The Official Bulletin of The Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie

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Web re-design takes FOE.com to new heights

On January 31, the Fraternal Order of Eagles launched the new FOE.com, a sleek, updated home for tools and information about the Eagles and our mission.

The site offers a modern look with new graphics and layout to appeal to prospective members and offer a more user-intuitive experience for existing Eagles.

With the site comes a new Members-Only section, this time integrated within the existing structure of the main www.foe.com playing host to information and documents exclusive to current members of the organization in good standing.

Information regarding programs and events which are appeal to the general public (Children’s Programs, Those Who Serve, NASCAR, Operation Eagle etc.) will be viewable without having to log in as a member.

As always, www.foe.com will be your home for news and information related to all things Fraternal Order of Eagles. Keep posted to the site for updates as we get closer to the 2014 International Convention in Orlando, Fla.

If there's anything you'd like to see on the new www.foe.com, just let us know!

Top Young Star Gets Behind Wheel of F.O.E. Chevy in 2014

F.O.E. Racing has a new face and if history is any indication, he doesn’t plan on wasting any time getting acquainted. 18-year-old Dylan Kwasniewski will pilot the Fraternal Order of Eagles Racing Chevrolet in 2014 for Turner Scott Motorsports in NASCAR’s Nationwide Series.

Kwasniewski enters NASCAR’s number two series on the heels of a record-setting season that saw him become the first driver to ever capture championships in both the East and West series.

He captured the West series championship in 2012 with three wins, six poles, 12 Top 5s and Top 10 finishes in all 15 races during the season.

Kwasniewski inherits the black-and-yellow F.O.E. ride from previous driver James Buescher, who left Turner Scott Motorsports in December to pursue a full-time Nationwide Series ride with RAB Racing. Buescher, who was recently initiated as a member of the Eagles (see page 4), won the 2012 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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Record-setting 18-year-old Dylan Kwasniewski will pilot the F.O.E. Chevrolet in 2014 for Turner Scott Motorsports in the NASCAR Nationwide Series. In 2013, Kwasniewski won NASCAR’s K&N Pro Series East, becoming the first driver ever to win championships in both the East and West series.
FROM THE ARCHIVES: SPRING 1986

The team from Owatonna, Minnesota came close to making a clean sweep of the 1985 National Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament hosted by Frederick, Maryland.

In addition to coming out on top among the 48 teams entered in the twelfth annual Eagle event, Owatonna also took home the trophies for the team traveling the greatest distance to the tournament, Most Valuable Player (Mark Kulat), and most home runs hit in the three-day event (Tom Anderson, with 11).

"One of the finest tournaments ever," was the judgement of National Chairman W.A. (Red) McCawley, who gave credit to the officers, tournament committee and members of the host Aerie, in particular Wayne Smith and Joe Verzal.

Thirteen states were represented in the event, and all participants were impressed with local conditions and officiating.

Second place in the tournament belongs to Fairfield, Ohio.

A local team from Frederick took third place, and another team from Fairfield came in fourth.

Consolation round winner was Brookfield, Pa., with Toledo, Ohio, taking second in that round.

MVP Mark Kulat won his honors by batting over .700 for the tournament, with ten home runs.

Dewey Fussel, of Chesapeake, Va., took home the Home Run Derby Champion trophy, while the award for putting away the greatest amount of suds went to Moline, Ill., which may explain their absence from the top four.

Past Grand Presidents Lew Reed and Tony Angelo and Past Grand Worthy Conductor Henry Funk added luster to the tournament, but not as much as Grand Madam President Jackie Spahn, who graciously presented one of the winning trophies. Bids are now being taken for the 1987 tournament, according to McCawley, who invites interested Aeries to write him.

Top Producers/New Leaders
for January 2014

Aerie:
1. #370 Lima, OH 48
2. #3153 New Port Richey, FL 46
3. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 40
4. #712 Fremont, OH 39
5. #761 Coshocton, OH 37

Auxiliary:
1. #3508 Sutherlin, OR 32
2. #1208 Milton, PA 25
3. #4089 Port Orange, FL 25
4. #2298 Auburn, WA 16
5. #4526 Debary, FL 16

Aerie (Individual):
1. Bill Schramm Wellington, OH #2051 17
2. James C. Dauphin New Port Richey, FL #3153 16
Joseph Ruiz New Port Richey, FL #3153 16
3. Rodney A. Clem Auburn, WA #2298 15
4. Ronald W. Lane Cape Coral, FL #3957 15
5. Mary M. Hornsby Norwalk, OH #711 15
Sebring, FL #4240 15

Auxiliary (Individual):
1. Sandra L. Milletics Port Orange, FL #4089 9
2. Connie Campbell Daytona Beach, FL #4469 8
3. Julie R. Schurman Renton, WA #1722 7
4. Mary M. Hornsby Norwalk, OH #711 7
5. Shannon M. Kipp Milton, PA #1208 6
6. Linda M. Underwood Bryan, OH #2233 6
5. Mary Nilson Englewood, FL #3885 6
6. Melinda K. Smelley Junction City, KS #830 6
We Are People Helping People

Florida
- Eagles Landing #4385 presented a check for $2,000 to the Fisher House, which is affiliated with the Veterans Affairs hospital of Gainesville. The check brings Eagles Landing’s total donation to Fisher House to $5,000.

Georgia
- Frank Thomas was the big winner of the St. Marys Auxiliary #4379 basket raffle to benefit the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, winning $700 in cash and $1,000 in gifts, services and gift certificates from businesses and individuals in the St. Marys and Kingsland areas. Brother Thomas has been a member for nearly 10 years and purchased the lucky ticket while shopping at Harvey’s Grocery. $3,161 in tickets were sold to boost the Auxiliary’s annual contribution to the Cancer Fund.

Idaho
- Hayden Eagles #4080 presented Cody Thompson with the first Abbott Scholarship to attend North Idaho College. Cody is currently taking collision repair technology classes at NIC and the $2,600 scholarship from the Eagles will help assist with tuition and other student fees. The Scholarship is named in honor of Glen and Ginger Abbott.

Kentucky
- Following the tragic loss of nine lives during a recent Muhlenberg County fire, Central City Eagles #3345 offered up its home to host a fundraiser for the Watson Family. Area restaurants donated food for the event and as many as 20 bands offered their services for the evening. All proceeds will be donated to the two remaining members of the Watson Family.

Michigan
- Auto City #3485 held a K-9 benefit Jan. 22 to help the Genesee County K-9 Units. The Auxiliary held a dinner with door prizes, raffles, 50/50s and live music, raising $3,115 for the cause. Additionally, the Auxiliary held a dinner with door prizes, 50/50s and live music, raising $3,115 to help the Genesee County K-9 Units. The dinner was held to raise money for the Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, winning $700

Ohio
- Chagrin Falls #2436 donated $5,000 to local charities from proceeds raised during the 20th Annual Ohio State-Michigan Tailgate Party.

Pennsylvania
- Lock Haven Aerie #4298 donated $7,000 to the Lock Haven University Wrestling team to purchase a new wrestling mat.

Virginia
- At Piedmont #4420, Patsy Saunders of Danville hit big in the Eagles’ Treasure Chest game. For weeks, members tried and failed to select the correct key to open the chest, but on Jan. 23, Saunders had her chance at the five keys, selecting the correct key for a payout of $18,066 – the largest in the game’s history.

Washington
- After electrical problems and a flu outbreak halted food service at the Lock Haven University Wrestling team to purchase a new wrestling mat.

Arizona
- Lake Havasu City #4299 Worthy President Bob Lee and Madam President Penny Lee presented a $5,000 Lew Reed Spinal Cord grant to Phoenix Children’s Center on Jan. 17. Assisting with the presentation were Grand Worthy President David Tice, his wife Roberta and Arizona Jr. Past State President Sean Pearson. Bonnie Morgan was on hand to represent the Children’s Center. While in town, Tice welcomed 22 new Aerie and 17 new Auxiliary members who were initiated and presented a check to the Havasu Spirit Team.

People Helping People
While all items are published and shared electronically, space is limited in print. In an effort to provide a diverse offering of news items for our members each month, the largest and/or most unique donation from each State/Province we receive news from will be featured in our People Helping People section. Once each State/Province we have news from has been represented, we will begin to allow additional items.

Please keep in mind that all photos must be high-resolution and cannot be taken from a newspaper or a news outlet’s website as the Grand Aerie does not have the right to use those photos.

As always, we welcome any questions or suggestions you might have. Please see the panel on page 2 for contact information.
Celebrating 116 Years

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News & Notes

2014 International Convention

Rooms are now open for reservation for the 2014 International Convention at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Fla. The Rosen Centre previously hosted the 2011 International Convention. The hotel features an array of fine dining options, pool, spa, fitness center, on-site valet and is centrally located just minutes from Orlando’s various theme parks. Should you wish to make reservations by phone, please call 800-204-7234. To book your room online, please visit the link located on the Convention page at foe.com. See you in Orlando!

Southwest Airlines Discounts

Book your flight to Orlando today through Southwest, the preferred carrier for the 2014 International Convention, and receive a special discount just for being an Eagle! Visit swabiz.com and use the code 99535181 to receive 10% off business fare and 5% off getaway fare. Use this special Eagles code year-round for various discounts and preferred customer points.

Delta Airlines

To help alleviate some of the economic stress on our members, Delta Airlines is working with The Fraternal Order of Eagles to offer discounted flights to the 2014 International Convention in Orlando, Fla. The Delta Airlines Discount Code for F.O.E. members is NMHJM. To book over the phone, call 1-800-221-1212 and give the discount code to the operator before confirming your flight. Please note that any flights booked via phone are subject to booking fees.

Buescher Gets Initiated As Member of Eagles

James Buescher was initiated as a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles during a special ceremony held in Florida in early February. Buescher is a member of Cadiz, Ohio, #2162, home of Jr. Past Grand Worthy President Ron Stine. During his three-year stint with F.O.E. Racing, Buescher recorded six wins, 24 Top 5s and 47 Top 10s in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series and one win, three Top 5s and nine Top 10s in the NASCAR Nationwide Series, including a win behind the wheel of the No. 30 F.O.E. Chevy in the 2012 Nationwide Series Drive4COPD 300 at Daytona. He captured three consecutive Top 3 points finishes in the Camping World Truck Series, including the 2012 Championship. Buescher will drive for RAB Racing full-time in 2014 in the Nationwide Series.

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into a go kart for the first time in Norwalk, Conn., swiftly finding himself in victory lane and kickstarting a career that has seen him recognized by NASCAR as one of its Next9 top young talents to watch. Rockstar Energy Drink will serve as primary sponsor of Kwasniewski’s No. 31 Chevrolet Camaro.

In the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, Ben Kennedy will run the No. 31 Chevrolet Silverado for the full season. Kennedy, the great grandson of NASCAR founder Bill France, Sr., spent 2013 as a full-time driver in the K&N East Series, where he recorded two wins, and placed fourth in a Truck Series race at Martinsville for Turner Scott.

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The Fraternal Order of Eagles

Children’s Day

Support your community youth for a chance to win $3,000!

Each year, The Fraternal Order of Eagles Children’s Day Contest encourages Aeries and Auxiliaries to organize a one-day event for area youth, instilling the values and beliefs of the F.O.E. and increasing education and awareness for community safety.

To find out more about Children's Day, contact marketing@foe.com, visit our.foe.com or contact the department directly at 614-883-2210.

Events between Aug. 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014 are eligible. All submissions due to the Grand Aerie by June 15.
How do we get started?

- Ask the Aerie & Auxiliary Presidents to appoint a chairperson along with a committee.
- Set a date. The event can fall anywhere between August 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014.
- Contact various agencies and inquire as to what type of programs they may offer, such agencies include: Department of Public Safety, local police department, fire department, chamber of commerce, Boy/Girl Scouts.
- Advertise the event as much as you can and get the word out, contact: Radio stations, television stations, newspapers, print flyers and distribute them at elementary schools, day care centers.

What kind of activities should we plan?

Photo ID sessions, finger printing program, fire & home safety, drug awareness program, drug abuse program, bicycle safety, gun safety, water safety, first aid education, use your imagination!

KEEP IN MIND:
Any event you hold during the year that benefits children qualifies for Children’s Day! The above suggestions are based solely on previous years’ participants.

What should I include in my packet to the Grand Aerie?

Take photos and let us know what your Aerie and Auxiliary Children’s Day Program consisted of. Don’t forget to include any newspaper articles.

Submissions must be in the hands of the Grand Aerie Marketing and Communications Department no later than June 15, 2014.

Submit what your Aerie/Auxiliary has done for Children’s Day. One winner will be chosen at the Grand Aerie Convention in Orlando, Florida, and will receive recognition.

Entry forms available online at www.foe.com!

The Grand Worthy President along with the Children’s Day Committee will review all submissions. The Aerie/Auxiliary with the best program will receive:

Plaque to hang in your Aerie/Auxiliary

Recognition at the Grand Aerie Convention.

A $3,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund*

*Grant recipient must qualify under the regulations that govern our Eagle Charities.