



The Official Newsletter of
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President's Corner

Currency is not Proficiency

It's easy to think that being current means we're ready for anything, but currency and proficiency are not the same thing. Currency simply means we've met the minimum FAA requirements to fly legally. Proficiency, on the other hand, comes from regular practice, honest self-assessment, and continued learning.

A pilot can be current and still feel rusty in certain maneuvers, radio work, or decision-making. Taking the time to stay proficient, whether through refresher training, flying with another pilot, or participating in chapter activities, helps reduce risk and builds confidence in the cockpit. As a chapter, we can support one another by sharing experiences, flying together, and making proficiency an ongoing part of our aviation journey.

Thank you to Chapter members and guests who attended January's meeting. February's meeting will afford us an opportunity to get up close and personal with the Parkview Samaritan helicopter based at KGWB. Please see the side note in the newsletter for more information.

Stay safe, warm, and fly frequently.

Paul Camp, President EAA Chapter 2

Coming Events:

Thursday, February 19. Join us for the February Chapter 2 gathering at DeKalb County Airport (GWB), 7:00 pm. We will be touring the Parkview Samaritan hanger at DeKalb. Park at the main terminal building and walk to the Parkview hangar. **Note that this gathering is a week later than our regular chapter gathering.**

Thursday, March 12. Join us for the March Chapter 2 gathering at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field, 7:00 pm. James Bartzsch will give a refresher and update on Mosaic (AKA Sport Pilot 2.0). VMC club meets at 6:30.



DON'T FORGET!

2026 is upon us! Don't forget to renew your EAA 2 membership! See page 2 for instructions.

Forgotten if you renewed? You can check your status at https://eaa2.org/membership_status.php.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

EAA 2 turns 70 years old on October 1, 2026! Help us plan our Platinum Anniversary! Contact Paul or any board member with your ideas.

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

LOOKING AHEAD to YOUNG EAGLES 2026!

It's not too early to start thinking about Young Eagles (YE). Whether you want to fly kids or help out on the ground, we can use your abilities.

Here is our 2026 Young Eagles rally schedule:

Rallies at Smith Field (SMD)

- August 8
- September 12

Rallies at DeKalb County (GWB)

- May 2
- May 16
- June 20
- August 15

Rallies at Angola / Tri-State (ANQ)

- June 13

Rallies at Kendallville (C62)

- September 19

Volunteers and pilots always welcome!

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagle Coordinators



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.

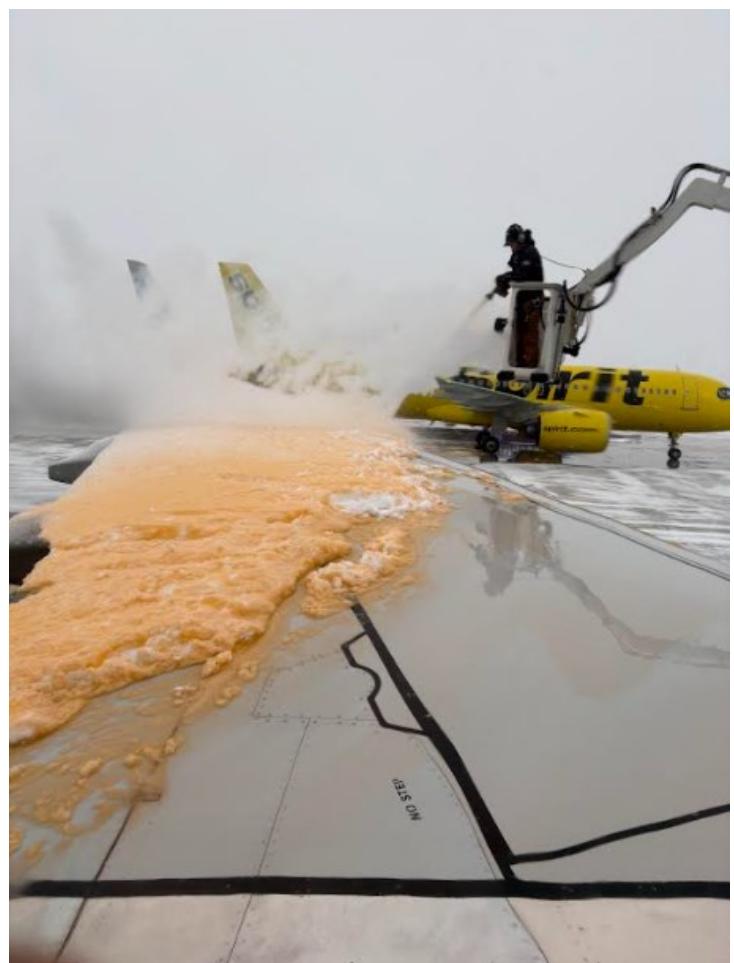
Student memberships are **FREE** to those under 19 who are EAA members, which is free to them. See www.eaa.org/membership for details on how to join the EAA as a student.

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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Recent commercial aircraft de-icing operations, Columbus Ohio. Pictures by Chris Millard.



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