



NEWS

Upcoming events

For upcoming events, visit:
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Thursday, March 21, 5:30 PM, (before the gathering)
Board meeting

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM, Chapter gathering will feature a VMC/IMC discussion

Saturday, March 23, 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Breakfast at the Airport

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM, Chapter gathering

Saturday, April 27, 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Breakfast at the Airport



President's Corner, Dan Leonard

Many thanks to all of our volunteers who help with breakfast and other activities.

We had our first breakfast speaker and from comments I received they like the idea.

I would remind all members to actively tell their neighbors, friends and pilots about our activities at Chapter 37. As a businessman, I build my business based upon word of mouth, let's shout out to our community about Chapter 37.

The FAA FAASafety Team will present an eight week Garmin G1000 course at Ivy Tech starting on March 20, 2024 from 6-9pm. There is no cost for this course. FAA approved simulator will be used for the participants to gain experience at no cost. This course is for rated pilots and persons requiring the skill set of operating the G1000.

Register at [FAASafety](#) if you want to attend.

Dan Leonard, President VAA37

Have you wondered about the face behind the voice at FWA?

Sweet Aviation is hosting an FAASafety Seminar on March 12 at 6:00 at Smith Field Airport. This is a WINGS seminar. Please register at [FWA Controllers - Meet the Face Behind the Voice](#)

Young Eagles

A slight change for our rallies this year, we are adding one on May 11. See the list below for all dates and locations. Hope you can join us for some of these rallies.

May 4 - DeKalb County Airport

May 11 - DeKalb County Airport

June 8 - Tri-State Steuben County Airport

June 15 - DeKalb County Airport

August 10 - Smith Field Airport

August 24 - DeKalb County Airport

September 14 - Smith Field Airport

September TBD - Kendallville Municipal Airport

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagles Coordinators



Breakfast at the Airport

Our Breakfast at the Airport this month will be March 23, the time is 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE. Dan Leonard is working on having a speaker again this month.

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

Join us at the Vintage clubhouse on March 23.



We had three planes fly in to our February 24 Breakfast even though it snowed overnight.

Monthly gathering & VMC/IMC Club

We will be combining our monthly gathering and VMC/IMC Club this month. We'll start at 7:00 PM with our gathering, then Dan Leonard will present VMC topic will be Thin Air and Runway Incursions and IMC topic will be Low Return and Runway Incursions. A snack will be provided. Be sure to email Dan at president@vaa37.org if you plan to attend. He wants to make sure he has enough food for everyone.

Monthly gathering & VMC/IMC Club continued: This is a Wings program, register at [VMC Monthly Scenario](#) if you plan to attend. Come to the Vintage Clubhouse, enter through Gate 3.

EAA Webinars

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

Have you renewed your Chapter Dues for 2024?

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 for details on how to join the EAA as a student.

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Featured Article

The Bigger Picture

FEBRUARY 29, 2024 BY [EAA](#) IN [FLYING TIPS](#).

By **Robert N. Rossier, EAA 472091**

This piece originally ran in Robert's Stick and Rudder column in the January 2024 issue of [EAA Sport Aviation](#) magazine.

Not long ago, a pilot friend of mine may have narrowly missed having a bad day flying. During the preflight of the airplane she was planning to fly, something struck her as being amiss. She couldn't quite see where the problem was, but somehow, something just didn't look right. Things weren't lining up the way they should.

She called a fellow pilot over to take a careful look at the airplane, and after a few minutes examining it, he agreed that something was out of whack.

Along with several other pilots, my friend had flown the airplane frequently in recent days and hadn't noticed any issues. But in retrospect, it was difficult to determine what could have occurred, or when, or worse yet, why.

A Careful Preflight

We're all taught from our early days of flight training to perform a careful preflight. Typically, we start with the procedure provided in the pilot's operating handbook. Our instructors teach us to use that procedure, adding more details to be wary of.

Along the way, we might pick up additional items from our instructors, other pilots, mentors, articles, or hangar flying sessions. In the end, we may find ourselves methodically checking a laundry list of items: fuel quantity, fuel contamination, engine compartment, oil levels, pitot tube, pitot heat, static port, lights, flight controls, seat rails, propeller, spinner, landing gear, tires, wheels, and brakes.

We look for missing or corroded fasteners, missing cotter pins and safety wire, oil leaks, fuel stains, dings, dents, cracked seat rails, and other damage. The list goes on and on.

A Different Perspective

One trick I learned along the way and shared with my students is to end the preflight by stepping back behind the airplane and taking in the overall picture....

For the rest of the article, click here: [The Bigger Picture](#)

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