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President's Corner

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The summer season is now well upon us 2021 is nearing the halfway mark and that means the mass pilgrimage to Oshkosh is due next in the line-up. Made your Oshkosh plans yet? It will be interesting to hear how the attendance numbers come out after last year's hiatus. A couple short weeks after Oshkosh wraps up VAA 37 is lined up to host EAA's B-25 "Berlin Express." The weekend of August 14th the bomber will be in Auburn not only to make an appearance, but to offer rides and be a flying example of the WWII experience. We will be in need of volunteers to serve on the hosting team that weekend. Various ground crews and hosts to assist in the public relations and ramp activities will be needed to ensure a successful event. We will send out more details as the event draws near.

The clubhouse had some good use this month. The May breakfast had a record breaking showing of planes at 17!



We all enjoyed the pancakes and watching the planes come and go! Great job to all those involved in the

wonderful turnout! A reminder for the upcoming June breakfast, it is on Saturday June 26th this month. We'd also like to thank those members who made the Sunday memorial day cookout a blast. From grilled burgers and hotdog to the homemade broccoli salad, the food was great and everyone had a good time!



Visit our Chapter Website at www.vaa37.org

VAA Chapter 37 Membership!

The clubhouse is open to everyone on breakfast morning, but if you would like to support our Vintage Chapter, hang out with like-minded vintage friends, and take part in member events please think of joining or renewing your VAA Chapter 37 membership! Also, if you know someone who might be interested in joining our club. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to them or send them to our website.

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

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Photo by Geoff Robison

Next Breakfast June 26th 2021 7-11am

We have established that we will use the Covid rating system to determine whether we host the breakfast each month. With a rating of yellow or better (10-99 new cases per week) in Dekalb County we will heat up the pancake griddles! We look forward to being able to fellowship with everyone! Also note due to Oshkosh we will not have a breakfast in July 2021. If you are interested in helping out with Saturday breakfasts please contact Greg Topper. His email is greg.topper@hotmail.com.

Young Eagles Pilots and Volunteers!

The dates for our remaining 2021 Young Eagle rallies at GWB are June 19 and August 28. The dates for rallies at SMD are June 12, August 14, and September 11. The rally at C62 is September 18. They are also listed on www.VAA37.org and www.EAA2.org.

If you have not already told us, let us know at which ones you will be flying or helping as ground crew. An email will be sent to those signed up on the yeday.org website. This will help us plan how many kids we can register for each event.

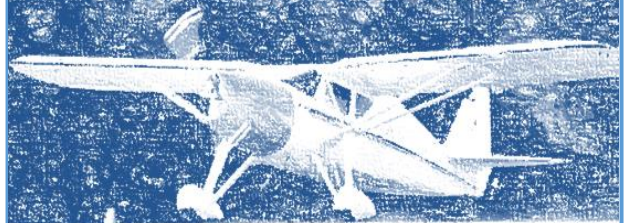
Good news from EAA!! "Pilots who fly Young Eagles during June, July, and August 2021 will earn double the usual amount of Young Eagles credits! For each Young Eagle Flown during those months, a credit of \$10 will be awarded to the chapter affiliated with the pilot, or to the pilot if they are unaffiliated."

Please send an email to youngeagles@VAA37.org or text me at 260-402-3478 and include your name in the text.

Thanks for what all of you do to make the Young Eagles program a success! They are also listed on www.EAA2.org and www.VAA37.org.

Smooth Air!!
David and Laramie Resler
VAA 37 Young Eagle Coordinators

Young Eagles Rally



Our rallies are held at the Vintage Chapter 37 Clubhouse on the west end of the airport.
June 19, 2021 Registration: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Flights: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Pre-register at: <https://youngeaglesday.org/?1813>

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Upcoming Events

June 19- VAA 37 Young Eagles Rally, Hangar A (kGWB), 9am

June 26- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 7-11am

July 26-Aug 1- EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Wittman Regional Airport - Oshkosh, WI

Aug 6- VAA 37 Hangout in the Hangar, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Aug 14- EAA 2 Young Eagles Rally, Smith Field Hangar 2, 9am

Aug 14- B-25 Flights, Dekalb County Airport(kGWB)

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

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

Sept 3- VAA 37 Hangout in the Hangar, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Sept 11- EAA 2 Young Eagles Rally, Smith Field Hangar 2, 9am

Sept 16- VAA 37 Chapter Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

Sept 18- Kendallville Young Eagles Rally, Kendallville Muni. Airport, 9am

Sept 25- Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar! Hangar A (kGWB), 8-11am

Oct 1- VAA 37 Hangout in the Hangar, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

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

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

Nov 5- VAA 37 Hangout in the Hangar, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB), 7pm

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

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

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



B-25 Mitchell Tour

The North American B-25 Mitchell is a medium bomber from the Second World War. This powerful twin engined and twin tailed aircraft was used by every branch of the United States military. It is the only US military aircraft to ever be named after an individual, air power advocate General Billy Mitchell.

In March of 1939 the United States Army Air Corps put out the call to aircraft companies for a medium bomber that was able to carry a bomb load of 2,400 pounds for 1,200 miles at a speed of 300 mph. North American delivered a prototype named the NA-62. The Army Air Corps was impressed with the aircraft's performance and immediately ordered the aircraft, now designated B-25.

The first B-25's became combat ready in early 1942, just in time for a very daring plan after a devastating Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The idea was to load 16 bombers onto the deck of the USS Hornet and sail as close as they could safely get to Japan. Then, when the time was right, launch off of the carrier and bomb Tokyo as well as military installations in the area. The mission would be led by famous aviator James H. Doolittle. On April 18th, 1942 the task force was spotted early, and even though the odds were against them, the 16 bombers roared down the deck toward history. The planes hit their targets and most ditched off of the coast of China after the raid. With one daring mission, Doolittle's Raiders lifted the morale and spirits of everyone back in the United States.

B-25 Experience Pricing

*Mission Flights
3-5pm (unless noted), weather
permitting*

\$360: EAA Members

\$400: Nonmembers

**1 year EAA membership
included with non-member
ticket purchases*

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