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## EAA VINTAGE CHAPTER 37

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### *Plan to attend the 2010 Holiday "Get Together"*

Make plans now to attend the 2010 VAA Chapter 37 Holiday "Get Together". This year it will be a "potluck" held at the GWD hangar clubhouse and take place on December 11th. Cocktails and "hangar flying" will begin at 5:00 PM with dinner following at 7:00 PM. The Chapter will provide the ham, coffee and soft drinks with Chapter members bringing their favorite side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet for side-dishes and desserts will be available at the November Chapter meeting, or call Nancy Hoffman at 260-693-9747 with your selection. The Chapter will also begin collecting 2011 dues at that time.



### *November Chapter Meeting*

Please note that the next Chapter meeting will be held at the GWD hangar clubhouse on November 18<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. This will allow everyone time with their friends and families during the holiday. Besides the normal business meeting, plans for the Christmas Banquet will be discussed and sign up sheets for side dishes will be available. Charlie Waterhouse will have a short presentation on his B17 "Aluminium Overcast" Flying adventure that occurred in September.



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## 2010 Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet

This annual event recognizes the anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight in 1903. It will be held at the AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh on December 17th. This year the main speaker will be Colonel Joe Kittinger, USAF Retired. In 1960 Colonel Kittinger set three world records: the highest parachute jump (102,800 feet), the longest parachute free fall (4 minutes, 36 seconds), and the first person to break the sound barrier without the aid of an aircraft or space vehicle (714 mph during free fall).



In 1984, Kittinger set a world record for the longest distance flown in a 3,000 cubic meter helium balloon. This first solo transatlantic flight from Maine to Italy covered 3,543 miles in 86 hours.

Colonel Kittinger received the Distinguished Flying Cross on five occasions: two for his balloon experiments, and three for his combat tours in Southeast Asia. During his last combat tour as Commander of the 55<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, his aircraft was shot down and he was imprisoned in a North Vietnamese POW camp.

If you are planning on attending the banquet, please contact Geoff Robison by December 5th via his e-Mail ([chief7025@aol.com](mailto:chief7025@aol.com)) to order your tickets. Tickets are \$35 per seat. Geoff has reserved two tables for our group and will need to turn in your dinner reservation for these tables. Menu options this year are: Champagne Chicken, Hand Rubbed Slow Roast Prime Rib, and Marinated Grilled Vegetable Wellington. When making local hotel reservations, be sure to ask for the EAA rate (Geoff can provide details on participating hotels).



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## *Attend an Upcoming EAA Webinar*

*EAA has added several new webinars - web-based seminars - on a host of subjects ranging from homebuilding to new aircraft offerings, medical issues, and AirVenture 2010 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:*

*November 16<sup>th</sup>: "AeroVee Engine and AeroInjector: Sport Pilot Power" with Jeremy Monnett*

*December 2<sup>nd</sup> : Owning and Flying a Homebuilt-What You Need to Know with Joe Norris*

*December 7<sup>th</sup>: Earn You're A+P Certificate Through Practical Experience with Jim Moss*

*December 16<sup>th</sup> : Flight Before the Wright Brothers with Adam Smith*

*All webinars begin at 7 p.m. CDT, and space is limited so sign up today at the EAA's website! See the complete list of upcoming webinars at "[oshkosh365.org](http://oshkosh365.org)".*



### **Upcoming Events!**

*November 18th: Chapter Meeting @ GWB*

*November 19th: Movie Night @ GWB*

*December 3rd: Movie Night @ GWB*

*December 11th: Christmas Banquet @  
GWB Hangar Clubhouse*

*December 17th : Movie Night @ GWB*

*December 17th : Wright Brothers Memorial  
Banquet @ AirVenture Museum;  
Oshkosh, WI*

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  
1521 E. MacGregor Dr.  
New Haven, IN 46774

Or give cash to Geoff next time you see him!

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## *AirVenture 2010 DVD is Shipping This Week*

*The AirVenture 2010 DVD has now arrived at the EAA offices in Oshkosh, Wisconsin is being shipped to all who placed advance orders during last summer's fly-in. The DVD includes highlights of the event such as the Salute to Veterans, DC-3 reunion, night air show, and other unforgettable moments.*



## *Canadian Aircraft Confirm for AirVenture 2011*

*Adam Smith has indicated that Vintage Wings Canada has confirmed a number of aircraft for next year's AirVenture event, including some rarely seen in the United States. Aviation and warbird enthusiasts will be very excited about the presence of these aircraft at the annual fly-in. Among the aircraft expected at Oshkosh next July are trainers such as the Tiger Moth, Harvard, Fleet Finch and Cornell, in addition to a newly restored Westland Lysander and a Fairey Swordfish. The Swordfish is best known as the aircraft that brought down the famed German battleship Bismarck during WWII.*

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