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President's Corner

Fall 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.

#1: 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.

#2: Preheat Your Aircraft Engine

Preheating your aircraft engine not only to ensures smoother, safer takeoffs but also protects 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.

#3: Plan for Reduced Daylight Hours

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, November 13, 2025, at Ivy Tech Aviation for our next meeting for Kevin Lane's presentation on "The History of the Globe Swift Aircraft."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pilots and car enthusiasts who participated in our Fly-in/Drive-in Chili luncheon on October 11, 2025, and, of course, our volunteers. Without you, EAA Chapter 2 could not host events of this nature. THANK YOU!

On behalf of the EAA Chapter 2 Board Members, we look forward to seeing you on November 13th.

Paul Camp - President, EAA Chapter 2

Coming Events:

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 Annual Christmas Party Pot-Luck Dinner! Please bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided by the Chapter. Directions to Pat Garvey's hangar at Churubusco on page 3.



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VMC CLUB

Everyone is invited to the VMC Club meeting at 6:30 PM on Thurs. November 13 at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, before the Chapter Get Together. This is an informal discussion about flying safety. Please consider 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. What is a cross control stall and Why should you practice one?

Question 2. Why should you practice a mid- flight mag check?

Courtesy of Pilot Workshops

Hot Rods at October 11th's Drive-in/Fly-in.



Pilot explaining how his RV-8A handles "like a Corvette", October 11.



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.

Directions to Pat Garvey's hangar:

11612 IN-205, Churubusco

6:00 PM, Saturday December 8

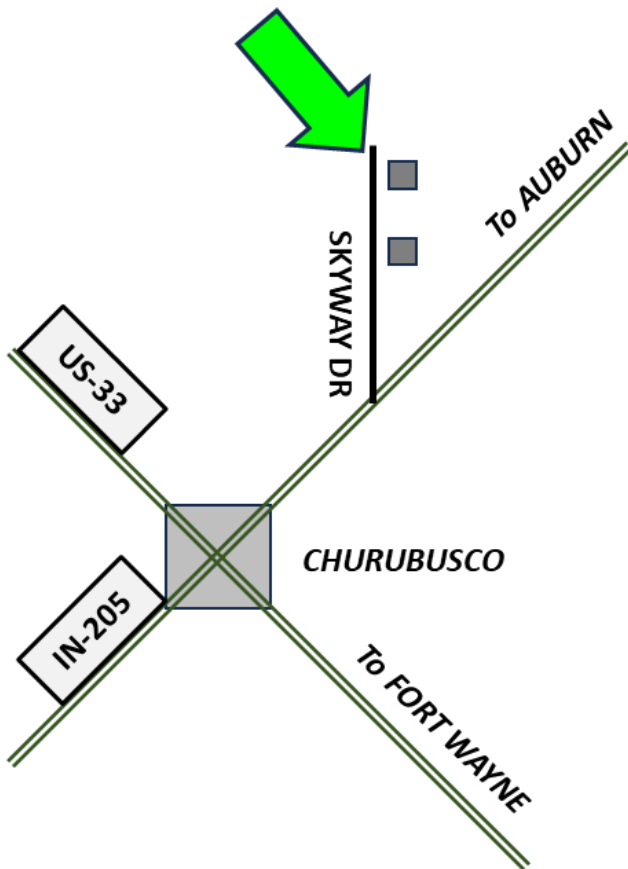
From Fort Wayne

US-33 from Fort Wayne to Churubusco. Right on IN-205, for about 1.5 mile. Turn left on Skyway Dr.

From Auburn

Follow IN-205 from the Kruze Plaza I-69 exit. About 6 miles past Laotto. Turn right on Skyway Dr.

Pat's hangar/house is the second on the right.



MOSAIC LIVES!

Effective October 22, 2025, pilots who hold a sport pilot certificate or fly under sport pilot privileges in the United States will have access to a much wider range of aircraft they can fly. This reform, known as the Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification (MOSAIC), was in the works for more than a decade. The final rule was announced during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025.

Top 5 Things to Know About MOSAIC.

- 70 percent of the single-engine piston aircraft fleet in the United States is now eligible to be flown by sport pilots.
- A maximum clean stall speed of 59 knots (67 mph) will be permitted for sport pilot-eligible aircraft.
- Aircraft with up to 4 seats can be flown by sport pilots (increased from 2 seats).
- Sport pilots can fly with up to 2 occupants in the aircraft (pilot plus one passenger).
- There is no longer a maximum weight limitation for sport pilot-eligible aircraft.

MOSAIC also revises the light-sport aircraft category, allowing newer and more capable models of light-sport aircraft to be developed and sold on the market starting on July 24, 2026. It also expands the scope of aircraft available for the Light Sport Repairman Maintenance (LSRM) rating, allowing more nonbuilder owners of amateur-built aircraft to perform their own annual condition inspections and other maintenance on their aircraft.

Adapted from a report by Christopher Gauger, EAA 746128, EAA Chapter Field Representative I

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Government Shutdown and General Aviation

What effect is the month-long shutdown having on general aviation? *Compiled from various sources.*

Air Traffic Control. Air traffic controllers are considered “essential personnel”. However, the FAA had fallen behind on training new controllers even before the shutdown. Absenteeism has increased (remember, they’re not getting paid until the shutdown comes to an end). As a result, some airports have experienced delays.

Because flight following is provided on a workload-permitting basis, it may not be as available as it once was.

Online Information. The aviationweather.gov website is functional, as it provides critical information for pilots. However, the FAA’s NOTAM page notes there may be delays in posting recent NOTAMS.

Pilot Training and Check Rides. Available.

Medical Certificates. Airman medical certification is shut down for the issuance of new medical certificates, but “aviation medical examiners may still issue certificates to qualified pilots at the time of a regular FAA physical exam.”

Bottom line. Be aware that some services we rely on may be restricted, delayed, or unavailable. Fly safe!

Some of the 18+ aircraft at the October 11 Drive-in/Fly-in.



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