

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Dinner Meeting - "EAA and the Young Eagle Program"

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Join us for this monthly meeting of the South County Airport Pilots Association Tuesday, March 14, 2017. We gather at 5:30 pm, serve dinner at 6:00 pm (\$15 members, \$20 non-members), hold a brief business meeting at 6:45 pm, and begin the speaker presentation at 7:00 pm. Guests are welcome!

Wings of History Museum, 12777 Murphy Ave., (Across the street from the airport), San Martin, CA.

EAA and the Young Eagle Program

Ever hear of the EAA? Young Eagles? Join us to learn about the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Young Eagle program. Learn why there is a place in EAA for anyone interested in aviation and how our local EAA chapter manages to safely fly hundreds of Young Eagles every year.

Our speaker will tell us about EAA, its history and local chapter activities. He will spend most of his presentation informing us about the Young Eagle program, which gives children ages 8 to 17 an opportunity to experience flight in a general aviation airplane while educating them about aviation. We will learn about pilot requirements and safety practices when flying Young Eagles, including process flow, crowd safety, taxi procedures on the ramp and safe practices for conducting the demo flights.

About our speaker:

Jeff West is the Young Eagles Co-Coordinator and past board member for EAA Chapter 62. He is also a private pilot with just over 300 hours flight time.

He began his flight training in 1991 at Amelia Reid Aviation while still a junior in high school – then had to abandon flying for a while – but was able to return to the sky in 2005 and earn his license in 2006.

Jeff immediately joined the two most prominent organizations that advocate for general aviation: EAA and AOPA. Within a year of joining, he became a director for EAA Chapter 62 and, soon after, his passion for the Young Eagles program brought him into the role as Young Eagle coordinator for the chapter. He now continues to serve in the role of co-coordinator.

Jeff remains active in the program, and you can find him working with a smile at any of the Young Eagle events hosted by EAA Chapter 62.