

**November 3, 2018, Young Eagles Breakfast
More Notes and photos by Steve Allen, EAA 465 Chapter Secretary**



People began arriving a little after 8:00 AM and around 9:00 Dave Fretwell opened the presentations with a general discussion covering the mission of EAA does to promote general and recreational aviation, and the activities our Chapter is engaged in. He described the speakers that would be making presentations and thanked Tina for the use of her beautiful hanger space for the event. About 45 people participated including 18 young eagles plus their parents EAA Members, Guests and aviation speakers . After the breakfast the following individuals made presentations to the group and answered questions

Bill Siegal: our Chapter Young Eagles coordinator, gave a talk about the general nature of the Young Eagle program, the benefits and related costs. The flight log book which opens the door to some discounted flight lessons and ground school courses. When a YE completes the first two lessons, then the first training flight is paid for by the EAA. Then he went into his background as a Navy combat pilot and his commercial pilot experience. He had a website up on the screen that showed the local and regional aircraft traffic which was impressive. In his talk about his airline experience he illustrated the jobs that are opening in the industry and a focus on the need for pilots as the current generation ages out of the job.

Kendall Pearson gave a talk about his flight school and went over the basic elements of the program. Going over the basics of ground school as well as the written testing.

Robert Shannon from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) talked about his career with the CHP for the last 20 years and his flight experiences which focus primarily on emergency response. They also engage

in surveillance to assist a number of agencies. He also outlined the overall steps in becoming a CHP pilot. He has over 4,500 hours in the air.

Mark Dart went over his experience as an A&P and the field of aircraft maintenance. Emphasizing the importance of maintenance to safe aviation in all of its fields. He discussed the liability issues involved as well as the pay ranges.

Joel Marketello also discussed his career as a United Airlines mechanic and that average salaries get in to the low 6 figures.

George Stetz, a retired airforce colonel talked about his career in the Air Force as an Engineer for the space program. He spent part of his time working on the GPS satellite program. In his discussion he outlined the military path to an aviation career.

Representatives from CalFire discussed Calfire's role in aviation with the Cal Fire aerial contingent. They gave a great discussion about how they coordinate fire suppression efforts using various aircraft and the types of planes involved and the various pilot roles.

Darrel Radford, from our Chapter I wrapped up the presentations by talking about getting involved with aviation for the fun of it. He described building his plane and learning about stunt flying.

