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President's Corner

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Back in October we saw a successful return of our popular Chapter Saturday pancake breakfast. Although work kept yours truly from attending all reports said it went off well and was well attended. I want to thank all those involved with making the event successful given the circumstances this year has brought us. The week prior, I had received numerous calls from out of state flyers ready to pounce on the opportunity to attend the fly-in breakfast once again. Counts had 5 planes that made it their mission that morning. Looking forward we hope to continue with November, but with case numbers for Covid rising again we will have to consider our options as time comes closer. Stay tuned for the event announcement on our Facebook page, website calendar and social flight for updates.

In our future events listing note the chili cookout at the hangar Saturday the 14th and the upcoming Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet. Details will be available at our next Chapter meeting November 19th. We are planning a catered dinner with the live viewing party of the events to follow. The featured speaker is Jim Lovell and will sure be interesting to hear what has experienced.

As a continued effort to make our Chapter meetings engaging and useful to our membership, we are still looking for any interested individuals to make a short after meeting presentation or demonstration each month. Anything related to aviation past or present. Personal experiences and past flight stories welcome too. I don't remember who told me or if it is a conclusion I came to, but no one lives long enough to experience all that life or flying can offer. I have always enjoyed listening and speaking with many of you about past flying experiences and lessons learned. I believe as a new pilot myself that those discussions were an invaluable part of my own learning and understanding. Let me know if interested and let's keep flying!

Visit our Chapter Website at www.vaa37.org

B-17 Back in Action

October 29, 2020 – EAA's B-17 Aluminum Overcast is officially back in action after a successful stop in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last weekend that saw 109 prospective riders pre-book and 14 total flights, despite tricky weather on Friday in partnership with EAA Chapter 33.

"I can tell you that the unseasonably cold temperatures, in the 30s each day, did not deter our visitors from coming off of the airplane smiling ear to ear from their recent experience," EAA Manager of Air Tours Kristy Busse said. "Many of our visitors brought family stories and memories showcasing their direct connection to World War II, the B-17, and the Greatest Generation. It was an honor to spend time with each of them and feel the importance of their connection to this aircraft and flight experience."

The Air Tours team at EAA had spent seven months communicating with chapters, prospective airport hosts, and other operators, and during that time developed the new out and back tour stop model to ensure Aluminum Overcast could continue operating in a safe manner. An ionizing fogger used between flights sanitizes the B-17, and volunteers, crewmembers, and riders wear masks.

"COVID-19 was a non-issue in Cedar Rapids because our volunteers and guests treated each other with respect," Kristy said. "The entire public from small children up to our oldest visitor self-regulated within CDC guidance. We had no

issues with riders as a result of COVID-19 related changes and in fact the weather was a bigger factor on the weekend than anything pandemic related. We have to continue to learn because every location, airport, and host has its own unique differences and challenges, but I am confident in saying this past weekend was a safe, successful, and excellent event taking a big step in the right direction towards getting the touring aircraft back on the road. We will continue to work with other operators and subject matter experts to evolve our procedures to best protect our visitors, local hosts, and crew!"

Aluminum Overcast will be in Champaign, Illinois, this weekend from October 30 through November 1, working with EAA Chapter 29 at the University of Illinois-Willard airport. Kristy said the support of local chapters is appreciated and necessary now more than ever.

"Hats off to both of our local chapters for their willingness to dive right into preparations and planning required to host Aluminum Overcast with such short notice," Kristy said. "Their efforts really show and both the staff here at Headquarters as well as our B-17 crew are incredibly grateful to have such amazing local chapters and volunteers supporting our touring efforts — we simply could not do it without them!"

For more information on the B-17 Aluminum Overcast tour and to book a flight, visit EAA.org/B17.

November 14th, 2020

Chili Cookout in the Hangar!

Our hangout in the hangar next month is moved to Saturday so that we can have our annual Fly-In/ Drive-In Chili Fest!



Please join VAA Chapter 37 in Hangar A Gate 7 at the Dekalb County Airport We'll gather in the clubhouse around Noon and start to enjoy the fixings around 12:30pm.

We need members to bring corn bread, side dishes, and dessert to share, and your special Chili if you so wish! The chapter will provide additional chili, drinks, bowls and utensils!

November 28th, 2020

Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar!



The Fly-in, Drive-in is on the October Schedule!

Please join VAA Chapter 37 in Hangar A-Gate 7 Dekalb County Airport this month.

EGGS-PANCAKES-SAUSAGE-TOAST-FRUIT

**Price is "By Donation"
Winter Hours 8-11am**

As restrictions and health regulations continue to change and can do so quickly, please watch for updates regarding these and any event!

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Upcoming Events

Nov 14- VAA 37 Chapter Chili Cookout, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 12pm

Nov 19- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Nov 28- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am

Dec 10- VAA 37 Live Streams Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet (kGWB)
??? details to come

Dec 19- VAA 37 Christmas Party! Hangar A (kGWB), 5:30pm

Jan 21- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Jan 23- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am

Feb 18- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Feb 27- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am

Mar 18 - VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Mar 27- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am

Apr 15 - VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Apr 24- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am

Watch for details next months on this event. We'll plan to hold a live stream viewing party together in the Vintage Hangar.



WRIGHT BROTHERS
MEMORIAL BANQUET

FEATURING
CAPT. JIM LOVELL
HOSTED BY CHARLIE PRECOURT

Thursday, December 10, 2020
LIVE STREAMED AT
EAA.ORG/WRIGHTBROTHERS

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

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