



NEWS

Upcoming events

For upcoming events, visit:
www.vaa37.org

Thursday, January 8, join EAA2 at Ivy Tech Center, Smith Field, 7:00 PM. VMC club at 6:30 pm. See separate article.

Thursday, January 15, our regular Chapter gathering is canceled. See separate article.

Tuesday, January 20, 5:30, Board meeting, Chapter members are welcome.

Saturday, January 24, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Breakfast at the Airport

Thursday, February 19, 7:00 PM. Chapter gathering.

Saturday, February 28, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Breakfast at the Airport

President's Corner, Dan Aavang

Hello and welcome to 2026. I would like to introduce myself: I am Danny (Dan) Aavang and now current VAA Chapter 37 President. I have been a Chapter 37 member since 2012, you have probably seen me at many of our 4th Saturday of the month Fly-In, Drive-In breakfasts, usually making pancakes, although my great granddaughter Charlotte (Charlie) has been taking over that position (good for her!).

In the coming months, we will have our EAA Young Eagle events, Memorial Day cookout, spring and fall cleanup day for the airports snow and mowing equipment, Halloween 'Scairport', Christmas get-together. All of our activities at the airport also help reduce our hangar rent.

Our Fourth Saturday of the month Fly-In, Drive-In Breakfast (Jan through Nov) is always a great place for fellowship and great food! Thank you to all those helping to prepare it! As with any organization, your support, volunteerism and input are an important part for our growth as a healthy VAA chapter.

I would ask for everyone's help with ideas for guest speakers/tours for our monthly gatherings. Perhaps some of you have aviation experiences you can share with us. We can always use extra help with our activities.

With our ever changing Indiana winter weather, please be careful as you're out and about.

Dan Aavang, President VAA37



Our Young Eagles rally schedule is now on the website.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagles Coordinators

Breakfast at the Airport

Hope everyone had a good time with family and friends for Christmas. Now it's time to start our Breakfast at the Airport. Our next breakfast will be January 24 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Come for breakfast and enjoy the fellowship with others.

Our main menu is pancakes, waffle sticks, sausage, eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, breakfast casserole, and fruit. For beverages, we serve coffee, milk, and orange juice. Freewill donation accepted.

Gathering for January

At the last VAA37 Board, we discussed the joining EAA2 at some of their gatherings. On January 8, their speaker will be very interesting. Kellie Kreider will share her experience with her agricultural crop drone spraying business. The gathering starts at 7:00 at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, 405 W Cook Rd, Fort Wayne on the north east corner of Smith Field Airport.

At 6:30, Larry Zepp will present VMC scenarios and discussion.

In light of this, we are canceling our January 15 gathering at the Clubhouse.

Hope to see many of you there.

For your preparation for VMC discussion, here are the questions that will be discussed:

VMC CLUB — JANUARY QUESTIONS

Question 1 (*Courtesy of EAA VMC Club*). When approaching touchdown, you notice that the aircraft tends to float rather than touch down. Besides excess airspeed, what causes this phenomenon?

Question 2 (*Courtesy of Pilot Workshops.com*). **VFR Challenge:** In this challenge, you have 3 active MOAs between you and your destination. Should you fly through them, or double your flying time and go all the way around? How can ATC help?

EAA Webinars

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

Have you renewed your Chapter Dues for 2026?

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.

Dues can be paid in person, mailed, or using Cash App.

For mailing, our address is: EAA Vintage Chapter 37, 2616 County Road 60, Box 9, Auburn, IN 46706

For Cash App! If you have a Cash App account, you can use the app to enter the amount due and send your payment to VAA Chapter 37 using the cashtag *\$geoffrobison*. For more information about Cash App, visit [the Cash App website](#).

Homebuilders week information from EAA

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26 Free weeklong online series on building your own aircraft.

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA Homebuilders Week 2026 offers 30 free virtual presentations for anyone interested in building an aircraft. Registration is required, and space is limited.

The event runs Monday, January 26, through Friday, January 30, 2026. Each day features six live, back-to-back webinars starting at 11:30 a.m. Central Time and continuing every 90 minutes until the final session at 7:00 p.m. All sessions are live and include time for Q&A. To sign up, visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek.

Whether you're just beginning to explore the idea of building, are deep into a project, or preparing for test flying, you'll find sessions addressing your needs. We are also excited to have EAA President Jack Pelton joining us on January 26 to discuss EAA's advocacy efforts on behalf of our homebuilt community.

EAA Homebuilders Week celebrates the anniversary of the Experimental Aircraft Association's founding on January 26, 1953. It's a great opportunity to carry on our mission by expanding your homebuilding knowledge with five straight days of learning about building and flying homebuilt aircraft.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible thanks to the generous support of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, and Van's Aircraft.

Please note that all times are Central Time.

Time CST	Monday 1/26/2026	Tuesday 1/27/2026	Wednesday 1/28/2026	Thursday 1/29/2026	Friday 1/30/2026
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dan Berry
1:00-2:15	Composite Construction Basics - Scott VanderVeen	Fabric Covering Basics - Austin Jones	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Insuring Your Homebuilt - Jim Stewart	Fly the Wing: ADA Demystified - Mike Vaccaro
2:30-3:45	EAA Advocacy Update - Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	Hardware for Homebuilts - Dick Koehler	Sonex Aircraft Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastien Heintz
4:00-5:15	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Breising	Weight & Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? - Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Condition Inspections: Who & How - Brian Carpenter	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Can Homebuilt Accident Rates Be Fairly Compared? - Ron Wanttaja
7:00-8:15	Van's Aircraft RV-15 Update - Marc Cook & Rian Johnson	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts - Steve Boser	Lessons From 200,000 Borescope Images - Mike Busch	Lycoming Engine Installation - Judson Rupert	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

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