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President's Corner

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Summer is giving us its last hurrah as the summer temps seem to be holding out a few weeks longer. I don't think I remember a year when I saw new crop corn being delivered to our elevators this early in September. Fall and its color cannot be too far off!

I want to thank all those involved with our Young Eagles events this year. Despite a slow first start the season ended with a very well attended event making 2021 another good year. Without the help of our ground volunteers and pilots this would not be so. Thank you! You never know the outcome or impact that is having in the minds of young individuals. I am proud to say we have a positive impact on those in our community in the Young Eagles Program.

Looking ahead at the remainder of 2021 there will be the last Young Eagle Rally at the Kendallville airport this Saturday the 18th for the year. We anticipate to set a date for our annual October Chili event at our next chapter meeting and will get that on the calendar promptly. With the recent uptick in Covid cases, Dekalb County is currently rated above our threshold for our monthly Saturday breakfast fly-in and unless that trend changes, we will not see a September breakfast. Stay tuned for updates as we move forward in the upcoming months to follow. There is a possible tour being discussed of the facilities of the 122nd Air Wing at FWA. Once we get a date and approval, we will get it out in an announcement and on the calendar. That will be a good chance to get a behind the scenes look at what goes on to keep the A-10's flying.

Enjoy the coming fall season and get out and enjoy what hopefully is a good color season as the leaves begin to turn. I do not see a frost on the way yet, but I have been wrong before!

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Young Eagles Pilots and Volunteers!

Our number of Young Eagles flown at rallies held at GWB keep increasing this year. In May we flew 7, in June we flew 15, and in August we flew 36. Likewise, the rallies held at SMD keep increasing. In May we flew 51, in June we flew 54 and in August we flew 61.

In September, we have three rallies. On September 11, we will be having two rallies: one at SMD and one at C62 (in conjunction with their Wings and Wheels event). We could use a couple more people to help at SMD. On September 18, we are having a rally at C62. We could use a few more people to help, both pilots and ground crew.

Let us know if you can help at either the September 11 rally at SMD or the September 18 rally at C62. You can either email at youngeagles@eaa2.org or text me at 260-402-3478.

Thanks for all you do for Young Eagles! Smooth Air!!

David and Laramie Resler
VAA 37 Young Eagle Coordinators
Thanks, Laramie

(Apologies Reslers and VAA 37 members for not getting newsletter out before September 11 call out date. -MH)

Breakfast Fly-In / Drive-In

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!



EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021: Facts and Figures for an Outstanding Year

Thank you to all of our members who continue to support and volunteer for this major aviation EAA event!

Here are some fun stats to look over from eaa.org/airventure/eaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/eaa-airventure-news/

August 3, 2021 – Comment from EAA CEO and Chairman Jack Pelton:

“This was perhaps the most challenging set of circumstances we’ve ever faced as an organization to make the event happen. I could not be more proud of our volunteers, staff, and participants on the way they came together to exceed our expectations and make AirVenture 2021 a truly memorable experience.”

Attendance: Approximately 608,000 – Only the third time attendance has surpassed 600,000 and within 5 percent of 2019’s record total. Comment from Pelton:

“We went into this year not knowing what AirVenture would look like and how big of an event was possible. The aviation community spoke loudly, though – it was ready to come to Oshkosh and we were happy that we could welcome them. Our theme was ‘The Wait is Over,’ and indeed it was. And the wait was worth it. There was joy and excitement throughout the grounds and it set the stage for the return of AirVenture, making us very excited for the future.”

Total aircraft: More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were 16,378 aircraft operations in the 10-day period from July 22-31, which is an average of approximately 116 takeoffs/landings per hour when the airport is open.

Total showplanes: 3,176 included: A record 1,420 vintage aircraft registered, plus 1,089 homebuilt aircraft, 354 warbirds, 148 aerobatic aircraft, 112 seaplanes, 33 ultralights, and 27 rotorcraft.

Camping: More than 12,000 sites in aircraft and drive-in camping accounted for an estimated 40,000 visitors.

Volunteers: More than 5,000 contributing in excess of 250,000 hours.

Commercial exhibitors: 747.

Forums, Workshops, and Presentations: A total of 1,055 sessions hosted throughout the week.

Social Media, Internet and Mobile: More than 18.95 million people were reached by EAA’s social media channels during AirVenture, with engagement of 1.08 million; EAA video clips during the event were viewed 3.48 million times.

International guests: Despite travel restrictions that greatly limited the number of attendees from other nations, EAA still welcomed visitors from 66 countries during the week.

The Gathering shines: The EAA Aviation Foundation’s annual event to support its aviation education programs attracted more than 500 people and raised more than \$1.7 million dollars that will be focused on EAA’s mission of growing participation in aviation.

Media: 567 media representatives on-site, from four continents.

Economic impact*: \$170 million for the five counties in the Oshkosh region (Winnebago, Outagamie, Fond du Lac, Calumet, and Brown). * - based on 2017 University of Wisconsin Oshkosh economic impact study

What’s ahead for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022? (July 25-31, 2022) Comment from Pelton:

“Planning is well underway for next year’s event, including discussions during AirVenture 2021 about possible features and attractions for 2022. We also look forward to welcoming more international visitors next year to return AirVenture to a truly global reunion. In the next few months, we will be finalizing highlights in all areas to make the 69th EAA fly-in convention the World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration.”

Upcoming Events

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

Sept 18 - Kendallville Young Eagles Rally, Kendallville Municipal, 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

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

Dec 18 - VAA 37 Chapter Christmas Party, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB)

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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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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