



The Official Newsletter of
EAA Chapter 2



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President's Corner

Celebrate 100 years above the clouds at Smith Field Airport!



Smith Field is celebrating its 100-year anniversary, and we are doing it BIG! Join us on Friday, September 12, from 5 pm-9 pm for a FREE community event hosted by the Fort Wayne-Allen County Airport Authority! This special event honors Fort Wayne's rich aviation history while welcoming the community to celebrate. Come out for an evening filled with family-friendly activities—food trucks, LIVE music, aircraft displays, vendors, a FREE children's activity area, and hot air balloons!

See details at right. See page 2 for volunteer opportunities.

Join us at 7:00 pm, September 11, 2025, at Ivy Tech Aviation for our next meeting, and on behalf of the EAA Chapter 2 Board Members, we look forward to seeing you at this presentation.

Paul Camp - President, EAA Chapter 2

Event Details

- FREE and open to the public
- \$5 parking fee with proceeds going to the National Air Mail Museum
- Food Trucks
- Local Vendors
- FREE Children's Activity Area
- Static Aircraft Displays
- Helicopter Rides by Sweet Aviation (purchase necessary)
- Hot Air Balloon Tethered Rides - \$10 per person
- Hot Air Balloon Glow at Sunset
- LIVE music
- NO outside coolers (unless medically necessary)
- NO alcohol
- Strollers, wagons, and baby carriers are welcome
- ADA parking is available on-site

Stay tuned for more details!

Don't miss out as we commemorate a century of aviation in our community!

Coming Events:

Thursday, September 11 — Chapter 2 Gathering at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, Smith Field, 7:00 PM. Shelly Williams will share her daughter's experience as a Navy F/A-18 fighter pilot. Her daughter, Lt. Samantha "Squirt" Williams, has obtained combat hours and over 100 landings on the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier (mostly at night). Come early (6:30) for the VMC club!

Thursday, October 9 — Chapter 2 Gathering at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, Smith Field, 7:00 PM.

Two Volunteer Opportunities

1. EAA2 will have a table set up at the **Smith Field 100 Year Celebration** to promote our organization, and a table with crafts for the kids. We need people to be at both tables to help. We'll have two shifts: 5-7 and 7-9. If you can help at either table, let me know and what time you can be there. I would like to know in the next couple days. The gates open at 5:00 and the event ends at 9:00. Stay tuned for more details!

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2. Vintage Chapter 37 is hosting their second annual **Scariport** (aviation trunk or treat) at GWB on October 25 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We are looking for pilots (in costume) to bring their decorated plane to the GWB FBO ramp and hand out candy to the kids who come. Membership in VAA is not required.

There will be prizes for the best decorated plane, the best theme which includes the plane and pilot, and the best costume. The trunk or treaters will vote on the best decorated plane. We will have a committee decide on the best theme and best costume.

Let me know if you would like to participate in Scariport. Reply by email, secretary@eaa2.org, or send a me text at 260-402-3478.

Laramie Resler

Secretary EAA2



2025 Membership Renewal

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 / PayPal. If you are new to EAA 2, dues can be pro-rated for the year.

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

David Resler
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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, which is free to them. 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.

Are you a pilot? Are you building an aircraft? Are you an aircraft owner?
Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?

YOUNG EAGLES 2025!

On August 9, seven pilots flew 84 kids! We had a lot of great ground crew helping us. It went so smoothly that we were finished flying the last kids before noon. We were able to eat lunch together instead of in shifts. Lunch was provided by Lassus.

Our next YE rally is September 13 at Smith Field. We currently have 120 kids registered. We have enough pilots to fly that many kids. We need a lot of ground crew to make sure the kids have a great overall experience. Please let me know if you will be helping at this rally.

The next YE rally will be on September 20 at Kendallville. We have enough pilots but can still use more ground crew.

It's very important that we know that we have enough help.

My email is youngeagles@eaa2.org and text is 260-402-3478.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagle Coordinators

UPCOMING YE RALLIES

September 13 - Smith Field Airport

September 20 - Kendallville Municipal Airport

VMC CLUB

Everyone is invited to the VMC Club meeting at 6:30 PM on Thurs. September 11 at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center – Before the Chapter Get Together. This is an informal discussion about flying safety. Please answer these questions and come to the VMC Club meeting to discuss. I hope to see you there!

Larry Zepp, VMC Club Coordinator, Ch. 2

Question 1 – Cockpit Technology – Your Personal Minimums. How do you set personal minimums for when some of your cockpit technology isn't available?

Question 2 – Dipping your fuel tank Level. How can you be confident how much fuel remains once you're in flight?

Courtesy of Pilot Workshops

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