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## EAA VINTAGE CHAPTER 37

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### B-17 "Aluminium Overcast" Tour Stop at KGWB Successful

EAA's "Aluminium Overcast" visited KGWB on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Historic flight experiences in its beautifully restored B-17G were offered. A WWII military "Jeep" from the WWII Victory Museum in Auburn was on site for use during the event, as well as



a WWII-era bomb-loading truck. Also, a WWII "traveling" display was on-site and "manned" by the Angola American Legion Post 31 was available to the public. We had the honor of hosting several veterans in our clubhouse for a luncheon on the 5<sup>th</sup>, where displays of their uniforms, awards, and other personal military items were available for viewing. State Representative Dave Yarde

gave a brief presentation where he presented the veterans with awards from the state of Indiana.

Although a press flight was not flown due to weather, the afternoon was very eventful. Chapter members did very well selling seats for the flights and spreading the word about the visit. We had a total of 38 paid flights and 4 raffle flights.



Also, over 30 flight jackets were sold. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the Auburn B-17 tour stop again extremely successful.



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### **President's Corner - Drew Hoffman**

Summer's officially over. Fall has begun to roll in with its nasty, unpredictable weather. The recent rainy days have not been suitable for flying, but hopefully we will have some good weather before the real cold sets in! There are still many more events to come this fall season. Be sure to check out the upcoming events list later in this newsletter and also continue to check the website for updates. The annual Husted Fly-In/Drive-In Fall Cookout in Hicksville, OH is coming up on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, VAA 37 will be holding a chili lunch get-together on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to mark the other



events down on your calendars as well! I'm very proud of all the effort our chapter members put into making the B-17 tour stop turn out fantastically! Although the weather wasn't great for the visit, we made the best of it and successfully carried out the event. Our final Young Eagles Rally will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, keep in mind that chapter elections are coming up this year. Nomination forms may be picked up from me, Geoff, or Fritz. The forms will also be included in next month's newsletter. Hopefully we will get some good weather and enjoy the remainder of the flying season!

### **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:

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "All About Cylinders" with Mike Busch

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "Stall/Spin Awareness: How to Avoid the Base-to-Final Turn Accident" with Gordon Penner

**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011:** "The Super 18 by Dakota Club" with Amy Gesch

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 "[www.oshkosh365.org](http://www.oshkosh365.org)."

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## *August Meeting Re-Cap*

The August 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting was held at the home of Ballard and Mary Leins. Ballard gave a presentation about the home-built bi-plane that he constructed and how he got it back after so many years. Attendees learned of the airplane's exciting history and got to see the aircraft close-up. Thank you to Ballard and Mary for inviting us over for a chapter meeting again this year!



## *Upcoming Events*

*October 1<sup>st</sup>: VAA 37 Young Eagles Flight Rally @ kGWB*

*October 7<sup>th</sup>: Aviation Movie Night, 7:15p @ kGWB Clubhouse*

*October 8<sup>th</sup>: Husted Fly-In-Drive-In Fall Campfire/Cook-Out,  
Hicksville, OH, 12:00p-4:00p (419-542-8309)*

*October 8<sup>th</sup>: Young Eagles Event in Van Wert, OH, 9:00a-12:00p*

*October 15<sup>th</sup>: EAA 2 Chili Lunch (11a-2p) @ kSMD*

*October 21<sup>st</sup>: Aviation Movie Night, 7:15p @ kGWB Clubhouse*

*October 22<sup>nd</sup>: VAA 37 Work Party/Equipment Clean-Up, 9:00a-1:00p  
@ kGWB Clubhouse*

*October 23<sup>rd</sup>: VAA 37 Chili Lunch Get-Together @ kGWB Clubhouse,  
12:00p-?? @ kGWB Clubhouse*

*October 27<sup>th</sup>: VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, 7:00p @ kGWB Clubhouse*

*November 17<sup>th</sup>: VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, 7:00p @ kGWB Clubhouse*

*December 22<sup>nd</sup>: VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, 7:00p @ kGWB Clubhouse*

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## Air Academy Student Thank-You Letters

This past summer, EAA 2 and VAA 37 had the honor to sponsor two very fine young boys to attend EAA's Air Academy Summer Camp. It sounds like they had a very exciting time and learnt many new things! Below are their thank-you letters to our chapter and EAA 2. Be sure to ask them about their experience at Oshkosh next time you see them!



- Dear EAA chapter 2 and VAA chapter 37,

Thank you very much for the Young Eagles credits that helped me into camp. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to come to Oshkosh, WI. The air academy has been very fun. I flew in a helicopter and a cessna skycatcher and I did many cool activities. This academy is awesome and I really enjoyed it. I hope that maybe I will be able to come to the academy again and fly more aircraft. Thanks again for helping me get to camp and I promise I will continue to try becoming a pilot and coming to Oshkosh really helped me get more experience. Maybe next year I will be able to learn more in Oshkosh and fly more planes, and I recommend sending more people here to learn about aviation.

Sincerely,  
Christian Fox

## Air Academy Student Thank-You Letters (continued)

July 23, 2011



Dear EAA Chapter 2 and VAA Chapter 37,

Thank you all for sponsoring me so I could attend the Air Academy. This is my second time attending the academy and this experience was even better than the first. This was the advanced class so the courses and things we built were more complicated than the basic class. I learned a ton about aviation, weather, and constructing airplanes and I feel this information will greatly benefit me in the future.

We started the week off with a little exercise so we could get to know some of the other campers a little better. There are campers here from all around the world and its very cool to see how aviation can bring us together and make us a family for a week. For the rest of the week, we attended class and worked in the workshop. In the classroom we learned about weather, airplane design, airplane performance. In the workshop we worked with composites, built a wing rib, welded, worked with sheetmetal, and calculated the cg of an airplane.

All in all this camp was a great learning experience that I will never forget. This could not have been possible without the support from the EAA Chapter 2 and VAA Chapter 37, so thank you allowing me to attend the Air Academy.

Sincerely,

Joe Smith

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

*Check out the link to their current newsletter!*

<http://www.eaa2.org/09-2011.pdf>

**VAA 37 is now on  
facebook**

### **More Upcoming Events!**

October 7<sup>th</sup>: Movie Night @ GWB  
Hanger Clubhouse- Opens at 6:00p  
Movie starts promptly at 7:15p

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kGWB 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!

Charlie Waterhouse  
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