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From the Pres...

We wrap up the old year, and begin a new year with this issue of *Shorelines*. Our Christmas party was a great success, beginning with the visit by CAP to the Warbird Heritage Foundation, and ending with a rousing Goofy Gift Exchange after a great holiday meal. Thanks to all who participated, and to our great cooks – Cindy and Jim. I want to thank Paul Wood and the Warbird Heritage Foundation for their participation and assistance in this event. Also, thanks to everyone that helped in the preparation and clean-up after the party. These include Dan Feldman (table and chair rental and return, snow shoveling), Dave McCormick (beverages), Kathy Hull (supplies), Everyone for pitching in for clean-up. Final tally was about 50 attendees.

Young Eagles Wrap-Up

As 2013 wound down, Young Eagle pilots and crew members met to review the events of the year. This was quite a year of change for our

program. Long before the Young Eagle flying season started, I challenged Dan Feldman (YE Chairman) and Mike Rogers (Web Editor) with the task of improving our program.

In mid-2012, it was recognized that we had a serious problem with our “first come-first fly” policy for flying Young Eagles. The program had become so popular, that we often faced large crowds of kids eager for their flight. This resulted in a huge workload for the pilots, frustration for the waiting parents, and a less than ideal experience for the Young Eagles. Often, these periods of high activity would be followed by hours of little to no activity. Not a very efficient use of either our time or aircraft.

In September, 2012, we attempted to bring some organization to the program by signing up Young Eagles to specific time slots in September and October Rallies during the Waukegan Airshow.

Good Theory, bad Execution. With a full schedule for the September Rally, we were faced with poor weather. The decision to call the rally was made too late to effectively communicate to the families, even though we had e-mail or phone numbers for the participants. Many people

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showed up for the rally, only to be disappointed (even angry in some cases) because of the slow decision to cancel the flights.

October Rally was worse, as the YE Coordinator was flooded with calls to schedule flights. The weather was poor again, but aircraft issues dominated the problems this time. Some scheduled aircraft were suddenly not available and equipment issues grounded others during the rally. Although we had a back-up aircraft, it was only a 2 place model, which could do little to relieve the back-log.

Based on these experiences, the task in 2013 was to:

- Develop an automated reservation system (preferably on-line) that would allow:
 - Users to schedule their flight time based on available open flights.
 - Users to input contact information for confirmation/notification purposes.
 - Dynamic scheduling allowing YE Chairman to provide flight openings based on number of seats available at any time.
 - Provide a means of broadcasting information to all who had reservations about weather, schedule changes, etc.
 - Provide a convenient method for users to submit questions to the Coordinator.
- Establish standards, decision time limit, and notification procedure to communicate weather issues.
- Expand the flight experience. Make it more than “just a ride”.
- Reduce the workload on pilots. Schedule to allow for breaks. Flexible scheduling.

An on-line reservation system was activated in 2013, and most of these issues were addressed.

Our first year experience generated the following comments in our review:

“The ½ hour pre-flight ground school is seen as a valuable addition to the program. It allows the pilot to review concepts during the actual walk-around when the Young Eagles get out to the aircraft.” Several recommended that we have an “advanced” course for repeat flyers.

“Pilots and ground crew noticed the more relaxed pace due to the scheduled flow of Young Eagles. ½ hour allowed flight time was adequate, and allowed pilots enough time to finish presentation without rushing.”

“A scheduled break not needed by all pilots. This can be optional.”

“To make this work, pilots must be able to commit to flying at least 2 weeks in advance of the rally in order to build the schedule. Buffer will be built into the schedule in case of equipment downtime.”

“Need to get parents more involved. They are potential EAA members.”

“Need more instructors for pre-flight ground school.”

It was suggested that repeat YE’s be offered one-on-one flight with pilots willing to do this outside of the regular rally.

“We need more help on the ground – greeting, aircraft movements, record keeping, information, etc.”

“Route maps need to be updated.”

All good comments! More to do in 2104!

See you at this month’s meeting. See what it takes to compete at Valdez!

Blue Skies !

Jim

414 Contacts & Information

Warbird Heritage Foundation

Monthly meetings are held at the Warbird Heritage Foundation on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. The foundation is located on the west side to Waukegan airport. To get there, take Green Bay Road to Beach Road. Then take Beach Road east, where it turns into Corporate Drive.

Once past the gate, the meeting will be in the building on the right (closest to the taxiway). Gate opens about 15 minutes prior to meeting.

See map on the last page of this newsletter.

Membership

All dues are payable in January for the calendar year. Members that join in mid-year should contact the treasurer to determine the pro-rated dues for their first year. To pay your dues, only \$24 per year, see Dave Smith at the next meeting or mail your check made out to "EAA Chapter 414" to:

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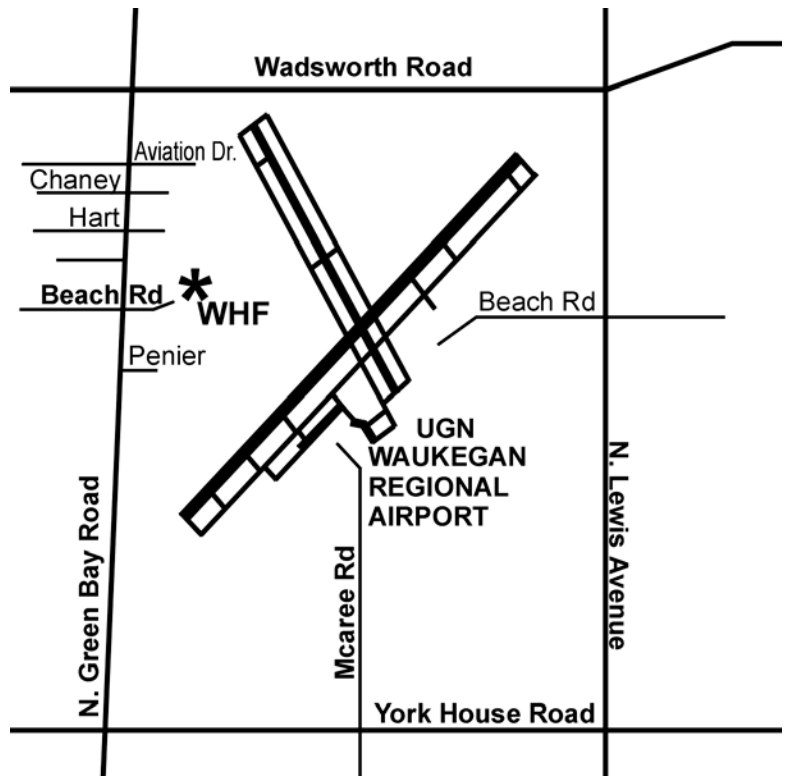
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30 Board meeting – 7:30

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WARBIRD HERITAGE FOUNDATION 3000 CORPORATE DRIVE

Exit Green Bay Road onto Beach. Take Beach through security gate to end of road. Go to last building on the right.

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Renew your dues this month! See page 3.