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To our Loyal Aviation Museum of Santa Paula Participants and Financial Supporters,

We are very happy to announce that our First Sunday Open House Program has been re-opened for a few months accompanied by our Young Eagles Airplane Rides. We have several flights that allow a great flying experience for an average of 12-15 future "Young Eagles" each First Sunday of the month.

We also re-opened the very popular SP-ACE program, teaching the youth of Santa Paula about aviation. The "Space Kids" got hands-on lessons on the proper way to use tools and fasteners. We taught them some basic ground school, airport operations safety, and every member was able to correctly explain the forces of flight. They also learned about the history of the airport and how it began and were able to listen to interviews from some pivotal people from Santa Paula. These youngsters are the future of aviation and are very dedicated to each "First Sunday" we are open.

This year, our first student pilot will graduate as pilot #001 from the SP-ACE program and will hopefully go on to a professional flying future. This new graduate has inspired many of the other SP-ACE participants to show that "they can do it too." This is a very exciting time for our program that only started five years ago. We have many more potential student pilots in the pipeline. One of the "young lady" participants has been inspired to pursue a flying career in law enforcement. We can't say enough how much your support is needed and appreciated.

We were also very happy to re-launch our 2021 "Roaring '20s" fundraiser, which was very successful. Not only does it help us keep the museum running as our primary fundraiser, but we also know everyone had so much fun at the first one. This year's Roaring '20s event will be on September 24, 2022. Stay tuned in for more information on our website at www.aviationmuseumofsantapaula.org.

Thank you for all for your past support of the Aviation Museum. Because of your generous support last year, we were able to keep our programs going and make much needed roof repairs to the museum. While our staff is still mostly volunteer, we still have insurance, utilities, property taxes, and other mandatory expenses as well as repairs that must be funded.

The link or the QR code below will take you directly to our donation page.

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On behalf of the entire volunteer Board of Directors I thank you in advance for your generosity and hope to see you at the 2022 Roaring '20s later this year!

Yours truly,

Mitch Stone, Board President Aviation Museum of Santa Paula

