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President's Corner

Are You Flying a Safe Landing Pattern?

The base-to-final turn is one of the most critical and potentially dangerous phases of flight. Your aircraft is low, slow, and configured for landing. Mistakes in this turn leave very little altitude or time for recovery and can set up the classic aerodynamic trap for a cross-control stall, which frequently results in an unrecoverable spin at low altitude.

Overshooting the Centerline: If you find yourself off of the centerline and must bank more than 30° to re-center, immediately execute a go-around.

Skidding the Turn: The natural, however dangerous action when a pilot overshoots, is to use inside rudder to line up with the runway. This is when you become cross-controlled, and you have inadvertently increased your aircraft's stall speed. Always keep the ball centered in the turn coordinator.

Flying Too Low: Visual illusions, such as a wide runway, can trick a pilot into flying a low approach path, maintain the standard 3° glide path.

According to NTSB data, **41% of all stall/spin accidents result in fatalities.**

Fly safe, keep the ball centered, and always be ready to execute a prompt go-around if the turn does not look perfectly lined up.

Stay safe, and fly frequently

Paul Camp, President, EAA Chapter 2

Coming Events:

Thursday, September 10. Join us for the September Chapter 2 gathering, at the Geiger family hangar at Huntington Municipal Airport. Note the earlier start time at 6:00.

Saturday, September 12. Young Eagles Rally at Smith Field (SMD). Kids 8-17 will fly free from 9:00-12:00, weather permitting.

Saturday, September 19. Young Eagles Rally at Kendalville Municipal Airport (C62). Kids 8-17 will fly free from 9:00-12:00, weather permitting.

Saturday, September 26. Young Eagles Rally at Portland (IN) Municipal Airport (PLD). Kids 8-17 will fly free from 9:00-12:00, weather permitting.

Thursday, October 8. Gathering at the Lucky Turtle / Lucky Moose restaurant, celebrating EAA 2's 70th anniversary. 6:00 pm. RSVP is required.

Saturday, October 10. EAA Chapter 2's annual fly-in/drive-in chili lunch, served with all the fixings. Free will donation. Join as for a great lunch at Historic Smith Field! 11:00 am.

YOUTH AVIATION TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP!

Details on page 3.



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The Geiger's welcomes EAA Chapter 2

DRIVING: Use your phone's maps program to navigate to the Huntington Municipal Airport. From there, follow the purple arrows on this map.

Since you will be driving onto aircraft taxiways be sure to yield to any aircraft. A limited amount of parking will be in the grassy area across from our hangar #206E and overflow will be at the FBO parking lot.

FLYING: HHG runway 10/28 is 5000 feet long. Altitude 806; AWOS 126.575; CTAF 122.8 (same as SMD).

Once on the ground just follow the red lines on this map to the taxiway "E" or the fourth east-west taxi north of the runway. If the weather is nice our SONEX and my HUMMELBIRD will be setting out in front of the hangar (206E).

There should be at least four places to park your plane at unused hangar ramps as indicated by the white airplanes on the map. If you do not have your tow bar with you to back your plane into place you can park down at the FBO.



2027 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:

David Resler
4719 S. 300 E
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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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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 2 YOUTH AVIATION TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

*Applications being accepted September 1,
2026 through October 1, 2026*

EAA Chapter 2 has established a Youth Pilot Training Scholarship fund to encourage and assist young people in the pursuit of their pilot rating goals. Funds for this scholarship come from various Chapter fund raisers, generous donations from individuals and estates, and other organizations, but not from membership dues. Successful candidates may be awarded up to one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), depending upon available funds and the number of scholarships granted.

Eligibility and Conditions

Candidates shall be selected without regard to race, gender, religious beliefs or country of origin based upon the following criteria. The candidate must:

- be a youth or young adult up through age 21 at the time of the application;
- be a member of EAA Chapter 2 and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc.;
- be an active participant in EAA Chapter 2 activities;
- have demonstrated academic achievement compatible with successful aviation skills.
- have begun pilot training and achieved at least the level of student pilot and soloed.
- have demonstrated an interest and intent in obtaining a pilot certificate, advanced rating or endorsement. “Pinch hitter” training shall not qualify for the scholarship.

Disbursement of funds shall be made to the awardee in increments of \$250 with verification of expenses by submitting copies of paid receipts and logbook entries.

To Apply

To request an application contact President Paul Camp at 260-416-1991 or president@eaa2.org, or Secretary Laramie Resler at 260-402-3478 or secretary@eaa2.org. Applications will only be accepted during the posting period as advertised in the EAA Chapter 2 newsletter and website. The current application period runs from September 1, 2026 through October 1, 2026.

Applications with all supporting materials must be received no later than October 1, 2026, by delivering in person to a chapter officer or by mail at:

EAA Chapter 2
429 E. Dupont Rd. #183
Fort Wayne, IN 46825



Past Youth Scholarship recipients, pictured together in 2025.

(L) Rayni Rister is pursuing an aviation degree at Ohio University. (C) Petty Officer 3rd Class Finn Freeman is a member of the US Coast Guard and currently studying in VA. He will be stationed in Mississippi after he completes his schooling. (R) Emma Coville earned her private pilot’s certificate in 2024 and is currently working on her instrument rating.

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YOUNG EAGLES 2026!

Our Young Eagles season is winding down. We have three more rallies. We'll be at Smith Field on September 12, at Kendallville on September 19 and at Portland on September 26. We're hoping for a good weather pattern for the next few weeks so we can fly at all three rallies. If anyone can help at any of these rallies, please let me know.

We had a successful make-up rally last Saturday at DeKalb County, flying 47 kids.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagles Coordinators

Coming 2026 Events

- September 12—Smith Field (SMD)
- September 19—Kendallville (C62)
- September 26—Portland (PLD)

August 29 YE Rally at DeKalb County



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