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President's Corner

Last month, I touched briefly on the importance and dangers of setting up for a stable landing approach. But how do we prepare our first-time passengers for the flight to view the Fall changing of colors and ease their first experience in a smaller aircraft? So let's look at some Myths pilots frequently hear.

Myth: Are our 'light Aircraft' as safe as larger aircraft?

- All aircraft, big and small, are held to a high safety standard and must undergo an annual inspection by a trained professional.

Myth: Are pilots flying small aircraft as well-trained as those flying commercial jets?

- All pilots have to meet exact FAA requirements for their specific license rating.

Myth: Is it scary looking out of the front of the airplane?

- The co-pilot seat is the best seat in the aircraft, providing an unobstructed forward and side view.

Myth: Are small planes limited to their destinations?

- Small aircraft actually have more destination options because of the larger number of airports available to them.

There are many myths, and I have only commented on a few that I have heard being asked frequently.

Remember that your first-time passenger is nervous and not aware of just what to expect. Let's make their experience a memorable one.

Fly safe, keep the ball centered, and enjoy the cooler Fall weather.

Paul Camp, President, EAA Chapter 2

Coming Events:

Thursday, October 8. Join us for the October Chapter 2 gathering as we celebrate our 70th anniversary! We will be having dinner at the Lucky Turtle / Lucky Moose restaurant. RSVP is required. Dinner starts at 6:00.

622 E Dupont Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

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.

Chili Fly-in Dessert Donations

We once again call upon you, our volunteers, to help provide dessert. Pies, brownies, cookies – anything made with love is gratefully accepted. If you would like to contribute a dessert to the chili lunch on Saturday, October 10, please email Emma Coville at emmacoville03@gmail.com.

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

Fly-In sponsored by the Indiana Seaplane Association. This event is held every September at Pokagon State Park.



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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:

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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!

Thank you to all who helped with any Young Eagles Rally this year. David and I cannot do it without your help.

Here is a summary of the 2026 rallies:

- We held one rally at ANQ and flew 77 kids.
- We held one rally at CQA for a homeschool group and flew 56 kids.
- We held two rallies at SMD and flew 55 in August after a low ceiling delay. At the one in September, we flew 72 kids.
- We held one rally at C62 and canceled it due to rain.
- We held one rally at PLD and flew 32 kids after a fog delay.

Many of you helped with our rallies at GWB.
We flew 206 kids at those rallies.

David and I are already thinking about rallies for 2027. The rally dates should be on the website by March 2027.

If you have never helped with or attended a Young Eagles, consider helping next year.

David and Laramie Resler

Young Eagles Coordinators

September 12 YE Rally at Smith Field



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