



# THE *SPORT FLYER*



March 2004

**!!! NOTICE !!!**  
**March Meeting will be March 18th**  
**At Sport Flyers, Milholland Hangar**

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## March Chapter Meeting

The March chapter meeting will be Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Sport Flyers at Leonard Milholland's hangar, 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Paul Downs who will give us the latest status of the Sport Plane / License rules. Hope to see you there!

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## Southwest Regional Fly-In Update

Only two months and counting to SWRFI! Last year was a blast, even with the heat. But it was a welcome change from wind and rain. And the New Braunfels airport was the perfect setting for the event. Turnout was great and we should only see fantastic growth at the new location.

Here's what's new for 2004:

- 1. A new more user-friendly arrival procedure that starts farther from the airport and has a holding pattern provision.**
- 2. A new layout that puts all exhibitors together near the terminal with the forums near this area. We also expect many more exhibitors — even though last year was our biggest ever.**
- 3. More forums closely grouped in tents or in the new school being built on the airport beside the exhibitors with signage to show times and places.**
- 4. More and better-planned aircraft parking. We had in excess of 700 planes last year (our largest ever) and hope for even more in 2004.**
- 5. We will have many more food vendors and will have a great banquet on Saturday night at the Civic Center. It is an air-conditioned facility in town with many amenities such as indoor restrooms and a hospitality area.**
- 6. Our goal is to serve EAA members and future members who are building or restoring planes. Please help by volunteering and giving us feedback. Our supporters and sponsors are airplane people**

If you are not a plan-at-the-last-minute type person, then you might want to get your hotel reservations in now if you plan on staying in New Braunfels. Here's a list of hotels that will also be providing shuttle service to the airshow:

### Hotels

#### **Bavarian Inn**

201 loop 337 New Braunfels, Tx 78130 830-629-6888  
\$55.00 plus tax; Reservations by April 15, 2004; 24 hour cancellation

#### **Rodeway Inn**

1209 IH 35 New Braunfels, Tx 78130 830-629-6991  
\$49.99 per room; 24 hour cancellation; Reservations before April 15, 2004

**Holiday Inn**

1051 N I H 35 New Braunfels, Tx 78130 830-625-8017  
\$79.00 per room; Reservations by April 13; Cancellations 24 hours

**La Quinta**

365 hwy 46 S New Braunfels, Tx 78130 830-627 -3333  
\$99.00 per room; Reservations by April 30, 2004; Expanded continental breakfast included

**Hotel Faust**

240 S. Seguin New Braunfels, Tx 78130 830-625-7791

[www.fausthotel.com](http://www.fausthotel.com)

\$79 for double occupancy, additional persons additional charge

Reservations by April 30, 2003; 48 hour cancellation policy

*Faust Hotel is adding an incentive:* For all rooms booked for one night there is a 50% discount on the Friday evening Fly-In Bar B Q dinner at the Hotel. Two nights booked, the Bar B Q is complimentary. Regular price for Bar B Q is \$10 per person. Book early and specify with Reservation your attendance at the Bar B Q.

**Budget Host Hill Country Motor Inn**

Rates start at \$57.00 - \$65.00 per night and must be booked by April 15<sup>th</sup> Tel: 800-982-3609

**Super 8 New Braunfels**

510 S HWY 46 Tel: 830-629-1155 New Braunfels, Tx 78130

Bookings must be made by the end of April. Cancellations 4:00 PM day of arrival. Mention the EAA Fly-in for discounted Rates

May 13th: all standard rooms at \$49.00

May 14th: all standard rooms at \$89.00

May 15th: all standard rooms at \$89.00

May 16th: all standard rooms at \$49.00

*Mention you are with EAA SW Regional Fly-In for the block rate Make your reservation directly with the hotel.*

**If you plan to rough it by camping, here's the on-field camping info:****Camping Information**

For additional camping Information email: [campinginfo@swrfi.org](mailto:campinginfo@swrfi.org)

*Three Camping Areas:*

1. RV Camping (no services) - \$10.00 per night\*\* (must be self-contained)  
RV Camping (with power hookups) - \$15.00 per night
2. Tent-Auto-Small Trailer Camping - \$10.00 per night\*\*
3. Aircraft Camping - \$10.00 per night\*\*

\*\*Note: Have access to porta-potties, hand washing sinks, showers

All areas close to the flightline and everything

Other commercial campgrounds available ---- call 800-572-2626

**Arrivals can start arriving on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Camp Grounds will be open. For more information, visit the SWRFI website at [www.swrfi.org](http://www.swrfi.org)**

**PILOT AND ACTOR HARRISON FORD ACCEPTS CHAIRMANSHIP OF EAA'S YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM**

VAN NUYS, Calif. - (March 8, 2004) - Harrison Ford, best known as a renowned actor in more than three dozen films but also

an extremely active pilot and member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), was introduced today as the new Chairman of the EAA Young Eagles Program, which has flown more than 1 million young people since 1992.



During a welcoming program at Van Nuys, Calif., with EAA President Tom Poberezny, Ford accepted the chairmanship of the program, saying, "It's daunting to step into General Yeager's shoes, but aviation is about learning new skills and the satisfaction that comes with practicing them and doing better."

Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, who has served as Young Eagles Chairman since 1994, has been named the program's Chairman Emeritus and will continue to participate as one of more than 35,000 volunteer pilots who have been involved since Young Eagles was founded.

"Harrison Ford's passion for flight has grown through the years, as he has achieved several pilot certificates and ratings, and made aviation a major part of his life," Poberezny said. "He discovered Young Eagles on his own several years ago and quietly started flying young people. He now has flown 81 Young Eagles. He is a natural fit to help lead us to even greater achievements as EAA members prepare the next generation of aviators."

The Young Eagles Program's original goal of flying 1 million young people ages 8-17 was reached in October 2003, when 15-year-old Andrew Grant of German Valley, Ill., was flown by EAA member Rick Ellis. The one-to-one outreach between pilot and youngster was part of what attracted Ford to the program.

"Young Eagles gives kids a view of the world they've never seen before," Ford said. "Each Young Eagle flight is an opportunity to excite kids by sharing your passion for flight and to show them that they, too, can learn the skills to participate in aviation."

Ford actually began flight training as a college student in the 1960s, but then put his training on hold until he rediscovered it in the early 1990s. He has since earned ratings in rotorcraft and tailwheel aircraft. He has been an EAA member since the mid-1990s and a member of a local EAA Chapter near his home.

The new Chairman is the third in the history of the Young Eagles Program. Academy Award-winning actor Cliff Robertson served as Chairman from the program's founding in July 1992 through 1994, with Gen. Yeager serving 1995-2003. Under these two Chairmen, EAA's Young Eagles has grown into the largest youth aviation education program ever created.

Since those first flights in 1992, Young Eagles flights have taken place on every continent except Antarctica and in aircraft ranging from business jets to blimps. Each year, EAA receives numerous reports of young people who have been inspired to pursue aviation as a career or as recreation because of their Young Eagles flights. Many of those early Young Eagles are now introducing flight to other Young Eagles as well. Every major university aviation program and all U.S. military academies also have current students who were inspired by a Young Eagles flight.

"As we launch the second century of powered flight, Young Eagles will also reach for new horizons," Poberezny said. "We have seen the impact that this program has made on young people, whether or not they pursue aviation. That inspires us to do even more."

The EAA President also announced new offerings as follow-ups to initial Young Eagles flights, including expanded web site activities and recognition levels for young people interested in aviation. Those specific activities will be announced as they are unveiled.

The Young Eagles Program was founded in 1992 and has provided more than 1 million free demonstration flights to young people. Through January 2004, young people around the world have participated in the program through the efforts of 35,000 volunteer pilots. Major support is provided by Jaguar Cars. More information is available at [www.youngeagles.org](http://www.youngeagles.org).