



The Eagle Flight

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Season Finale

The Eagle Flight Project wraps up with one final flight

This story began back in August of 2002 with a dream of flying around the world. It grew to encompass the mission of Instilling the Spirit of Exploration to youth around the world, after reading how far behind the youth of today are falling in general math and sciences.

Jared, Stacey and Kerry worked constantly for over two years to successfully provide over 110 youth a personal flight with this project. However, times change and politics and increas-

ing costs have made it a challenge. After several fundraising efforts and a final review of funds raised for this summers modified Canada/ Caribbean flight, the Eagle Flight has determined this is summers tour is not a viable option. We appreciate all donations that have been made and will utilize these funds this summer with local youth rides. Despite the cancellation of Phase II, it does not mean the project is over, it is simply " being put to rest" for now. As a final

hoorah, the team will host a Young Eagle Rally in Boise on June 17th, Please read more about this final event and keep in touch. The website will remain active for now- recapping all our success stories. Thank you again for your ongoing support and a special congratulations to Brian Pope in fulfilling his goal of flight!



June 17th Young Eagle Rally

Mark your calendars for June 17th! The Eagle Flight team will host a final Young Eagles Rally, providing complementary introductory flights to youth in the valley between 8-17 years old.

The *Boise Executive Terminal* will be the site of this years event, with the day being sponsored by R& M Steel of Caldwell. Thank you Rob & Nancy for your ongoing support! The event will

run from 8am-3 pm. Invite the family! Also providing funds for youth flights are: Eagle R & D of Nampa; Northwest Appraisal Co; Eastgate Optical & Kristin Ford. See you there!

Spot Light on Success!

Brian Pope, the 1st passenger for the Eagle Flight, successfully completed his SOLO FLIGHT! On May 13, 16 year old Brian flew a Cessna 172.- N3781L. Brian says " its the most amazing feeling in the world! I flew with only 10 hours under my belt! Thanks for being a great role model Jared. " Congratulations Brian! Clear Skies Ahead!

Special points of interest:

- Young Eagle's Rally (date change)
- Sat. June 17th Boise Executive Terminal.
- Time: 8am-3pm
- For: youth 8-17 years old.
- What: Free introductory flights.
- Donations gladly accepted
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From the Cockpit- Jared Aicher

April was one of the busiest and most exciting months of my life. I finished my finals on April 18th and graduated on April 28th with a BS in Aviation Science - Professional Pilot from Utah Valley State College. But unlike a degree in business or some other ready-to-go-to-work degree, I am far from being finished with my upward progression to that elusive flying career. Just like a doctor or lawyer, a pilot must complete college, attend a specialized school (flight school in my case), complete many hours of on the job training (flight hours in my case) and much more to get on with a major airline.

Anyone reading this will agree and admit that when they are flying to a business meeting, or heading off to some remote island destination, that they want the most competent and alert pilot in the industry in command of their aircraft. Every single pilot out there has received intensive training from the time they started their flying careers and continue to do so every year with recurrent flight training that is required by the FAA and the companies they work for. You



see, in our field, unlike some others, we are not aloud to have a bad day.

Each time we take off, we need to be at our best. What if the pilot missed just one item on the checklist? What if he or she did not get enough sleep the night before and decides to come to work anyway? We, as pilots, are among some of the most trusted individuals in society - after all, you put your life, as well as your families and friends lives in our hands every day. We pride ourselves in the trust and responsibility given to us and we strive to make every flight better than the last.

I would like to personally thank my first flight instructors Steve Murri, Rick Harper and Brian Utz for teaching me all they did about the world of aviation and Utah Valley State College for the first class education I received over the last four years. I know that I am standing on the shoulders of all those pilots who came before who passed their

knowledge on to my instructors and professors and I hope I can pass on some of what I have learned to the youth I fly with the Eagle Flight project. The entire Eagle Flight team would like to thank everyone that has been involved with this project on any level- we are sad to say good-bye for now, but know that this dream has not died...the solo around the world flight will be rekindled one day and we look forward to sharing it with you again.

If the Young Eagles flight is the start of a youngster's aviation journey, the [Aero Scholars program](http://www.youngeagles.com/programs/aeroscholars/) is the next step. The only online aviation course currently available for high school students, it enables students to earn high school or college credits! Check here for more info: www.youngeagles.com/programs/aeroscholars/



Kerry- Project Manager

Wow- what a great adventure this has been. I thought I knew a lot about non-profit and fundraising, but now I know so much more- the simple lesson: There is nothing easy about it! The Phase I U.S tour raised awareness about the importance of getting kids involved in math and sciences, as well as providing over 100 youth individual rides! What a sight to see. In 2006 we have had to make some tough decisions, watching fuel prices climb

steadily and more instability claim our world as we seek resolution between nations. Attending Jared's graduation we realized that it was time to change direction and focus exclusively on getting his career started. But what better way to start the summer than with a Young Eagle's Rally! I want to again thank the local EAA pilots and volunteers who have made this so much easier- of all things, I know you cannot take on a project like this

alone. To my "regulars" Dee LaSalle, Dan Stevens, Dale Alexander and Brian—a special thank you! I have loved this project from the start because it focused on youth development and hands on experience-in my books, nothing has more impact. Have a great summer and enjoy life's great adventure!

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Others dream things that never were and ask "Why not?"

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I've learned that you don't have to be rich or well-known to make a difference. You just have to have a dream and the guts to see things through. -- Renee, age 12

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