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President's Corner

Fall is GREAT for Flying!

Fall general aviation flying offers beautiful scenery for trips to see foliage, but pilots must prioritize safety due to shorter days, potential early morning fog, frost, and icing. Additionally, be aware of increased bird activity and migration.

Here are 3 simple reminders for a safe fall flying season.

#1: Don't Skimp on the Preflight

You've probably heard the saying: Preflight like your life depends on it, because it does!

Visually inspect your propeller blades, spinner, and hub assembly. Look for any dents, nicks, gouges, cracks, missing hardware, and signs of corrosion, erosion, or oil leakage.

Next, carefully run your fingers over the blades, especially along the leading edge, to check for imperfections.

#2: Know When to Preheat Your Aircraft Engine

That chill in the air means it's time to start thinking about preheating your aircraft engine — not only to ensure smoother, safer takeoffs but also to protect the life of your engine.

When is it cold enough to begin preheating your aircraft engine? Generally speaking, preheating is recommended for aircraft engines that have been cold-soaked to a temperature of freezing or below, but you should always check your engine manufacturer's recommendations.

#3: Plan for Reduced Daylight Hours

Last but not least, the changing seasons mean pilots need to be aware of reduced daylight hours and plan accordingly. As a reminder, the clocks will fall back on November 5, 2023, and the sun will set earlier in the evening.

Join us at 7:00 pm, October 9, 2025, at Ivy Tech Aviation for our next meeting for Bob Schmelz's presentation on flight safety.

Also, join us on October 11, 2025, for the EAA Chapter 2 Chili Lunch Fly-in/Drive-in beginning at 11 am. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Andy Gallmeyer.

On behalf of the EAA Chapter 2 Board Members, we look forward to seeing you on October 9th and 11th for our October activities.

Paul Camp - President, EAA Chapter 2

Coming Events:

Thursday, October 9. Chapter 2 Gathering at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, Smith Field, 7:00 PM. Bob Schmelz will discuss flight safety and what items to have aboard an aircraft in case of a disaster.

Saturday, October 11. EAA Chapter 2's annual Fly-in/Drive-in Chili Lunch, served with all the fixings. Free will donation. Join us for a great lunch at Historic Smith Field!

Thursday, November 13. Chapter 2 Gathering at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, Smith Field, 7:00 PM. Kevin Lane will share the history of the Globe Swift aircraft. VMC club at 6:30 pm.

Saturday, December 6. EAA 2 Christmas Party!

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Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?

VMC CLUB

VMC Club will not meet in October, but will return at 6:30 PM on Thurs. November 13 at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, before the Chapter Gathering.



Thank you to the numerous volunteers from EAA Chapter 2 and VAA37 who assisted with parking for the Smith Field 100th anniversary on September 12. After splitting the church lot parking fees with the church, the National Airmail Museum received over \$1300.

Mark Beck, EAA Chapter 2 Liaison to the National Airmail Museum



Balloons at the 100th Anniversary Celebration
from Fort Wayne Airport's Facebook page

2026 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:

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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.

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YOUNG EAGLES 2025!

On September 13, Chapter 2 flew 77 Young Eagles from Smith Field. We were successful in getting everyone in the air before bad weather arrived. Thanks to the six pilots and 23 ground crew volunteers.

The following week, we flew 56 Young Eagles from Kendallville. Seven pilots and 19 ground crew volunteers made this happen.

Thanks to all for making this a successful Young Eagles year, for the kids and for the Chapter.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagle Coordinators



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