The Fraternal Order of Eagles is continuing its partnership with HScott Motorsports for the 2016 NASCAR Sprint Cup Season. The F.O.E. Racing logo will appear on the rear quarter panels of Clint Bowyer’s No. 15 Chevy nine times during the current season.

“The Fraternal Order of Eagles represents a commitment to community encompassing so many worthy causes and issues,” said Harry Scott Jr., owner of HScott Motorsports. “We honor that commitment with your logo on Clint’s Chevrolet. Nothing would be more appropriate to celebrate the work you do than to get you in victory lane.”

The first of this year’s nine races as a major associate sponsor met a less than stellar fate, after a pit road mishap halted what was an otherwise great run during the Feb. 21, Daytona 500. Bowyer finished 33rd after running nearly the entire race well inside the Top 15.

**F.O.E. Teams Up With HScott Motorsports & Clint Bowyer**

**Important Grand Aerie Announcement Regarding April 30 Roster Clean-Up**

Per the Board of Grand Trustees and in accordance with Section 71.5 of the Constitution and Statutes and Section 2.6 of the Auxiliary Rules and Regulations, effective April 30th, 2016, all delinquent members who are not dropped by the Secretary by the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the fourth (4th) month of delinquency will be automatically dropped for non-payment of dues by the Member Management System. The system will then be set up to automatically drop delinquent members on the 25th day of each month thereafter.

We are encouraging all Secretaries to review their Aerie/Auxiliary Roster, verifying that all members have payments posted to their account and that the payments are up to date prior to April 30th.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this matter, please contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department at (614) 883-2177.

**Watch for the F.O.E. Logo during the following races:**

- February 21 - Daytona
- May 7 - Kansas
- June 26 - Sonoma
- August 20 - Bristol
- September 10 - Richmond
- October 8 - Charlotte
- October 16 - Kansas
- October 30 - Martinsville
- November 13 - Phoenix
From The Archives: March 1985

WE ARE THE EAGLES

An Eagle aerie is like a baseball team in that no one man can win the game alone. There's got to be teamwork and cooperation, with everybody working together for the good of the cause. But an aerie is unlike a ball team in that you can't have just a few guys on the team and everybody else sitting in the grandstand. When you buy a ticket to a game you expect to sit in the stands. When you join a Fraternal Order, you have the right to expect, and the Order has the right to expect that you will play on the team. What form your playing on the team takes — attending Aerie meetings, serving on committees, signing up new members, planning sports or entertainments, dropping in for a friendly evening — is up to you. But whether the team wins or loses depends on whether you and people like you are willing to play on the team and for the team.

Remember that WE — me, you and people like us — ARE THE EAGLES. When we say this or that is wrong with "the Eagles," what we are really saying is this or that is wrong with US. When we say that "the Eagles" could do more in our town, we are saying that WE could do more, if we wanted to. For "the Eagles" will be what WE — you and I and people like us want it to be if we are willing to back up our wanting with our working.

A wise man once observed that a people get the kind of government they deserve. It is likewise true that people get the kind of government they want. By and large, it is what all of us, each and every one of us, individually and collectively, resolutely determine to have done that will be done. That is why you best measure the strength of a fraternal organization by its members' spirit or sense of dedication to it. Members who belong to an organization, who believe in it and are willing to work for its welfare, are its most precious asset.

Never determine the strength of an organization by the size of its clubhouse. You don't measure fraternalism by counting the bricks in a building. Never judge the success of a club by the size of its treasury. You don't measure fraternalism by counting dollar bills. Never believe you have found the strength of an organization by counting the members on its rolls. You don't measure fraternalism by totalling roster lists. Find out how many believe in it and are willing to work to help it grow, and you are measuring fraternalism by the only accurate measuring stick.

Fine buildings, strong treasuries and long roster lists are all good. But you can burn down buildings, and the spirit that built them will rebuild them. You can steal the treasury, and those who earned the money will earn more. You can lose fair weather members, but those who love the Order will not let it die. They will strive with all their might for life.

But lose the fraternal spirit — the willingness to be an active member and work for the Order's good — and your buildings will be mausoleums, your treasuries worth little and your rosters even less. It is the spirit that "quickenceth and giveth life" — in the Eagles as in life.

Russell L. Clark

Top Producers/ New Leaders

for January 2016

Aerie:
1. #626 Pottstown, PA 84
2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 59
3. #2141 Seattle, WA 59
4. #4294 Burnham, PA 50
5. #741 Columbus, IN 44

Auxiliary:
1. #741 Columbus, IN 44
2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 34
3. #4089 Port Orange, FL 21
4. #654 Bedford, IN 19
5. #1387 Buckley, WA 18

Aerie (Individual):
1. Teri L. Reid 63
   #626 Pottstown, PA
2. Robert E. Wright 25
   #3723 Newark, OH
3. Frank C. Gattinger 21
   #4126 Regina, SK
   William R. Updike 21
   #626 Pottstown, PA
5. Ronald J. Kucbel 18
   #1442 Lorain, OH

Auxiliary (Individual):
1. Roberta Burton 17
   #741 Columbus, IN
2. Brittany A. Burt 16
   #741 Columbus, IN
3. Claudia D. Cazee 11
   #654 Bedford, IN
4. Loretta A. Vaughn 7
   #1387 Enum Claw, WA
   Linda Rae Wilson 7
   #4067 Sebastian, FL
   Nerene Carmack 7
   #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ
We Are People Helping People

Alabama
-River City Auxiliary #4185 presented $11,000 to three organizations last month. Diane Riddle and Stephanie Lawrence presented $4,000 to the local Mental Health Association. Michele Boggs and her daughters presented $5,000 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Center in Birmingham and Geri Elliott presented $2,000 to the Liz Hurley Foundation with the help of Alma Elrod donating a special Alabama Quilt for raffle.
-River City #4185 has provided meals on Christmas Day for approximately 27 years. Each chairman over the years has put their heart and soul into the event and given up their Christmas Morning to make sure a hot meal is prepared for all members of the Meals on Wheels Program. The Aerie makes sure they receive dessert, fruit and a candy cane. Their drivers have kept the same routes each year, developing relationships with the individuals they assist.

California
-On Dec. 12, Brisbane Eagles #3255 held a barbecue tri-tip fundraiser, generating $1,210 for the Alzheimer’s Foundation.

Indiana
-Princeton #361 donated $603 to their local food bank.

Massachusetts
-Sue Carlson and Rob Krusas recently presented a $4,000 check on behalf of Worcester Eagles #4311 to Claire Benard, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at UMass Medical School. Carlson arranged a multiple sclerosis benefit in September 2015. Benard is currently studying how neurons respond to environmental factors in nematodes hoping to counteract the brain’s decline experienced by patients suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Michigan
-The Genesys Pediatric Hospice Suite has opened thanks to a generous contribution from the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The area is exclusively for pediatric hospice patients and their families, designed for those who cannot be cared for in a home setting.

Missouri
-Since 2011, Moberly #2669 have donated digital picture frames to HomeCare of Mid Missouri. Every December, the Aerie, Auxiliary and Eagle Riders have come together to donate frames for the clients/families utilizing hospice services of HCMM during the winter holidays. Many families will set up their frame near the bedside of a loved one as a reflection of good times. Once a loved one has departed, the frames are often used as a memorial piece.

Nebraska
-On December 12, Bellevue Eagles #3912 assisted the Mobile Food Pantry with setting up a distribution center at the Aerie home along with the distribution of food. The food pantry delivered 17,775 pounds of food for distribution. A total of 93 families consisting of 349 people were served at the site. Bellevue will be hosting the site again this month.

New York
-Cobleskill #2695 donated a full box of toys to the Toys for Tots Program. The Eagles also donated more than 660 pounds of food to the local food bank. Pictured are members posing on Worthy President Shane Strong’s antique firetruck. The truck is fully decorated, with music, and has been used in several events during the holiday season.

Vermont
-Worthy President Karl T. Hubbard of Champlain Aerie #793 presented a check for $1,500 and more than two barrels of toys to Bill Loney and John Kohler of the Vermont Marine Corps League, which is a volunteer organization which runs the Vermont “Toys For Kids” program. They distribute the toys to children and gift cards to teens throughout Vermont.

Virginia
-Piedmont Fraternal Order of Eagles #4420 made its annual visit to the Pittsylvania School Board on Dec. 14. The Eagles have regularly made a trip
RV Parking Accommodations Still Available For Reno

Coming to Reno for the International Convention this July 18-21? If you’re in an RV, you’re in luck. A limited number of RV sites are still available by calling the hotel reservations number. RV sites are $39/night. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to be a part of the Convention. Contact the Grand Sierra Resort today at 800-648-5080 and use the code FOE16.

For more great 2016 International Convention news and info, visit the Convention page under the About tab at www.foe.com.

Enter The Children’s Day Contest

The Fraternal Order of Eagles deeply values its position as a beacon within our communities. Each year, the organization holds a Children’s Day contest encouraging our local Aeries and Auxiliaries to organize community events centered around the education of our youth. Our members reach out to local police and fire departments, safety instructors, teachers and more to plan informative sessions that educate children using interactive methods. Events held between June 1 and May 31 of the following year are eligible for consideration in our Children’s Day contest.

Once finished, Aeries/Auxiliaries can document the process and the successes of their events and mail the information along with an official entry form and any news coverage obtained to the Grand Aerie Headquarters for judging. A winner will be selected during the International Convention and announced to the public, with the winning group receiving a $3,000 grant from the Eagles’ Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund to be presented to a local organization of their choice.

Edit Your Member Information Online

Reliable and effective communication is the key to building a successful order. We encourage all members to log in to the Members-Only section of www.foe.com and check your personal information to ensure we have the correct address, phone number and email address on hand to contact you when necessary. Help us keep you informed by reviewing your information today.

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to the school with goodies for the children for their Christmas for Kids program. The trailer was packed with presents for 45 boys and girls from Santa himself to help make a special Christmas.

Washington
-The annual Othello Community Christmas Basket Program distributed between 355 and 360 baskets in 2015. The program started 40 years ago with a conversation at the Eagles Aerie when six men donated $20 each to help families in need. Now the program includes schools, businesses, churches, clubs and individuals who all pitch in to help out those in need.

-Seattle Aerie & Auxiliary #1 – “The Mother Aerie” – collected more than 2,000 pounds of food and more than $380 in cash donations to North Help Line food bank in 2015 thanks to its First Saturday Food Bank Dances, hosted by Trustee Katie Numair and Worthy Secretary Jerry Muhasky, featuring Jerry’s band “Jenny & The Tomcats.”

Wisconsin
-Merrill Aerie presented a $1,000 grant from the Charity Foundation and $500 from Boomer’s Raffle to the Merrill Community Enrichment Center.

-Merrill Aerie #584 was happy to present a $1,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund to H.A.V.E.N. during the Eagles’ joint Christmas Party on January 9. Merrill also presented a check for $500 to Lincoln County Respite from their Boomer’s Raffle.

-Auxiliary #584 held a picture raffle over several months which raised $200. The funds will benefit the Wisconsin State Project, the UW Stem Cell & Regenerative Medicine Center for Stem Cell Research. It will be divided between the State Aerie and Auxiliary. Pictured are Worthy State President Scott Doerr and Jr. Past President Barb Middlestead from Merrill Auxiliary #584.

British Columbia
-Trail Fraternal Order of Eagles #2838 donated boxes and bags of non-perishable food items to the Trail United Church Food Bank in November.
For more than a century, the Eagles has been an advocate for shaping the future of the world through our children. Each year, the Eagles’ Children’s Day contest asks Aeries and Auxiliaries across the United States and Canada to plan a special event or fund raiser to benefit youth for a chance to win a $3,000 grant from the Eagles’ Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund, to present to an organization of their choice. All youth related events, including Christmas parties, Easter Egg hunts, school supply drives and more, are eligible to enter.

Events occurring during the current Fraternal year are eligible for submission!

Contact the Grand Aerie marketing department for more information.
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 June 1, 2015 and May 31, 2016.
- 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, fingerprinting 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, 2016.

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