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First off, let me correct a statement I made last month regarding Young Eagle activities. I incorrectly stated that September was our last formal rally when in fact we made the commitment to fly YE's through October. This means that we will again fly this Saturday (weather permitting) which will be our last organized flights for the year. I have received a few phone calls from parents which would imply that we will most likely have kids. As you may recall, each pilot needs to fly a minimum of 10 kids each year in order to receive his/her \$5 credit per child for our chapter. We have a few of our pilots that are just short of that goal so I'm hoping that they will participate Saturday so we can get that credit.

Last year we accrued a balance of \$180 in young eagle credits which can be used by our chapter in a variety of ways. We could choose to spend the money to sponsor a child at the EAA Air Academy as we have in the past or use the money as a cash disbursement in support of our local Young Eagle activities. The only requirement is that we use the money for costs directly associated with the promotion, enhancement and execution of YE activities. We will vote on how to use the money this Saturday as the credits will expire soon.

Progress has been made towards securing our meeting rooms in the fire station at Sawyer. After innumerable phone calls to insurance providers and EAA, I now have all the documentation and insurance coverage that has been requested by the county. The best part is that it will not cost us additional funds and it will be covered under our yearly chapter liability insurance. Final approval for our lease should take place soon as it will be discussed and voted on this week at the county board meeting. A final contract should then come to me for signature and we can move forward with our plans. It will be nice to invite other pilots to fly-in to Sawyer and see our new chapter location as well as getting the general public involved in their airport through the Young Eagles program.

October is the month that our nominating committee brings me the results of their member poll on those interested in open officer positions. Roger Bentlage has sent me the results since he will not be able to attend Saturday's meeting. Voting will take place at our November meeting and the handoff will take place during the December meeting.

Many of you may remember Steve Zelle who addressed us this summer on private airports in Michigan. Steve has sent an email to chapter presidents asking that we include his document in our chapter newsletters which I have included with this monthly column.

Has anyone gone to any fly-ins recently? I have been hoping that some of our members would consider writing a brief article on their travels.

Come out and join us for breakfast and a meeting this Saturday in our new meeting room at Sawyer! Breakfast starts at 8:30am and meeting at 10. Young Eagle flights will be from 11:30 until 2pm (or earlier if we don't get many kids).

Fly Safely!

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