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President's Corner

What can I say about July other than OSHKOSH!

I am so sorry if you did not get there to see the world's greatest collection of aircraft, products, speakers, workshops, demonstrations, aviation movies, history, and aerobatic and musical performers in one place. The week had near perfect weather after a pre-convention blast that cleared out the light and loose equipment, boosting the local economy's tent sales. It was a near perfect week for safety as well. And it was a great time for social gatherings with friends and new acquaintances. At the Young Eagles Banquet on Wednesday evening, we had 3 or 4 tables (around 35 people) representing EAA Chapter 2/VAA 37. On Friday about 30 people turned out for the Chapter 2/37 dinner at Tall Pines. It was great to see so much of our Northeast Indiana aviation community on field!

Long ago I gave up camping on the hard ground... except for AirVenture Oshkosh. Something is not quite so hard about the ground when sleeping among 10,000 airplanes. This was my twenty-seventh flight into AirVenture; every time with a sleeping bag and a tent pitched within a few feet of my airplane. This was the sixth time there in my RV6A; camping in the Homebuilt Camping area. This year, the Homebuilt Camping area evolved into somewhat of a community; more like you might expect in the warbirds or down some rows of Camp Scholler. We had private, hot showers that stayed on... not hand-held; a flush restroom, a gazillion charging outlets, three gas grills,

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Next Meeting

August 14th — 7pm

Jim Stark's RV-12 project

9841 N750 East, Ossian, IN

(See page 7 for full details and driving directions.)



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gallons of fresh coffee every morning, and an event tent with twelve picnic tables. People had a place to hang out; out of the wind or sun, as needed, to cook and share a meal, sip coffee, plan their day, or exchange stories with other pilots. It was a real homebuilder's community—much needed and very appreciated by this builder. I hope AirVenture 2016 will be your destination next year. Even as big as it has gotten, there are places where you will find your own community.

Back home now, in our local Chapter community, come out to Smith Field on the morning of August 8th to assist with the Young Eagles Rally as a pilot or ground crew. On August 14th, we meet at 7pm at Jim Stark's house to see an RV-12 under construction. (See directions on page 6). Volunteer to help on August 15th, for the Boy Scout Merit badge day at Smith Field. As summer quickly slips away, we will have project visits to look forward to in September, October, and November.

Safe and happy flying! 

Mark Beck

THANK YOU (Again) STARBASE PRESENTERS!!

Just as we did in June, several of our members and Young Eagles did two one-hour presentations on July 16th for the STARBASE summer camp kids in grades 5, 6, and 7. The campers had a wonderful time with hands-on learning about the Forces of Flight and the Young Eagles program; and just as before, I think we had as much fun as the campers did! Thanks to Ryan Waggoner, Garrett Martin, Chloe Rapely, Bob Schmelz, and Dutch Rapely for joining me in passing forward our passion for flight!

Calendar of Events 2015

August 8th ★ 9am - 1pm

Young Eagles Flights Smith Field



Volunteers needed as pilots and ground crew.

August 9th ★ 8am



Husted pancake fly-in drive-in
Hicksville, OH

August 14th ★ 7pm Chapter Meeting

Jim Stark's RV-12 project

9841 N 750 East, Ossian, IN

August 15th ★ Boy Scout Merit Badge Day

Smith Field—Volunteers needed.

youngeagles@eaa2.org - 260-402-6764

September 11th ★ 7pm Chapter Meeting

Mike Hathaway's Wag Aero

Cuby Sport Trainer project.

September 12th ★ 9am - 1pm

Young Eagles Flights Smith Field



Volunteers needed as pilots and ground crew.

October 9th ★ 7pm Chapter Meeting

Archie James' workshop

Kitfox construction

October 10th ★ 11am - 2pm

Chili Fly-in/Drive-in - Smith Field.

November 13th ★ 7pm Chapter Meeting

Larry Zepp's hangar @DeKalb County Airport

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EAA2 Young Eagles

I hope all who went to AirVenture had a good time. There were many exciting and interesting things to see and do there. Chapters EAA2 and VAA37 were well represented at the Young Eagles dinner on Wednesday evening with about 40 members attending.

We have a couple busy months ahead of us. In August, we have three rallies. August 8 is our rally at SMD, August 15th is the Boy Scout Merit badge event at SMD, and August 22nd is VAA37 rally at the GWB open house. We need to know at which one/ones of the rallies that you will be able to help. Please contact us at youngeagles@eaa2.org or call 260-402-6764 to let us know if you can help.

In September, we have a rally at SMD on September 12th and a rally at VNW on September 19th. Again, let us know if you can help at either of those rallies.

We appreciate all the support that all of you give to the Young Eagles program.

Our next Rally is Aug. 8th. Let us know if you will be helping at that Rally. You can call (260) 402-6764 or email youngeagles@eaa2.org.

David and Laramie Resler

Young Eagle Coordinators



Who's Who in Chapter 2?

David Resler

Are you a licensed pilot?

Yes, I earned my private SEL certificate in 1977.

When did you start flying?

I started flight lessons in 1973. Due to my work schedule at that time, I was not able to fly as much as I wanted to and it took longer than I intended.

What do you currently fly?

1973 Piper Cherokee Challenger 180

What is your interest in aviation?

Mostly Young Eagles and Eagle Flights. I enjoy taking others flying and sharing my knowledge of flying with others. I don't like having an empty seat when I fly so I try to fill it whenever possible.

What are you building /dreaming of building?

I purchased a Quad-City Challenger kit several years ago and plan to build it someday, maybe when I retire. My wife told me that I had to purchase one with two seats because she wanted to fly with me. I would like to put skis on it so I can fly from my private grass strip in the winter.

How long have you been a member of Chapter 2?

I have been a member of EAA and EAA2 for about 15 years. I am also member VAA and VAA37.

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Most Memorable Ride — AirVenture 2015

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Chapter offices held:

Laramie and I have been Young Eagles Coordinators for EAA2 since 2005. We are also Young Eagles Coordinator for VAA37.

What is your favorite thing about Chapter 2?

I like many things about EAA2 such as meetings where we learn more about aviation, getting together with other EAA members, and Young Eagle Rallies.

Who introduced you to aviation?

Morris Hackworth introduced me to aviation. He was one of my high school teachers and my flight instructor.

Trips to Oshkosh

We flew Steve Overy to Air Academy in 2005. We have gone to Airventure every year since 2000 where we volunteer at Tall Pines Café. Vintage started Tall Pines several years ago to serve breakfast to those camping at the South end of the airport. I've cooked a lot of scrambled eggs there. This year we will serve as Co-Chairs of Tall Pines. We also volunteer at the Pathways Pavilion where we talk with visitors about Young Eagles and Eagle Flights.

What is your favorite airplane?

I really like our Piper Cherokee because it handles so well and I like the F-22 Raptor because it is fast and loud.

Who is your dream co-pilot?

My dream pilot is not a dream, she is my wife who has her private SEL certificate. I'm grateful to have someone help plan the flight and be able to fly the plane too.

What is your most memorable flying experience (as pilot or passenger)?

My most memorable flight was in the Goodyear Airship, Wingfoot One, at OSH this year. It's Goodyear's newest airship which was commissioned this past spring. The best way to see how big AirVenture really is, is from the air. My second most memorable flight was with Jack Lindsay in his RV-8A. He showed me how to do some aerobatic flying, then let me do it.

What is your occupation?

I am a Maintenance Technician for Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company and have been there 21 years. I've engineered many projects at work to build or modify equipment to make our job more efficient. I designed and built 14 foot chandeliers for two of the entrances. One of my more exciting duties is to repel from the roof of the three story building and wash windows. ✈

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST WRAP-UP

On Saturday morning, July 11th, under beautiful skies and mild weather, we served over 220 people. About 50 interesting cars and 23 or more planes made appearances around historic Hangar 2. After expenses we raised \$600.00 for scholarships, but more importantly, we shared our joy of aviation and our common interests in our automotive past with the wider community. ([Check out the photos on Facebook](#))

Thank you to all who helped with the Pancake Breakfast. About a dozen members came out Friday evening, July 10, to help set up. Special thanks goes to David DeWald for coordinating supplies, set-up, and arrangements with IHOP. Thanks also goes to David and Laramie Resler and David DeWald for blowing out Hangar 2 prior to set up. That was a pleasant surprise to all who showed up with brooms.

I especially want to thank Paul, Robin, and Kathleen Simunek (and Craig Swanson for filling in) for their dedicated, meticulous service at the cash box. Thanks to Geoff for the use of the trailer and to the Hoosier Air Museum for the use of the grills. Thanks to Les Zehr for a great job distributing our flyers to the car club people because we had a great turn out from them. Also, I really appreciated the assistance from my hangar

neighbor, Karl Utterback, for helping me load and transport the grills on Friday and Saturday.

Friday evening, Kevin Stahl and Mark Beck participated in the ride hop after the set-up; giving rides to about 8 members. Several members went out to eat afterward. A **THANK YOU** has been sent to IHOP manager Mike Ringley and staff, for their friendly, courteous, efficient service, and for making a contribution to the Young Eagles Air Academy scholarship funds. If you go to the IHOP on Washington Ctr. at Lima, tell them THANKS! ✈



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Volunteers Needed at Maker Faire

Chapter 2 will again be introducing the public to Sport aviation, Young Eagles, and metalworking at the Maker Faire. We need chapter members and Aviation Explorers to help us at our table.

- Saturday, 8/8/15 (10am—6pm)
- Sunday, 8/9/15 (10am—6pm)

Coordinate your availability with Larry Zepp at 260-348-0336.

Next Meeting

Our next Chapter 2 meeting is Friday, August 14 at 7:00PM at Jim Stark’s house, 9841 N750 East, Ossian, IN. Jim and his son Ryan will be showing Jim’s RV-12 construction. This Light Sport from Van’s Aircraft has some amazing features you will want to check out.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Fort Wayne, drive south on Indiana HWY 1 to Ossian. Turn left at the Ossian Furniture Store on Davis Road which becomes 1000N. Take that 4-1/2 miles east to the 2nd stop sign. Turn right on 750E. It is the first house on the left, a large blue 2-story farm house.

Young Eagles Features Steve Overy

Ten years ago, Dave Resler flew 14 year old Steve Overy to AirVenture 2005. This year at AirVenture, Steve’s story appeared in the Young Eagles Yearbook. Originating from of Auburn, IN, Steve Overy, EAA 1094585, was one of those kids who always played with or built airplanes. In 2002 his parents purchased an introductory airplane ride for his 11th birthday and when his mother read in the newspaper about a Young Eagles rally in 2003, she drove him to the airport for the free flight.

“I didn’t understand then that people were volunteering for the program, spending their time and money to fly Young Eagles,” he said. “But I was 100 percent certain after that flight that I was going to be a pilot.”

Steve started flying lessons at 17 and earned his helicopter and commercial helicopter certificates at 18. He followed that up with his commercial pilot, instrument, and certified flight instructor ratings at 19.

He spent a few years working as a personal pilot or flight instructor, but wanting to be his own boss, at 21, Steve started his own company, Paratus Air LLC, which today is the largest helicopter touring company in northern Ohio. His company’s most popular tours fly regularly around Put-in-Bay and Port Clinton, Ohio.

While he enjoys all types of flying and has logged several thousand hours of flight time in both helicopters and airplanes, he most often flies a Robinson R44 helicopter. ✈



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Selected Fly-in Events Around Fort Wayne, IN



Updated July 28, 2015 by Craig Brown—Not responsible for errors. Verify event before departure.

Date	What	Where	Airport	Source	Contact	Nm fr SMD
8/1/15	Annual Popular Rotorcraft Association Breakfast	Mentone, IN	C92	flyins.com	Brent Drake, 317-364-0289	41.2
8/7/15	Fly-in lunch	Goshen, IN	GSH	FBO	Goshen FBO, 574-533-8245	37.0
8/8/15	Richmond EAA 373 pancake breakfast	Richmond, IN	RID	flyins.com	Ben Bryan, 765-993-3944	84.4
8/8/15	Indiana Wing Commemorative Air Force pancake breakfast	Sheridan, IN	514	flyins.com AOPA.org	Dennis Schell, 317-296-4223 www.indianawingcaf.org	75.5
8/8/15	Flying Heritage Festival - breakfast, lunch, dinner	Moraine, OH	I73	EAA.org	James Gallagher, 937-866-2489	97.1
8/9/15	La Porte Aero Club Pancake Breakfast	La Porte, IN	PPO	flyins.com AOPA.org	Neil Straub, 219-363-7417	76.0
8/9/15	South Haven, MI Fly-In Breakfast	South Haven, MI	LWA	Mich DOT	Dave Johnson, southhavenairport@gmail.com	87.8
8/15/15	Dawn Patrol at Newman's Field	Kalamazoo, MI	4N0	flyins.com Mich DOT	Mike Lutke, 269-207-6609	73.8
8/15/15	Annual Taildragger Rendezvous, lunch	Indianapolis, IN Post Air Airport	7L8	AOPA.org EAA.org	Steve Delaplane, 317-581-1142	92.4
8/15/15	Mason Aviation Day all-u-can-eat pancake breakfast	Mason, MI	TEW	AOPA.org EAA.org Mich DOT	Steve Houghton, 517-290-7528, www.eaa55.org	91.4
8/22/15 8/23/15	MERFI Mid Eastern Regional Flyin	Urbana, OH	I74	AOPA.org	Rick Fademacher, 937-653-7257 merfiurbana.com	87.9
8/22/15	EAA Chapter 67 Pancake Breakfast Fly In/Drive In	Noblesville, IN	I80	AOPA.org EAA.org	Brian Crull, 317-201-6822, www.eaa67.org	77.8
8/23/15	Mizpah Shrine Fly-In Breakfast	Fort Wayne, IN	FWA	flyins.com	Dale R Dolby, 260 414-2805	10.1
8/29/15	Thunder over Michigan airshow, featuring Blue Angles	Ypsilanti, MI	YIP	AOPA.org	Kevin Walsh, 743-483-4303 yankeeairmuseum.org	98.0
8/29/15	5th Annual Flyin and 50th Tri State Antique Tractor and Engine Show	Portland, IN	PLD	AOPA.org	Hal Tavzel, 260-729-1577	42.2



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