



# NEWS

## Upcoming events

For upcoming events, visit:  
[www.vaa37.org](http://www.vaa37.org)

Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 PM  
 - Board meeting

Thursday, January 18  
 gathering has been  
 rescheduled for Tuesday,  
 January 23.

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00  
 PM - IMC/VMC Club, Dan  
 Leonard will present real-  
 world scenarios for  
 discussion

Saturday, January 27, 8:00  
 AM - 11:00 AM - Breakfast  
 at the Airport

February 13, 5:30 PM,  
 Board meeting

February 13, 7:00 PM, VMC  
 Club meeting

February 15, 7:00 PM,  
 Chapter gathering

February 24, 8:00 AM,  
 Breakfast at the Airport

## President's Corner, Dan Leonard

In October of 2023, I was asked if my name could be submitted for nomination to President of Vintage Chapter 37. Many thoughts ran through my mind, how could or what could I add to the Chapter. I can't, by myself make the Chapter better, only you the members can do this by your participation. Participation in the gatherings, take upon yourself to help in the Airport clean up duties such as picking up trash on the fence line, washing the airport vehicles, etc. We cannot expect only the same few people to do these duties or other duties of helping out with the breakfast or training. For instance, the DeKalb Airport Authority gives Chapter 37 a reduction in rent payment for us taking on these cleaning duties. In fact, you might find companionship in coming forward to help. I hear members say "I sure like the breakfast", be part of the creation of the breakfast and many other activities by attending the seminars or guest speakers. You may feel I don't fly anymore what I am going to learn. You will learn participation, you will gain knowledge to share to the new pilot or just other friends.

When you come to an event introduce yourself to other persons attending. Hi I am \_\_\_ What is your name \_\_\_ Where are you from \_\_\_\_\_. I challenge you to sit down with someone new other than the people you have sat with for many years. You will be amazed at the new things you will learn. Break the habit of staying in your comfort zone of people you know, break out, it is fun. Now you are participating as a member or visitor. This is how organizations grow and stay alive.

We are blessed with the facilities we have, not many chapters have this structure. But, here is the hard part. It takes donations, money to pay the basic bills. You're \$30 a year amounts to roughly 8 cents a

## Young Eagles

For your planning, our Young Eagle Rallies for 2024 are May 4, June 15, and August 24 all at DeKalb County Airport. Hope you can join us for some of these rallies. We have a lot of fun and the kids learn a lot. Spread the word, invite your family and friends.

David and Laramie Resler  
Young Eagles Coordinators



Pictures from our breakfast

day. Think about increasing your donation to 20 cents a day, two dimes that you possibly throw into your change jar.

Be bold and introduce new ideas to the Board Officers, we are anxious to hear your thoughts and dreams.

*Dan Leonard*, President VAA37

## Breakfast at the Airport

We will be holding our Breakfast at the Airport this month. The date is January 27, the time is 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

The menu is: pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, breakfast casserole, toast, and fruit. For beverages, we serve coffee, milk, and orange juice.

Hope to see you at the clubhouse on January 27.

## Monthly gathering & VMC/IMC Club

We will be combining our monthly gathering and VMC/IMC Club this month. We'll start with our gathering then Dan Leonard will introduce our guest speaker, James Fields, who will do a Skew-T presentation. Skew-T is a better way to understand the weather in which you will be flying. This will be an FAA Safety Wings program. Pizza will be provided.

## EAA Webinars

EAA produces very good webinars for free. Here is a link to upcoming webinars: [EAA webinars](#) Enjoy!

## HANGAR HANGOUT

We are suspending our Hangar Hangouts while we evaluate what activities will be held. If you have any ideas of what you would like to do at these events, please email, text, or call one of the officers or directors. We'll let you know when something is decided on what we are doing at these events.

## *Have you renewed your Chapter Dues for 2024?*

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**Individual memberships** are \$30.

**Family memberships** are \$40. This covers two adults and all children in a family.

**Student memberships** are **FREE** to those under 19 who are EAA members, which is free to them. See [www.eaa.org/membership](http://www.eaa.org/membership) for details on how to join the EAA as a student.

Our address is:  
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## **Equipment clean-up**

We are working with Russ Couchman to schedule a time for our Spring equipment clean-up. We will announce the date in the newsletter and on our website. It will be at the GWB Maintenance Building. Hope many will be able to help and make the workload lighter.

## **Featured Article**



### **Online Event Starts January 22**

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days.

We start on Monday, January 22, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am Central Time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm Central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.

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