officers and those positions are again up for grabs. At our July meeting we put together a nominating committee per our chapter bylaws requirement which consists of Lynn Sykes, Ted Weldum and Don Garlick. Their responsibility is to canvas our chapter members for possible candidates and report back to me at our October monthly meeting. If you are interested in participating more fully in your chapter by giving of your time as an officer please contact one of the committee members!

The word on the tarmac is that fuel flowage fees may increase in the near future at SAW. The posted price at Boreal Aviation this morning for 100LL was \$4.37/gal. A further increase would be one more nail in the coffin for general aviation at Sawyer. This would, however, help the resident sand hill crane and goose population since they wouldn't have to contend with "all those pesky little airplanes". Too bad they haven't found a way to impose a landing fee on the birds ... they should have to pay their way also, don't you think?

My final thought for the month is in regards to our website which Lynn Sykes has kindly volunteered to maintain. I have been surfing the websites of several other EAA chapters and have found several interesting ones as well as many not so interesting ones. What sets a good site apart from the rest can be summed up in two words: interest & content. I think Lynn should be commended on the job she does with EAA850.org but what we lack is CONTENT! I would hope that each of you could spend a few minutes and think of what you could submit to Lynn to increase the interest and scope of our website. It could be a short article, item for sale, interesting picture or whatever !

See you Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am. Boreal Aviation