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2006 YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR: FRAN ULIANO!

It is my pleasure to inform you that Fran Uliano has been selected as the "2006 Young Eagles Coordinator of the Year." Steve Buss, the Executive Director of the Young Eagles program for EAA, formally notified Fran of his selection on June 28. The award ceremony is on Wednesday evening, July 26th at 7 p.m. at the Theater in the Woods, at AirVenture. Fran and his wife Barbara plan to attend and most certainly, any of you attending the AirVenture celebration in Oshkosh are invited as well.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of why Fran is so deserving of this national recognition.

Fran has been the Young Eagles coordinator for EAA Chapter 27 since the Young Eagles program began. I believe that we started participating in the program in 1993, meaning that Fran has functioned in the capacity of Young Eagles Chapter Coordinator for over 12 consecutive years.

Fran was highly instrumental in soliciting the early support from fellow EAA pilots in making the Young Eagles program a major emphasis for our Chapter. Fran believed that the most benefit would be derived if the Young Eagle flew in the "right seat" and had a complete, hands-on experience. As a result, Fran convinced our membership to provide "one-on-one" Young Eagles flights; meaning that we would fly only one Young Eagle on each flight.

Under Fran's continuous guidance, EAA Chapter 27 has provided over 1,200 Young Eagles their "one-on-one" flight within our program. Besides encouraging all members to participate, Fran has personally flown over 240 Young Eagles! He has also nurtured the support of a substantial group of ground volunteers. Under Fran's supervision they work smoothly, making our local Young Eagles rallies a truly positive experience for everyone in attendance.

While our Chapter's numbers of Young Eagles may not equal some others in quantity, I'm sure that no other Chapter has set a standard for a finer experience for these kids than ours under the tutelage of Fran Uliano.



Fran is consistently seeking ways to solicit new ideas and encouraging members to participate in the Young Eagle program. He has spoken before Boy Scout groups, school groups and community groups advising them of the opportunity for local youngsters to become Young Eagles.

He frequently interfaces with the local Aviation Commission and the FBO Operator regarding our Young Eagles program. Under Fran's direction the program has evolved into a terrific, positive community relations effort for our airport.

If you were to observe Fran's actions during our Young Eagles rallies, you would find that he is just as excited and motivated to fly Young Eagles today, as he was on day one of the program.

I cannot imagine anyone more deserving than Fran Uliano. I'm confident that he embodies the spirit and enthusiasm envisioned by the creators of our Young Eagles Program.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the efforts of Barbara Uliano as the "First Lady" of our Young Eagles program. Barbara has consistently attended and supported our Young Eagles program. She has been a key member of our Young Eagles volunteers on

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"It's not about the millionth Young Eagle, it's about sharing the love."

—Drew Baird,
Young Eagle
Pilot

"Those of us who have participated in (Young Eagles) have found that we receive much more in return than what we give to the effort."

—Tom
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the ground. Obviously, Barbara's support is also greatly appreciated.

Speaking for the membership of EAA Chapter 27, our heartiest of congratulations go out to Fran Uliano. Great job! We are extremely proud of your efforts on behalf of our Chapter and its Young Eagles program.

—Jim Simmons

CARL & LORRAINE EATON HONORED BY SUN 'N FUN

It's our great pleasure to report that Carl and Lorraine Eaton were presented with the Chairman's Award at the Sun 'N Fun Fly-In in April in appreciation of their outstanding service, dedication and personal commitment to Sun 'N Fun. Carl and Lorraine are long-time volunteers at the fly-in.

Chairman of the Board William A. Eickhoff presented the award. Congratulations!



MANY MANY THANKS TO ALL

It all started on June 22nd when I received an email from Steve Buss the Executive Director of EAA Young Eagles. In it he wrote, "Congratulations, you have been selected as the winner of this year's EAA Young Eagles Chapter Coordinator award! The award presentation will take place during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2006 on Wednesday evening at Theater in the Woods." After reading it a few times I still couldn't believe what I was reading. I told Barbara about it but decided not to say anything to anyone else until I received the letter from EAA.

On June 28th I received a UPS Express Envelope and you guessed it, there was a letter in it from Steve. It started with: "It is my pleasure to inform you that the Young Eagles Nominating Committee has selected you as the 2006 Young Eagles Chapter Coordinator Award recipient." I sat there and read the whole letter two or three times before it finally sank in that it was true and I was getting very emotional.

I called Jim to talk about flying Young Eagles on July 1st. I then proceeded to tell him about getting a letter from EAA and asked him if he had anything to do with it. He acted dumb and asked me to read it to him. After he heard me read the first sentence I heard him call Betty and tell her "Fran got the nomination." That gave the long secret away. He went on to tell me that he had written a letter on behalf of Chapter 27 nominating me not only in 2006 but also 2005 with the approval of all Chapter 27 members.

I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for all of the help you have given me over the years. Without the countless ground crew, the pilots, and the rest of the members that give suggestions on things to do, the whole program would not be possible. I will be there on July 26th to accept the award and bring it back to share it with everyone. Again, I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart for nominating me for this award.

—Fran Uliano



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