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President's Corner

From our household to yours I wish you all a safe holiday season and of course a Happy New Year!

Our December holiday carry-in was a very enjoyable time to sit down with one another to enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship. A special thank you goes out to Pat Garvey for graciously offering the use of his hanger again this year.

Please check Chapter 2 Calendar to stay abreast of our monthly activities and special events that may appear from time to time. The first Chapter gathering is on January 12 at Ivy Tech and features guest speaker Dan Leonard who will be discussing the newly installed Flight Simulator and it's many features. Note that we will start the evening with a light snack at 6:30 P.M. followed by the regular gathering at 7:00.

As most of you know Larry Zepp has stepped down from his position as Chapter 2 President. I look forward to assuming this position and it's associated responsibilities as we strive to grow the chapter, provide opportunities for fellow aviators to gather sharing their experiences and build their skills.

Best Wishes,

Paul Camp - President

Coming Events:

Thursday January 12 — Chapter 2 Gathering, Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field, 7:00 PM. **Snacks at 6:30**. Dan Leonard will demonstrate the Redbird Flight simulator at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center. See page 4 for more info on Redbird Flight.

January 23-27 — EAA Homebuilding Week online seminars (page 3).

Thursday February 9 — Chapter 2 Gathering, Former FBO building at Smith Field, 7:00 PM. Sweet Aviation will host a helicopter operations presentation. It will include how helicopters operate and airport procedures.

Thursday March 9 — Chapter 2 Gathering, Former FBO building at Smith Field, 7:00 PM. Bruce Loos will discuss *Aviation & Aerospace Career Opportunities and Training*. This will be a good presentation for Young Eagles and other youth interested in an aviation career. Also, **VMC Club starts at 6:30**.

Saturday April ?? — EAA Chapter 2 Banquet. Date and time TBD.

Thursday, May 11 — Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Mark Beck will discuss annual inspections on homebuilt aircraft. Meet at Mark's hangar at Dekalb County Airport, east of the airport office on CR 60.

Thursday June 6 — Chapter 2 Cookout, Hangar 2, **6:00 PM**. The Chapter is providing burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Bring a desert or a side dish to share.

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Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?
If so, then join us! Visit our website at www.eaa2.org and click on "Join EAA2"

Return of the VMC Club

Before the pandemic, EAA 2 had an active VMC club that discussed flying scenarios. Most found it to have very interesting discussions in this group of VFR pilots with a few instructors participating in the discussions.

In 2023 we will re-start the VMC Club meetings. They will be held at 6:30 pm, before those chapter Get Togethers held at the former FBO office at Smith Field (KSMD). In months where we visit a project or have outside tours, the VMC Club will not meet.

The first VMC Club meeting will be on March 9 at 6:30.

We invite all interested members and guests to the VMC Club discussions. There is no charge to be in this club if you are a current Chapter 2 member. Come out to our launch VMC discussion in March and check it out!

-Larry Zepp

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/pilots/ea-pilot-proficiency/proficiency-and-education-programs/vmc-club>



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2023 Membership Renewal

Now is the Best Time to Renew Your Membership with EAA Chapter 2 for 2023.

Your support of and participation in EAA Chapter 2 can enrich your aviation interest and understanding, as well as that of aviation enthusiasts of all ages.

Your support and participation also helps promote aviation throughout the broader community.

Membership renewal is easy, using the interactive form on the EAA 2 [website](#). Dues can be paid online via credit card or PayPal.

Alternately, you can mail your printed form and check to:

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Individual memberships are \$20.

Family memberships are \$30. This covers two adults and all children in a family.

Student memberships are FREE to those under 19 who are EAA members (this is also free for students). See www.eaa.org/membership for details on how to join the EAA as a student.

Newsletter options. Emailed newsletters are **FREE**. If you want a printed newsletter, please add **\$12** to your membership dues to cover the costs of printing and postage.

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Online Event Starts January 23

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA will be hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders:

(www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will start on Monday, January 23, 2023, and run until Friday, January 27, 2023. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There

will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

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About REDBIRD FLIGHT

Redbird Flight was founded in Texas in 2006, with the goal of building a flight simulator system that provided unheard of training value at a price every flight school could afford.

Their first prototype was built from a boneyard Cessna 177 Cardinal RG (the original Redbird). While this prototype didn't quite work out, Redbird was eventually successful in developing their first flight simulator.

Today, Redbird has sold over 3000 training devices. Their products cover the spectrum from PC-based simulators and accessories you can use at home, up to immersive, full-motion simulators.



YOUNG EAGLE NEWS—

The 2023 Young Eagles schedule has been released! All events are Saturdays, starting at 9:00 am.

May 6 — VAA 37 @ Dekalb County Airport

May 13 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

June 10 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

June 17 — VAA 37 @ Dekalb Airport

August 12 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

August 26 — VAA 37 @ Dekalb Airport

September 9 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field)

September 16 — VAA 37 @ Kendallville Airport, C62 (**not* DeKalb*)



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