



NEWS

Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast

Our next breakfast is on May 27, 2023, from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. If you have the itch to get out of the house, have breakfast with other members & guests, and enjoy the conversation, be sure to come to breakfast.

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

Hope to see you there!

For upcoming events, visit:
www.vaa37.org

May 9, 6:00, Board Meeting

May 18, 7:00 Chapter gathering -

May 27, 7-10 am Breakfast

May 28, 12:00, Memorial Day Cookout, VAA37 will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share.

President's Corner, David Resler

At the April 11, 2023 Chapter Board Meeting, I was appointed President for the remainder of the vacated term. With this appointment, my Director position is now open. We still need a Vice-president and now a Director. If you are a member and would like to serve on the Board, please make your wishes known to a Board member. A nominating committee will be formed later this year and elections will be held at our November gathering.

My goal as President is to keep our Chapter viable. If you have any ideas of how to make our chapter grow, please share them with a Board member. If you have any ideas for a Chapter gathering topic, let me know.

Good News! We now have three hangar tenants.

As part of our lease agreement with the DeKalb County Airport Authority, we are required to complete equipment clean up and to pick up trash around the airport. On April 13 and 14, trash pick up was completed by two members and two volunteers spending a total of 18 hours walking around the airport and picking up trash. We picked up four large trash bags full and several items that would not fit in those bags. Thanks to Jill Hanna, Finn Freeman, and Laramie Resler for helping me complete that task.

On April 22, a group of members completed the equipment clean up. They included Craig & Norene Brown, Brad Hartz, Geoff Robison, Dean Husted, Dave Brown, and Viktor Nothnagle. Thanks to Brad for heading up this event.

Young Eagles

We are looking forward to our 2023 Young Eagles Rally season. Your help is needed.

On Friday, April 28, we held a private rally for a group of home school kids. We could not fly due to weather but we set up "stations" where we taught how an airplane flies, navigation & chart reading, made cookie cutters out of aluminum strips, and talked about other aviation topics. Thanks to all who came out and helped.

On May 6, we had our first YE rally. Three pilots took 39 kids flying, 27 of them for their first YE flight.

Dates for our upcoming rallies are June 17 and August 26. Let us know if you can help at any of these rallies. If you would like to help with flying kids, help with registration and printing, or escort kids, please contact Laramie Resler at 260-402-3478. You can call or text.

With the runway construction this summer, our plans are subject to change. Stay tuned!

Laramie Resler,
Young Eagles Coordinator



On April 28, we held a Young Eagle (YE) rally for a group of home school kids. See details in the Young Eagles article and pictures later in a separate email.

On May 5, seven of us attended the Hangar Hangout. We played a variety of card and board games. We had some snacks. There was a couple there from the Indianapolis area who are thinking about relocating to our area and may join our Chapter.

On May 6, we held our first 2023 open to the public YE rally. We had several new volunteers - they included parents and youth. Thanks to all who helped.

David Resler, President VAA37



Kids and parents helping with tear down after our May 6 rally.



2023 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY DATES

Dekalb County Airport:

May 6, 2023
June 17, 2023
August 28, 2023

Smith Field Airport

May 13, 2023
June 10, 2023
August 12, 2023
September 9, 2023

Kendallville Airport

September 16, 2023

Register kids for flights at: <https://youngeaglesday.org>
For more information visit: www.youngeagles.org
Young Eagles Coordinators David and Laramie Resler,
youngeagles@eaa2.org
260-402-3478

Have you renewed your Chapter Dues for 2023?

Our dues structure is \$30 Individual and \$40 Family (spouse and children under age 18). Please use the printable membership form on our website (www.vaa37.org) and submit your 2023 dues by mail or bring your dues to our next breakfast, hangout, or chapter gathering.

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



The entire home school group who learned about aviation on April 28.

Featured Article

Free Young Eagles Flights - What !?!?!?!?

From www.eaa.org: “Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8–17 their first free ride in an airplane.

It’s the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation.

Today, nearly 2.3 million young people have enjoyed a free introductory flight through the Young Eagles program. These flights are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

Join us in offering youth ages 8-17 the opportunity to experience The Spirit of Aviation® by becoming a Young Eagles volunteer today!

Are you ready to join the ranks of nearly 50,000 volunteer Young Eagles pilots? It is volunteers like you who inspire the next generation of aviators, and will help keep aviation thriving for generations to come!

Becoming a volunteer pilot is simple and EAA is here to help you along the way!

Five Steps to Becoming a Young Eagles Pilot

1. Be a current EAA member
2. Complete [EAA’s Youth Protection Training and background check](#)
3. [Join an EAA chapter](#) near you to participate in a chapter-hosted Young Eagles rally
Or
If you prefer to conduct one-off flights, you can [order your own Young Eagles supplies](#)
4. Prior to the Young Eagles flight, ensure you meet all of the pilot requirements and follow the guidelines listed (on www.eaa.org)
5. Complete a Young Eagles registration form before the flight, signed by you and a parent or legal guardian

Your (the Young Eagle) Flight Experience

Your Young Eagles® flight will last approximately 20 minutes and you will see the earth and sky in a new and exciting way. This is your chance to experience the freedom of flight that many people only dream about.

Many people remember this experience for the rest of their lives. You will, too!

1. On the ground: Your pilot explains what will happen during the flight. You may talk about the airplane, review an aeronautical chart (or map), and complete a careful “walk-around” preflight inspection of the airplane.
2. Just before takeoff: Your pilot explains the interior of the airplane, including the operation of the aircraft door, safety belts, and instrument panel.
3. In the air: The flight lasts between 15 and 20 minutes. And, if you want, your pilot may let you take the controls!
4. Back on the ground: There’s more time for you to ask questions about the flight. Your pilot is happy to tell you more about flying and their particular airplane.

You also get an official Young Eagles logbook with a personal code to activate your free EAA Student Membership and [Sporty’s Learn to Fly Course](#).

The Young Eagles Flight Plan

1. Take a Young Eagles Flight
2. Get a free EAA Youth Membership
3. Enroll in EAA AeroEducate
4. Enroll in Sporty’s Learn to Fly course
5. Earn a Free Flight lesson”

At our local rallies, there are several positions for our ground crew. They include: registration, ground school instructors, dispatchers, air boss & marshals, escorts, and printers, just to name a few. You don’t have to be a pilot to help with any of the ground crew positions. The ground school instructor does need to know how an airplane flies and what each of the control surfaces do.

If you have helped us at a Young Eagle Rally, you’ve seen the apprehension before the flight and the smiles after the flight. If you haven’t helped us at a Young Eagles Rally, come out and watch or help. We can use more pilots and ground crew.

Laramie Resler, Young Eagles Coordinator

Do you have an aviation article or would like to write an aviation article that you would like to share? Please send it to the newsletter contact.

Newsletter contact: Laramie Resler, newsletter@vaa37.org