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President's Corner

Mosaic is here. Jim Bartzsch gave us the news as presented at Oshkosh 2025, along with a few of the areas still under advisement. We are fortunate enough to have Jim return and review the rules now that they are final. Join us on March 12, 2025, at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center for the details.



Winter often relates to putting our aircraft into hibernation, awaiting the spring thaw. If it's been two, three, or more months since your aircraft has flown, you should perhaps review a couple of items.

Aircraft Maintenance & Inspection

Engine & Fuel: Inspect for potential issues caused by sitting, such as carburetor ice or, for those using autogas, fuel contamination (gum/lacquer).

Electrical System: Check batteries for charge and corrosion, ensuring a solid start.

General Inspection: Perform a thorough walk-around, including checking tire pressure, re-torquing propeller hub bolts, and cleaning windows.

Pilot Preparation

Skills Assessment: Practice pattern work, spot landings, and take short cross-country flights to shake off winter rust.

Documentation: Ensure your FAA third-class medical is current.

Safety Focus: Be aware that complacency can lead to complacency, especially when upgrading to higher-performance equipment early in the season.

Stay safe, warm, and fly frequently.

Paul Camp, President EAA Chapter 2

Coming Events:

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!

Forgotten if you renewed your EAA 2 membership for 2026? You can check your status at https://eaa2.org/membership_status.php.

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

You may have noticed that EAA 2 in Fort Wayne and VAA 37 in Auburn are sharing events this year. This is something the boards of both Chapters have been discussing.

Q. Why are we doing this? There are a number of reasons. The Chapters are geographically close together, and there are about 20 people who are members of both Chapters. By sharing events, we can attract more people to events and free up dates on busy calendars for members and speakers alike.

Q. Are the Chapter Gathering times changing? No. Chapter Gatherings will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month, with an occasional exception (like last month).

Q. Will we still be meeting at Ivy Tech? The plan is to continue with some meetings at Ivy Tech, and some at the VAA 37 hangar at Auburn-DeKalb Airport.

Q. Are the Chapters merging? No. Each Chapter will remain an independent entity with its own Board and will make decisions separate from the other Chapter.

VMC CLUB

All members and friends are invited to the VMC Club meeting at 6:30, 3/12 before the chapter meeting.

Question 1- Crosswind Landings. Crosswind landings can be a challenge, but besides the touchdown, where in the pattern might we face the greatest risk for loss of control?

Question 2- Stalling while slipping. How can you boost your confidence for using a slip on final?

Courtesy of Pilot Workshops

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 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:

- May 2—DeKalb County (GWB)
- May 16—DeKalb County (GWB)
- June 13—Angola/Tri-State (ANQ)
- June 20—DeKalb County (GWB)
- August 8—Smith Field (SMD)
- August 15—DeKalb County (GWB)
- September 12—Smith Field (SMD)
- September 19—Kendallville (C62)

Volunteers and pilots always welcome!

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagle Coordinators

EAA 2 at the Parkview Samaritan hangar at the Auburn-DeKalb Airport.



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