



# NEWS

## Upcoming events

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

Thursday, April 18, 5:30 PM,  
(before the gathering)  
Board meeting

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM,  
Chapter gathering will  
feature a VMC/IMC  
discussion

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

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM,  
Young Eagles Rally

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM,  
Young Eagles Rally

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 PM,  
Chapter gathering

Saturday, May 25, 7:00 AM  
to 10:00 AM, Breakfast at  
the Airport

Sunday, May 26, 12:00 PM,  
Memorial Day Cookout

## President's Corner, Dan Leonard

All Hands On Deck.

What does that mean? We have been informed that the EAA Ford Tri-Motor will be coming to GWB on June 20 - 23, 2024. We have an opportunity to host the event. We will sell rides, sell merchandise, and assist with the ground operations of the airplane. This means we need as many members as possible to be involved. We will keep you informed.

Spring is here! It's time to fulfill some of our required activities in order to receive the abatement on our hangar rent. Some of the activities include trash pick up and washing/waxing the airport vehicles. We will be planning a Saturday or two to pick up trash and wash/wax the airport vehicles. We need many of our members to come out and help. The more who show up, the quicker we get finished.

If you have questions about how our abatement works, contact one of the Board members.

Our chapter added some new members Jeff Mills, Justin Ida and Rick Covington. We continue to sponsor the Wings Seminars (VMC and IMC). Attendance is growing. Please watch the [www.FAASafety.gov](http://www.FAASafety.gov) web site and our newsletter for training dates.

I want to personally give a big thank you to all who help with the breakfast and Young Eagle events.

*Dan Leonard*, President VAA37

## Young Eagles

Here is the list for all our Young Eagle 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 21** - Kendallville Municipal Airport

David and Laramie Resler  
Young Eagles Coordinators



## Breakfast at the Airport

Our Breakfast at the Airport this month will be on April 27 from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Our guest speaker this month will be Nick Gaerte. He will be speaking at 9:00.

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

Join us at the Vintage clubhouse on March 23.



Guest speaker, David DeWald, shared his adventures on a flight to Canada in a private airplane.

## 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 which will be Diamond In Rough Air and Oshkosh VFR Arrivals and IMC topic will be Missed Below MDA and Cleared Through Gateway. A snack will be provided. Be sure to email Dan at [president@vaa37.org](mailto:president@vaa37.org) if you plan to attend. He wants to make sure he has enough food for everyone.

This is a Wings program. If you plan to attend, register for VMC at [VMC seminar](#) and for IMC at [IMC seminar](#). 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](http://www.eaa.org/membership) for details on how to join the EAA as a student.

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## Featured Article

### Vintage Wings of Canada's "Victory Flight" to Soar at AirVenture 2024

From EAA website, News & Multimedia, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

#### Vintage Wings of Canada's 'Victory Flight'

Three iconic World War II-era warbirds – the Supermarine Spitfire, Hawker Hurricane, and North American P-51 Mustang – will represent Canadian wartime aviation at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024, as **Vintage Wings of Canada** brings those historic aircraft as part of the "Victory Flight" at Oshkosh in July.

The aircraft will be at AirVenture as part of the centennial celebration for the Royal Canadian Air Force to be featured at Oshkosh this summer. They will join the Canadian Forces Snowbirds aerial demonstration team, which in December confirmed its participation at the 71st edition of EAA's fly-in convention.

Each of the aircraft has a unique story:

- **Spitfire Mk IX** – Often considered the most beautiful aircraft design of its day, the "Spit" became legendary with its performance during the Battle of Britain in 1940. The Vintage Wings of Canada example is painted in the markings of Arnold Rosemond, a Canadian who flew more than 65 missions before being shot down over Normandy in 1944. It received the World War II Reserve Grand Champion and Phoenix Gold Wrench awards at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018.

- **Hurricane Mk VII** – This versatile aircraft was an extraordinarily capable dogfighting airplane that was also developed into numerous variations from fighter-bombers to carrier-based Sea Hurricanes. This aircraft was built by Canadian Car and Foundry in Fort William, Ontario. It carries the markings of Flight Officer William Lidstone “Willie” McKnight, who was part of the Royal Air Force’s all-Canadian No. 242 Squadron and Canada’s most outstanding fighter pilot during the first 18 months of WWII.
- **P-51D Mustang** – One of the best-known and capable fighter aircraft of WWII, more than 16,000 Mustangs were produced beginning in 1940 in response to a British plea for more fighter aircraft from the U.S. This aircraft is painted in the markings of 442 Squadron as they appeared toward the end of the war. It is dedicated to brothers Larry and Rocky Robillard from Ottawa, Ontario, who both flew with that squadron during the war.

Vintage Wings of Canada is the creation of Michael Potter, who founded the Vintage Wings of Canada Foundation and has been collecting and flying vintage aircraft since the mid-1990s. The aircraft of his collection are maintained in flying condition and flown annually throughout the summer to support air shows, commemorative military flypasts, and other special events. Several aircraft of the collection are owned directly by the charitable foundation as well as by other individual operators.

Potter has put together a collection of some of the finest examples of Canada’s, and indeed the world’s, most historically significant aircraft. The collection is housed in a 24,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art hangar at the Gatineau-Ottawa Executive Airport near Ottawa, Canada.

Current plans call for the aircraft to arrive at the start of AirVenture week and to initially spend several days in the warbirds area. The aircraft will also fly on selected days in the afternoon air show prior to spending the final weekend on Boeing Plaza.

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