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EAA Chapter 175 Newsletter



Newsletter for May, 2014

Next Meeting:

Saturday 05/24/2014 Breakfast @ 0800 Young Eagles@ 0900



Program

Young Eagles @ KVDF FBO. Pilots and planes always needed; requires current EAA, License, Medical if Aircraft requires. From Dave The Coordinator:

Just a reminder that we have a Young Eagles Rally this Saturday. We'll be operating out of the main hangar attached to the FBO lobby. Participant registration begins at 0930, and flights start at 1000. If you have not already done so, please let me know if you can help out by responding to this email. At this point, I believe we have enough people helping out on the ground. What I need is one or two more planes and pilots.

Ground Volunteers

If you are helping out on the ground, please plan to arrive by 9AM to help set up so we're ready when the kids arrive.

Pilots

I'm working on a pilot database to streamline pilot registration. We are required to document that pilots meet the guidelines in order to be covered by EAA's insurance. If you are flying, please bring the following items with you so we can make sure all our I's are dotted and T's crossed:

EAA Card

Copy of your aircraft or renters insurance policy (we need to keep that copy in our records)

Know when your Medical and BFR expire (we'll need those dates on our registration form)

Going forward, we'll have that information on file and will only need you to provide it again when something changes.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Best regards,

Dave Presnell

Young Eagles Coordinator

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EAA has a new for their Events calendar. Take a look at

https://www.eaa.org/en/eaa/events.

From Gordon:

SUN 'n FUN is one of 15 finalists eligible for a \$10,000 grant through the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation and we need everyone's help in order to get us to the top!

Please take a quick moment to click on the link I've shared above, then click on "SUN 'n FUN" and follow the prompts.

You can vote multiple times if you have more than one email address. We also ask that you forward this to friends and colleagues that you feel would support and vote for us.

A neat YouTube video is also attached that you can send along; it's pretty awesome and gives everyone an idea of why they should vote for us.

Thanks so much for your participation -Kindly,

Events - From EAA

Christine and the SnF Staff

reforming the cumbersome and outdated third class medical process is a top priority, and lawmakers have responded."

To VOTE:

http://www.lightspeedaviationfoundat ion.org/content.cfm/Voting/Get-tokn ow-the-2014-finalists

From AOPA

Medical reform legislation reaches milestone

General Aviation Pilot Protection Act reaches 100 House co-sponsors

May 6, 2014

By Elizabeth A Tennyson

Legislation that would exempt thousands of general aviation pilots from the third class medical certification process has achieved a new milestone with 100 co-sponsors signing on to the House bill.

"We are pleased that so many members of Congress have signed on as co-sponsors of this legislation, and the numbers continue to grow," said AOPA Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Jim Coon. "The general aviation community has made it clear that Close

AOPA has published a <u>list of co-sponsors</u> in the House and Senate and is urging members whose elected representatives have not signed on to call their offices and ask for their support. <u>Contact information for</u> <u>members of the House and Senate</u> can also be found on AOPA's website.

"When you call, tell them why third class medical reform matters to you and ask them to co-sponsor the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act," said Coon. "When lawmakers hear from their constituents, they listen."

Under the legislation, pilots who make noncommercial VFR flights in aircraft weighing up to 6,000 pounds with no more than six seats would be exempt from the third class medical certification process. Pilots would be allowed to carry up to five passengers, fly at altitudes below 14,000 feet msl, and fly no faster than 250 knots. The FAA would be required to report on the safety consequences of the new rule after five years.

To amplify the message that the aviation community cares about medical reform, AOPA is also collecting signatures on a lifesize petition that will be traveling to major aviation events throughout the flying season. Almost 2,000 individuals signed the petition at the inaugural AOPA Fly-In in San Marcos, Texas, on April 26. The petition will be available at each of AOPA's Fly-In events as well as EAA AirVenture and the AOPA Homecoming.

Progress on reform has been swift in recent months after a joint petition filed by AOPA and the Experimental Aircraft Association awaited action for more than two years. Last month, however, the FAA announced plans to go through a rulemaking process that could result in expanding the number of pilots eligible to fly without the need for a third class medical certificate. On April 15, significant target dates for action on that rulemaking were made public. According to the <u>Department of Transportation's website</u>, the FAA hopes to publish the notice of proposed rulemaking in the fall of 2014, to be followed by a 60-day comment period. The FAA's rulemaking announcement came after the General Aviation Pilot Protection Act was introduced in the House by AOPA members Reps. Todd Rokita (R-Ind.), a member of the House General Aviation Caucus, and GA Caucus Co-Chair Sam Graves (R-Mo.) in December 2013. Sens. John Boozman (R-Ark.), Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), all members of the Senate GA Caucus, introduced an identical measure in the Senate on March 11. The Senate measure

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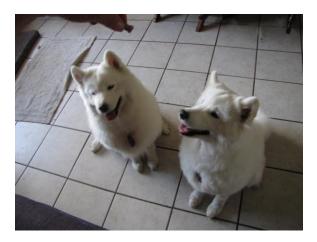
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Helpers:



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