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EAA 1058 celebrated *International Young Eagles Day* the best way we knew how. We invited all the kids we could find to come out and share airplane rides with us. We had 9 planes (10 pilots) and just a great time flying around the airport with a total of **160** kids for the day receiving free airplane rides.

Vice President's Message

EAA 1058 needs more events like the one we just finished. It really helps to show off the value of a hometown airport to the community.

We need to schedule events at the local airports like this one and the one coming up in Bishopville. Getting the public involved in activities at the airport is the greatest way to improve the perception of local airports. Most people don't know what goes on at the airport and many believe that it is just a playground for the rich.

Events like Young Eagles present a different picture to the public. I am asking for your help to put more events like this together. We need to have an event like Young Eagles for adults. That is one of the great missing pieces of the puzzle. If we can get some of the politicians involved in the airport, it greatly helps growing the airport down the road.

Let's plan a date soon to invite adults out to the airport and try to promote aviation activities. I was asked by several parents if they could ride and they need a day as well.

Phil Boyer says that Young Eagles is one of the greatest programs in the history of aviation, but we need an "Old Buzzards" program to get the current decision makers involved in the airport.

Come out to the meeting on Tuesday night and let's find a way to address this issue as a group.

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Letter From The Editor

The big news this month is the Young Eagles Program. We had the greatest day in a long time at the airport, read Jeanne's article below to get the details.

I have been just as busy as ever, but I am taking time to enjoy some of life's treasures as well. I will be presenting the program for July's meeting. If you fly at all, please come out and see "How far would you go?". This is a program I did a couple of years ago and everyone had a great time discussing the scenarios. I hope to see a great turnout for this program and you might just learn some things to watch out for during your flying.

Our group is having good times together, but we need more of them. I need suggestions for activities for our group. I am working on a fly-out day coming up soon and need some suggestions from everyone as to where we want to go.

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If you have a story you would like to share, please write it down and sent it to me, if you like, I will help clean it up, just scratch out your story and we will share it here for our group. We all like stories of people's adventures.

Young Eagles Corner

EAA 1058 sets Chapter Record for the number of Young Eagles flown in one day!

With the teamwork of 9 planes (10 pilots—Alex and Linda rotating) and 30+ additional members and volunteers, **160** Young Eagles flew the skies over Hartsville, South Carolina, on June 14, 2008, IYED (International Young Eagles Day)! As Ben Brotherton indicated in the briefing prior to the event, this day honored one who held Young Eagles in high esteem and one for whom we all admired, loved and miss—**Ray Butters!**

By 9:30 a.m. on June 14, the Registration Tent was bombarded with excited kids and parents waiting for the event to begin—but they were greeted warmly and handled with great expertise by Volunteers Heidi Bond, Barbara White, and Nancy Payne.

The second stop was Ground School and this year's Ground School was conducted by Claude Eichelberger and Ann McIrvin—both experienced pilots and Instructors at Central Carolina Technical College. In addition to the Ground School these pilots provided groups an overview of the day's event as they completed "School" and led their groups to the Pre-Flight area. Prior to leaving the Ground School area, Volunteer Judy Knight presented each potential Young Eagle with an official "Boarding Pass."

Most pilots don't like to circle all day—but that is what Pilot Mike Knight did as he took each group from the Ground School Instructor and "circled" the HVS trainer pointing out all the things pilots do and look for prior to a "take-off!"

Pilot Ritchie Bond and Member Mark Blair "manned" the Boarding Gate assigning potential Young Eagles to pilots and ensuring all paperwork was signed and "in order!"

Pilots Jesse Allred (Pageland), Ben Brotherton (Florence), Mark Spurling (Florence), Rob McLearn (Ft. Mill), Mike Brown (Hartsville), Philip Anderson (Hartsville), Lee Gardner (Hartsville), Alex Yarborough (Hartsville), Linda

Yarborough (Hartsville), and yours truly (Hartsville) were kept in line and in the air by Air Boss Pilot George Roberts and Flight Line Crew Student Pilots Cam Morris and Alex Stephens and Pilot Sandi Brown. According to the Air Boss, 61 "sorties" were flown!

Volunteers Mary Ellen McCutchen, Allen Rudick, David Rudick, Donna Bailey, and Christian Cannon were busy preparing certificates, securing signatures, and distributing wrist bands and posters to now Official Young Eagles!

To add to the excitement of the day, Volunteers Jaime Rivers and Sister Kim Rivers expertly guided Young Eagles and their "too young" siblings cutting, pasting, painting, and flying through several crafts that were set up in the "Craft Hanger!" Volunteer Robbie Morgan was also on hand helping out with crafts and certificates.

An addition to this year's event was a "Build A Rocket" project staffed by Pilots Alex and Linda Yarborough (when they weren't flying) and Granddaughter Ashleigh. This was a tremendous hit for Young Eagles and for the Chapter Members who had to try the activity out earlier in the year!

Covering the refreshment area and taking care that everyone kept hydrated were Volunteers Michelle Anderson and Virginia Adams along with Pilot Joe Medlin.

This event would not have been the success it was without two "runners" who were kept busy all day long—Student Pilot and Air Academy Graduate Jordy Brotherton and Volunteer James Parker. Also helping out and providing as needed were Mike Knights', Philip Anderson's, and Sandi Brown's family and friends—I'm so sorry I didn't get their names!!!

Rus Geries, staff for HVS, was everywhere with his golf cart providing whatever assistance was needed—fueling, air pressure, moving equipment, etc.

And I also need to add a great big thanks to Artist Jim Stratton for preparing the three banners that were posted at highway intersections directing folks to the airport!

In addition to the physical labor mentioned

above, this event would not have been the success it was without the material and monetary donation by Mark Spurling and Ben Brotherton. Guys, thanks so much! In addition Mark also had his camera clicking and I'm sure evidence of his work is included in this edition! Great job, Mark!

What a TEAM! What a DAY! Please forgive me if I left someone's name out—it was not intentional! Let's do it again in October in Lee County, whatcha think????

An additional note is needed in support of Young Eagles—South Carolina!!!! When you combine the numbers from #1058 and #242, a total of 283 Young Eagles were flown in a 60 mile area!!!!!!

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My First Time...

Well, this was my very first time participating in the annual young eagles day in Hartsville, and I was somewhat apprehensive. I didn't know what to expect, I didn't know if I could pilot as well as others or if I would embarrass myself or... the list goes on and on. With Ben's prodding (I mean encouragement) I went (actually I think Jeanne would have sent a search crew for me if I didn't show up).

The weather in the morning departing Florence was low visibility with scattered clouds at 1000 ft, not the best weather for flying kids with this limited visibility. Well, the sun shone bright by the time our event kicked off and I can say that it was a fun filled day.

The look on the kid's faces and the sparkle in their eyes made the 90+ degree heat well worth it. I let each kid that was in the front seat fly and drive. I enjoy stomping on the rudders while we're taxiing and the kids trying their best to drive using the yoke, I bet I looked like a tail dragger coming in each time making all those s turns.

I asked each passenger if it was their first time in an airplane and a majority of them said yes, and none of them were ever in a small

airplane before. I count it a privilege to be able to give back to the kids a little piece of God's creation from his point of view looking down on us! Hopefully the pictures I have submitted will encourage you to participate next year and allow you the opportunity to give back!

I don't know the exact number of kids we flew however I do know it was over 150! Way to go team. Jeanne did a fantastic job arranging everything and I for one want to thank her for all her hard work. I don't want to start naming names because I know I will miss some, but...

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

PS: Jesse: thanks for the steak! Great marinade!

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Upcoming Events

- June 24-** EAA 1058 Meeting at the Hanger
Hartsville Airport – 7:00 PM
- July 29-** EAA 1058 Meeting at the Hanger
Hartsville Airport

SCBC – South Carolina Breakfast Club Upcoming 2008 Schedule

Jun 29	RUQ	Rowan County
Jul 13	Pvt.	Palmetto Air Plantation
Jul 27	AND	Anderson Regional Airport
Aug 10	AIK	Aiken Municipal Airport
Aug 24	50J	Berkeley County Airport
Sep 7	CUB	Columbia Owens Downtown
Sep 21	34A	Laurens County Airport
Oct 5	CDN	Camden
Oct 19	BNL	Barnwell Regional
Nov 7	OGB	Orangeburg Municipal
Nov 16	8S5	East Cooper
Nov 30	FDW	Fairfield County – Winnsboro
Dec 14	6J7	Rudy Branham - Darlington
Dec 28	SC17	Twin Lakes – Graniteville