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EAA VINTAGE CHAPTER 37

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2011 Banquet at St. James Review

Our VAA Chapter 37 Banquet was held on Saturday, March 19th at the St. James Inn. The night began upstairs in the banquet room at 6pm with "Happy Hour" and a cash bar. Dinner began at 7pm. The meal consisted of North Atlantic Cod, Ribeye, or Broasted Chicken, all of which were very delicious dishes! All dinners were served with baked potato, salads, and fresh baked bread. Bean or chicken noodle soup was also available. Many members were recognized for their contributions to the chapter within the past year.



Congratulations to Brad Hartz, Drew Hoffman, and David Resler! Brad Hartz and David Resler started flying Young Eagles in 2005. Brad had a total of 106 at the end of 2010 and David's total was 338. Drew Hoffman started flying Young Eagles in 1992 and at the end of 2010 had a total of 315. They each received a plaque in recognition of their accomplishment. Also, VAA 37 congratulates the many others receiving recognition, and also would like to thank all of the members for their continued support and all of the hard work they do! The annual event turned out to be an enjoyable evening of good food with good friends!



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President's Corner - Drew Hoffman

At the time you read this, the calendar shows that it's spring, but it sure doesn't seem like it outside. Hopefully, the nice, warm, sunny days are just around the corner. Speaking of spring, if you haven't heard, a tornado slammed through the Lakeland Airfield during Sun-N-Fun 2011. Fortunately, the report states that no one was seriously injured. Unfortunately, there were scores of aircraft damaged or destroyed and as of this writing



none of our local members in attendance suffered any damage or injury. Please reserve your thoughts and prayers for those who were not so lucky. Remember, next month on May 7th is Young Eagles and the Tropria Fly-In/Drive-In Cookout on May 29th. Also, don't forget the B-17

arrival on Labor Day in September. Let's try to have each member sign up somebody to purchase a seat on a flight! If we can do this, we will have a very successful visit. Let's get our flying machines some exercise when the weather breaks for real!

EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" B-17 to Make Stop at KGWB

This September 6th and 7th, the Experimental Aircraft Association's own "Aluminum Overcast" B-17 Bomber will be making a stop at DeKalb County Airport. The EAA will be offering historic flight experiences in its beautifully restored B-17G Flying Fortress "Aluminum Overcast." This aircraft is an example of the American heavy bomber that helped turn the tide of battle in World War II. Fly a mission back in time and feel the might of this magnificent aircraft, just as those brave young men did more than 60 years ago. If you have any questions regarding the visit, please contact Tim Fox. Make sure you talk to all of your friends and family to promote this tour stop at our very own airport!

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Attend an Upcoming EAA Webinar

EAA has recently added several new webinars - web-based seminars - on a host of subjects ranging from homebuilding to new aircraft offerings, medical issues, and AirVenture 2011 updates. All you need to participate is a computer and an Internet connection (broadband recommended). Here are the topics that will be covered in the coming weeks:

April 13th, 2011: "Reduce Stress! Tips for Planning a Successful Young Eagles Event" with Michelle Kunes

April 14th, 2011: "AirVenture 2011 Update" with Adam Smith

May 11th, 2011: "AirVenture 2011 Update" with Adam Smith

All webinars begin at 8 p.m. EST, and space is limited so sign up today at the EAA's website! See the complete list of upcoming webinars at "oshkosh365.org".

Chapter Members Attend kFWA Tower Tour

Many VAA 37 members participated on a tour of the control tower at Fort Wayne International Airport (kFWA) on Saturday, March 12th. Due to the large amount of interest in the event, two tours were held. Explanations were given on the operation of the tower, including a demonstration of a radar simulation program. Attendees were able to view the main control room (at the top), where we saw controllers in action, and the various equipment they use on a daily basis. Also, those on the tour were able to enter the radar room, which is



located at the base. Contained in this room was the TRACON system, which is a network of radars that is used to control aircraft. Although their current technology in use was said to be outdated, it is still doing its job and is quite reliable. The kFWA Control Tower tour was a very exciting and educational event and was a very neat experience!

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Memorial Day Fly-In/Drive-In at Troproia

On Sunday, May 29th, there will be a VAA Chapter 37 fly-in hosted by Drew and Nancy Hoffman. The annual fly-in /drive-in will take place at their home airport, also known as "Troproia." Guests may start arriving at about noon for an afternoon of food, flying, and friends. The main meal will start around mid-afternoon (3 or 4ish.) This event is a carry-in potluck, and the chapter will provide the main course (burgers, hotdogs, and brats) along with soft drinks. Everyone should bring a side dish, such as salads, desserts, and other sides, to share. Please contact Drew or Nancy at 260-693-9747 to coordinate what you will be bringing. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Drew Hoffman at 260-693-9747.

Much Accomplished at First VAA Work Weekend of 2011

Vintage volunteers who trekked to Oshkosh in early April had their hands full helping with several projects that need to be completed before AirVenture in late July. 32 VAA volunteers (totaling 614 man/woman hours), many from Chapter 37, took part in various activities. Some tackled



updating the wiring in the Red Barn. In the VAA Hanger, construction was completed on a sound proof room in the S/W corner of the hangar. Another project consisted of building a replica



1920's era Air Mail Shack. The food was great, so a big



"thank-you" to everyone who helped prepare it! Paul Poberezny joined us for supper on Saturday, where he praised the VAA and the quality and speed of its

volunteers' work. We got a great start on this year's projects, and look forward to continuing work in the next couple of months!

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Upcoming Events

April 28th: VAA 37 Chapter Meeting @ Clubhouse - 7:00pm

May 7th: VAA 37 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kGWB

May 13th - 15th: VAA Work Weekend at OSH

May 14th: EAA 2 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kSMD

May 21st: Learn to Fly Day (sponsored by Kevin Stahl) @ kSMD

May 29th: Memorial Day Fly-In/Drive-In @ Tropria

June 4th: VAA 37 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kGWB

June 10th - 12th: VAA Work Weekend at OSH

June 11th: EAA 2 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kSMD

July 9th: EAA 2 Pancake Breakfast @ kSMD

July 16th: kGWB Open House and VAA 37 Young Eagles Flight Rally

July 25th-31st: EAA AirVenture at OSH

August 13th: EAA 2 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kSMD

August 20th: EAA 2 Young Eagles Flight Rally (Boy Scouts) @ kSMD

September 6th/7th: kGWB to host EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" B-17

September 10th: EAA 2 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kSMD

October 1st: VAA 37 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kGWB

October 15th: EAA 2 Chili Lunch (11a-2p) @ kSMD



Interested in what's going on in EAA Chapter 2?

Check out the link to their current newsletter!

<http://www.eaa2.org/04-2011.pdf>

**VAA 37 is now on
facebook**

More Upcoming Events!

April 15th: Movie Night @ GWB
Hangar Clubhouse - Open at 6:00p,
Movie starts promptly at 7:15p

April 28th: Chapter Meeting @ GWB
Hangar Clubhouse - 7:00p

It's time to renew your VAA Chapter 37 membership! Our chapter is growing by leaps and bounds!

\$24 Individual, \$36 Family, \$5 Youth

You can renew by mailing a check payable to EAA Vintage Chapter 37 to the following address:

Mr. Geoff Robison
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Or give cash to Geoff next time you see him!

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