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## High Flight

*by John Gillespie Magee*

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air . . .

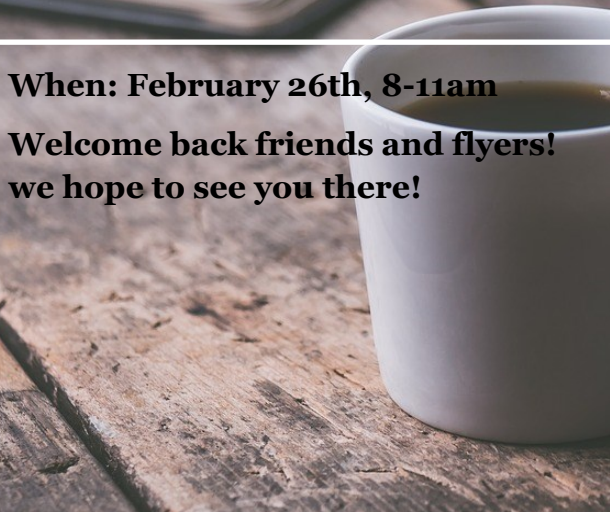
Magee (1922-41) fought and died in the Second World War; he was half-American, born in China, and served in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Magee (1922-41) wrote 'High Flight', a sonnet, about the exhilarating experience of flying through the air in a fighter-plane, putting out his hand to 'touch the face of God'. Magee was killed in an accidental mid-air collision over England in 1941; his poem gained a new lease of life when President Ronald Reagan quoted from it following the Challenger disaster in 1986.

Source: <https://interestingliterature.com/2020/05/poems-flight-flying-airplanes/>

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST AT THE HANGAR!

**When: February 26th, 8-11am**

**Welcome back friends and flyers!  
we hope to see you there!**



### VAA 37 Breakfast Fly-In Drive-IN

Join us on the 4th Saturday of each  
month in Hangar A-Gate 7 at the  
DeKalb County Airport.

Price is by donation to the VAA  
Chapter 37.

Eggs-Pancakes-Sausage-Toast-Fruit

Summer Hours 7-11am Winter Hours 8-11am



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Danny Avvang

## VAA CHAPTER 37 BANQUET MARCH 12TH

This year we are doing our Banquet Potluck style.

Join us in the clubhouse Saturday evening while we celebrate our chapter and it's mem-



*“The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who, in their grueling travels across trackless lands in prehistoric times, looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air.”*

– Wilbur Wright

### 2022 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY DATES

#### Dekalb

May 7, 2022  
June 18, 2022  
August 27, 2022

#### Smith Field

May 14, 2022  
June 11, 2022  
August 13, 2022  
September 10, 2022

#### Kendallville

September 17, 2022

For more information visit:

[www.young eagles.org](http://www.young eagles.org)

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260-402-3478.

Register at:

<https://young eaglesday.org/>

## EAA'S PILOT YOUR OWN ADVENTURE CONTEST

### Supported by Flight Outfitters®

Each aircraft has a story – what is the story of yours? Tell us the inspirational, entertaining, and informative true-life story behind an aircraft that you own, or that you once owned, and what makes (or made) it interesting. Every airplane has a “soul” – maybe it’s the story of its operational history, or the people that it connected.

Maybe your aircraft was passed down through generations, maybe it saw military service during wartime, or set records or flew or trained notable people in peacetime. It doesn’t matter if there were thousands – or even tens of thousands – of the type built, or if it’s rare or even unique, every airframe has tales to tell.

If we love the way you tell your aircraft's story, you might just win the AirVenture camping experience of a lifetime, or one of several other exciting prizes, as part of EAA's Pilot Your Own Adventure Contest, supported by Flight Outfitters.

The contest period runs from January 14, 2022, through March 14, 2022, at 5 p.m. CDT.

Find more details here:

[https://www.eaa.org/airventure/eaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/~media/F9730A9CAFAC46739C0719F6B51EEC57.ashx](https://www.eaa.org/airventure/eaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/~/media/F9730A9CAFAC46739C0719F6B51EEC57.ashx)

## CH 2 PRESENTS THE BASICS OF HOT AIR BALLOONIG! -MARCH 10TH

We would like to invite VAA37 members to the EAA2 March 10 gathering that will be held at 426 W Ludwig Rd, the former SMD FBO at 7:00 PM. This is an FAA Wings program. Here is a description of the program from Chris Smart, a balloon pilot from Huntington, IN.

"I would call it the basics of hot air ballooning. I will cover the history of ballooning and how it has progressed to current times.

I will also cover how we steer, slow down and watch weather for passenger flights and competition events. How do we get to targets?

I have logged over 1860 flights, and I am one of the top competitors in the nation. I am normally ranked in the top 20, and in 2017 was the top ranked pilot in the nation in the BFA Hot Air Competition Division. I also have my own ride business and I am a hired pilot for Re/Max of Indiana."



### Fun Fact

SOURCE: <https://balloonfiesta.com/Hot-Air-History>

On September 19, 1783 Pilatre De Rozier, a scientist, launched the first hot air balloon called 'Aerostat Reveillon'. The passengers were a sheep, a duck and a rooster and the balloon stayed in the air for a grand total of 15 minutes before crashing back to the ground.

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to Renew your Chapter Dues for 2022

The clubhouse is open to everyone on breakfast morning and other public events, 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!

Our dues structure remains \$24 Individual and \$36 Family (spouse and children under age 18). Please use the printable membership form attached to this email to submit your 2022 dues by mail to our new address or bring your dues to our next breakfast, hangout, or club gathering.

To maintain full chapter member benefits through our organization and the national organizations, we ask that you think of renewing your memberships with EAA and VAA. That can be done here at <https://www.eaa.org/eea/eea-membership> or you can pick up the necessary forms at the clubhouse.

If you don't wish to be part of the EAA or VAA your Chapter contribution will still get you added onto our roster and email list, but you will not be able to enjoy the national membership benefits, vote, or hold office within our Chapter. If you have any questions regarding membership and dues please contact one of the Chapter Board Members.

Don't forget, if you know someone who might be interested in joining our club, please forward this newsletter to them or send them to our web-site [www.vaa37.org](http://www.vaa37.org).

Thank you for your continued support and friendship of VAA Chapter 37!

### CLUBHOUSE MUGS

We freed up some space in the cupboards and would like to invite you to bring in your own personal mug to use when you're hanging out or just visiting the clubhouse. A good "Cheers" will be in order when we have a few friends to clink glasses with!



### COULD YOU HELP HOST BREAKFAST!?

Hello Chapter Friends!

If you are looking for one way to get involved in Chapter 37, we would love to have you join the breakfast crew!

Please contact President Greg Topper if you can help us out as we get back into the swing of things here in 2022!

Thanks!



### Update!!

*Our new mailing address!*

**EAA Vintage Chapter 37  
2616 County Road 60, Box 3  
Auburn, Indiana 46706**

**EAA VINTAGE  
CHAPTER 37**

Our purpose is to promote, encourage, and foster an environment where all are welcome to join-in and become a part of the study, restoration, flight and support of vintage aircraft and the Vintage Aircraft Association of the EAA and education related there-to!

Our clubhouse is located in Hangar A, Gate 7 at the Dekalb County Airport. Please join us

Visit our website at for more details and events

[www.vaa37.org](http://www.vaa37.org)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### February

4th— Hangar Hangout, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 7pm

17th—VAA Chapter 37 Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 7pm

26th-Saturday Breakfast at the Hangar, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 8-11am

### March

4th— Hangar Hangout, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 7pm

8th VAA Chapter 37 Board Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB)

10th— EAA Ch 2, Gathering, Former SMD FBO at 7pm

12th VAA Chapter Potluck Banquet, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) (details TBD)

17th VAA Chapter 37 Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 7pm

26th Saturday Breakfast in the Hangar, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 8-11am

### April

1st-- Hangar Hangout, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 7pm

21st— VAA Chapter 37 Meeting, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB) 7pm

23rd— Saturday Breakfast in the Hangar, Clubhouse Hangar A (kGWB)

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