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President's Corner

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I'm writing this on Monday morning after Mother's Day and our second Young Eagles event. This is also the place where I usually make some crack about the weather. Currently, I've been watching a particularly nasty line of activity moving in from the north. For no apparent reason, the cell I was expecting to clobber my house diminished then reformed to the south of me. Huh. I'm no meteorologist but I do enjoy watching the weather and creating my own short range forecasts. After more than 50 years of yanking and banking with an unblemished record, I'm of a mind that I'm fairly decent at it.

Our first YE event was up here at Auburn and the turnout was light. The weather was beautiful but we've grown to expect a fairly light turnout due to circumstances other than the weather. The second event was this past Saturday at Smith and Laramie advised me they flew 35 kids. Not bad. I wasn't there because I was focused on weather patterns that had developed over the week prior to the event. There was a stationary front laying across central Indiana and it was going to stay there all week. The forecast was bad and deteriorating day over day. I was thoroughly convinced that this past Saturday was going to stink so badly, I didn't even bother prepping for the event. As it turned out, within 24 hours of show time, the forecast improved dramatically and was actually better than forecast that Saturday. Huh. All these years and Mother Nature still hands me my hat.

I guess the moral of the story is "expect the unexpected". Always. Hope for the best but prepare for the worst is still good advice but don't be surprised if Ma Nature tosses you a nugget now and then. After all, this was Mothers Day weekend.

Blue Skies, - Craig

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Near Term Events!

May 23, Wednesday Chapter Meeting!

Our May chapter meeting is next Wednesday, May 23, and features a field trip and tour at Airframe Components by Williams, Inc., near Kendallville.

The plan is that we will meet at our Hangar at GWB at 7pm sharp on Wednesday, and will then carpool/caravan to Airframe components.

The address for Airframe Components is 9838 N 1100 E, Kendallville, IN, 46755.

If you get lost, don't call Drew at 260-515-3525, he may be lost too!

May 26, Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar!

Our Saturday Pancake Breakfasts at the Hangar are doing very well. Thank you for your support! Spread the word and invite some friends!

We are now on our new summer schedule from 7-11am. Come on out for a good breakfast Saturday, May 26.

Cancelled!

May 27, Memorial Day Sunday Cookout at the Hangar!

We are cancelling our annual Memorial Day Sunday Cookout at the Clubhouse. Many of our leadership and support personnel who make this event a success will be out of town on Memorial Weekend so for logistical reasons we are cancelling for this year.

June 2, Saturday Fly-Out to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo!

Save the date and plan to join the VAA 37 fly-out/drive-out to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo on Saturday, June 2. Our Weather Guru Emeritus Craig Bartscht is consulting his sources and analyzing the developing weather patterns and is predicting good flying conditions!

P.S. Sunday could be a rain date. Stay tuned, more details to follow...

June 16, Our next Young Eagles Rally at GWB,

We had good weather for our first 2018 Young Eagle Rally at GWB on May 5. There were 18 ground volunteers and six pilots. We flew 25 kids. It was a good start to our YE season.

Our next rally at GWB is June 16. Let us know if you can help either by email at youngeagles@eaa2.org or text to 260-402-3478. Be sure to leave your name in the text in case I don't have your phone number stored in my phone. Thanks for your support!

June 29-Jul 1, OSH Vintage Work Weekends

Our remaining Vintage work weekends at OSH are scheduled as shown below:

May 18-20, Jun 29-Jul 1

If you can participate, email Mike at michael846@aol.com or text or voice to 260-433-5101.

Upcoming Events

May 18-20- OSH Vintage work weekend

May 23- VAA 37 Field Trip to Williams Airmotive, meet at GWB 7:00p

May 26 - Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A, kGWB, 7 to 10am

May 27 - Memorial Day Sunday BBQ Cookout at the Hangar

Jun 02- Fly-out/Drive-out to Kalamazoo Air Zoo, details TBD

Jun 16- Young Eagles Rally, Hangar A, (kGWB)

Jun 19-22- Air Race Classic, GWB stop 21-22 Jun

Jun 23- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A, kGWB, 7 to 10am

Jun 27- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting at the Hangar, 7:00p, Hangar A, (kGWB)

Jun 29- Jul 01- OSH Vintage work weekend

Jul 14- kGWB Airport Openhouse!

Jul 14- Young Eagles Rally, Hangar A, (kGWB)

Jul 23- 29 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh!

Jul 25- No VAA 37 Chapter Meeting at the Hangar

Jul 28- No Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar

Aug 12- Husted Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, Husted Field, Hicksville, OH

Aug 22- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting at the Hangar, 7:00p, Hangar A, (kGWB)

Aug 25- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A, kGWB, 7 to 10am

Aug 25- Young Eagles Rally, Hangar A, (kGWB)

Sep 01- 28th Annual Fly/In Cruise/In, Marion Muni Airport, Marion, IN

Sep 02 - DC-3 Candler Field Express at GWB! Sign up for a ride!

Sep 22- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A, kGWB, 7 to 10am

Sep 26- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting at the Hangar, 7:00p, Hangar A, (kGWB)

Oct 24- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting at the Hangar, 7:00p, Hangar A, (kGWB)

Oct 27- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A, kGWB, 7 to 10am



Took the paint right off that piece of tail-dragging equipment!

Is it time for you to renew?

Join or renew VAA Chapter 37 membership! Our chapter is growing by leaps and bounds!

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

Remit check payable to EAA Vintage Chapter 37 to the following address:

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Or give cash to Geoff next time you see him!

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