



NEWS

Upcoming events

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Thursday October 16, 7:00 PM, Chapter gathering, Shelly Williams will share her daughter's experiences as a Navy F/A-18 fighter pilot

Sunday, October 19, 12:00 PM, Chili Fest, see article below for details

Saturday, October 25, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, SCAIRPORT, see article below for details

Thursday, November 20, 7:00 PM, Chapter gathering and elections for the 2026-2028 term

Saturday, November 22, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Breakfast at the Airport

President's Corner, Sebastian Baumgardner

Hope everyone is enjoying this rare warm start of fall. We have several activities going on this October. Shelly Williams will be presenting at our next chapter gathering. She will be sharing her daughter's experiences as a Navy F-18 fighter pilot. Should be a great program and very interesting.

If anyone has any suggestions for future gatherings please feel free to share. We will of course have our monthly breakfast. This always is a fun get together at our clubhouse. This revenue is very important to helping us continue our Chapter.

Also, we are obligated to provide help to the airport by cleaning airport equipment. We hold a spring and fall equipment cleanup day. Our fall cleanup will be held in the near future, date yet to be determined. So please be on the lookout for that.

Lastly, we will be holding the Scairport event again this year. We need pilots to decorate and display their airplanes. Volunteers are also needed costumes are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded. So please keep these events on your mind and hope to see you there.

Sebastian Baumgardner, President VAA37



Watch our website for the 2026 Young Eagles rally schedule.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagles Coordinators

Breakfast at the Airport

Our Breakfast at the Airport this month will be on October 25 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Note the time change.

We had 37 attend breakfast and we had several planes fly in. It's good to see our regulars and new faces too.

Be sure to 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.

Monthly gathering

Our next Gathering is October 16 at 7:00 at the Vintage Hangar. We are planning a special evening.

Join us for supper at 6:30. The menu includes pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, and cookies. Coffee and water will be available. **Please RSVP by text to 260-402-3478 so we know how much food to prepare.**

Our guest is Shelly Williams. She will share her daughter's (Samantha) journey to become a Navy F-18 fighter pilot. It is a very interesting journey.

Let's have a good turn out and give Shelly a warm welcome.

2026-2028 Elections are coming

This is our election year. As a member of VAA37, you may be called and asked to serve on the Board. The positions to be elected are President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors. If you are interested in any of these positions, contact a Board member or a member of the Nominating Committee: Sebastian Baumgardner, Amber Creed, or Danny Aavang.

The ballot will be presented at the October gathering and voting will take place at the November gathering. Nominations from the floor will be taken at either of these gatherings.

Consider becoming more involved in your Chapter by serving on the VAA37 Board.

Equipment Clean-up Day

We need as many of you as are available to help clean-up the airport equipment. This is part of our lease agreement with the airport. We receive an abatement on our rent by cleaning their equipment. We will start at 9:00. The Chapter will provide some cleaning supplies. If you have your favorite cleaner, wax, or wash rags, bring them with you. The Chapter will provide a light lunch after clean-up is finished.

CHILI FEST

Our annual Chili Fest is October 19, doors open at noon. We'll eat at 1:00 pm. Chili will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. Invite your family and friends.

SCAIRPORT

SCAIRPORT is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the FBO ramp. We have more pilots committed to coming and decorating their planes. We still have space for more airplanes decorated in the Halloween theme. The pilot and passengers are encouraged to dress in costume.

If you cannot attend, would you consider providing candy? It can be dropped off at the FBO. Let them know that it is for SCAIRPORT.

Candy will be handed out at each plane as the kids go around to look at the decorated planes. We ask that pilots provide their own candy.

We are still working on prizes for the best decorated airplane, the best theme which includes the plane and pilot, and the best costume.

Our trunk or treaters will vote on the best decorated airplane. We have a committee of three non-members to decide on the best theme which includes the plane and pilot and the best costume.

Since we are doing best costume, you don't need to have an airplane to participate. Just carry around some candy and hand it out.

Let me know if you would like to participate in our SCAIRPORT. Send text to me at 260-402-3478.

Be sure to let your family, friends, and neighbors who have kids or are kids at heart know about SCAIRPORT.



Congratulations!

At the September 20 Young Eagles Rally in Kendallville, David Resler flew his 3200th Young Eagle. Blake from Portland, IN received that distinction and sat in the right seat.

This was Blake's third Young Eagles flight. He's been in three different airplanes at three different airports.

David has been flying Young Eagles since 2005. He enjoys sharing his love of aviation with tomorrow's pilots.

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 2025?

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 or 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](#).

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