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## President's Corner

### How can this happen 'Am I really lost'

Getting disoriented in the cockpit is a humbling experience that can happen to the best of us. Whether it's a shifting wind, a malfunctioning GPS, or a distraction that lasted a mile too long, losing your situational awareness is a high-stress moment.

To help pilots stay calm and systematic, the industry relies on a classic mnemonic:

### The 5 C's.

#### 1. Climb

Your first instinct should be to gain altitude. "Climbing to cope" does three vital things: it expands your visual horizon to help you spot recognizable landmarks, it strengthens your radio signal for better communication, and it makes your aircraft much easier for Air Traffic Control (ATC) to see on radar.

#### 2. Confess

The most dangerous thing a lost pilot can do is pretend they aren't. Admit the situation to yourself first, then to ATC. There is no shame in asking for help; controllers would much rather give you a "radar vector" now than coordinate a search-and-rescue mission later.

#### 3. Communicate

If you're already on a frequency, stay there and speak up. If not, try the nearest Flight Service Station (FSS) or Tower. In a true pinch, 121.5 MHz is the international distress frequency— don't be afraid to use it. If you

have a transponder, squawking 7700 will instantly alert every controller in the area that you need assistance.

#### 4. Conserve

You don't know how long it will take to get home, so treat your fuel like gold. Reduce your power to a maximum endurance setting (check your POH for specifics). By slowing down and leaning your mixture, you buy yourself the most valuable resource in aviation: time.

#### 5. Comply

Once you've made contact, ATC becomes your teammate. Follow their headings and altitude instructions precisely. If they ask you to "ident," press the button and keep flying the plane. Their job is to guide you to safety; your job is to fly the aircraft and follow the plan.

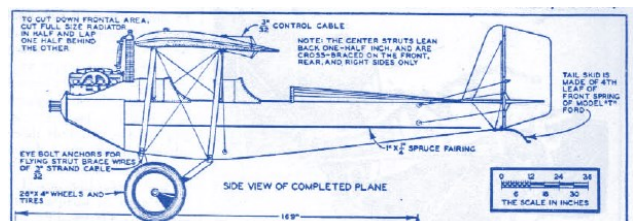
### The Bottom Line:

Being lost is a temporary problem as long as you have fuel and altitude. By following the 5 C's, you turn a potential emergency into a manageable "learning experience."

Stay safe, and fly frequently

Paul Camp, President

EAA Chapter 2

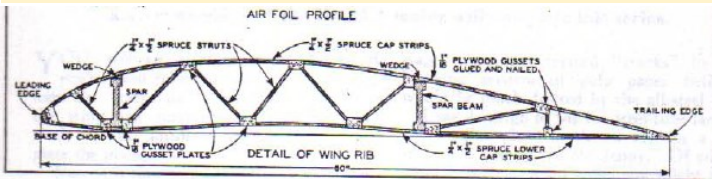


Are you a pilot? Are you building an aircraft? Are you an aircraft owner?  
Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of one of our EAA2 members. Mark Deihl passed away on April 27, 2026. He was a long time Young Eagles volunteer. He helped with registration, printing and escorting. He will be greatly missed.



Here is a link to his obituary: <https://www.thomasfuneralhome.org/obituaries/mark-deihl>



## Coming Events:

**Saturday, May 2.** First Young Eagles Rally of the 2026 season! DeKalb County Airport (GWB). Kids will be flying from 9:00-1:00, weather permitting.

**Thursday, May 14.** Join us for the May Chapter 2 gathering. We will hold our annual summer cookout at the VAA 37 hangar at the DeKalb Co. Airport this year. The chapter will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side to share. The festivities start at 6:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Saturday, May 16.** Young Eagles Rally for VAA 37, at the DeKalb County Airport (GWB). Kids will be flying from 9:00-1:00, weather permitting.

**Thursday, June 11.** Join us for the May Chapter 2 gathering, at the Dekalb County Airport, 7:00.

## 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](http://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!

Young Eagle Rallies start this Saturday at the Auburn DeKalb Executive Airport! We'll be based at the Vintage 37 hangar. Flying starts at 9:00; come early to help set up. Let Laramie know if you are available to help.

- 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)

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