



The Official Newsletter of

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## President's Corner

Greetings Chapter 2,

It's that time of year again to make your New Year's Aviation Resolutions! Maybe it's to start flight training, get an instrument rating, start a new airplane project or fly to some destination you've been wanting to visit. Whatever it is, Chapter 2 has great resources in its members to help make your resolution come true. If you need anything, don't hesitate to ask!

I'm happy to start out the year with some good news. Haverfield Aviation, who recently entered into a lease for Hangar 2 and the old terminal building at Smith Field, has said that we can continue to hold our Young Eagles rallies and our fly-ins using those facilities! This is great news not just for us, but for all of the other aviation groups who participate in the events as well. We're looking forward to another great year of events at Smith Field and hope Haverfield is able to participate with us and the rest of the Smith Field community.

Our first Chapter meeting of the new year will be held on Friday January 10, 2014 at 7 PM and we will meet at the Ivy Tech building at Smith Field. Our guest speaker will be retired airline captain Craig Bartscht, who will talk with us about life as an airline pilot and how flying for a major airline differs from general aviation. If time permits, we may also watch an episode of the EAA Chapter Video Magazine.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays and I'll see you in January!

Happy Flying,

Kevin

## Next Meeting:

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Retired Airline Captain

Craig Bartscht

Ivy Tech Building

Smith Field

## Informal Fly Out List

Chapter 2 is building an informal fly-out email list. If you would like to be notified of informal fly-outs, please send your email address to Kevin Stahl at [President@eaa2.org](mailto:President@eaa2.org) to be included on the list.

## EAA Chapter 2 Membership Renewals

It's the time of year to renew your EAA Chapter 2 membership. Yearly dues are only \$20. They can be paid in person at a Chapter function, by mail with the form included in this newsletter or online using PayPal by clicking on the "Join EAA 2" button on our website ([www.eaa2.org](http://www.eaa2.org)) and selecting the "Renew" option. This online form can also be used to update your contact information should you move or change e-mail addresses. You can check your membership status online by visiting the membership status page at [http://www.eaa2.org/membership\\_status.php](http://www.eaa2.org/membership_status.php). If you do not have internet access but want to check your membership status, please contact Kevin or Geoff and we'll be happy to help!

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## EAA 2 Online Marketplace

The Chapter 2 website has been undergone some updates and we've added a new page for displaying classified listings. Items can be listed as "For Sale" or "Wanted" but must be aviation related. The Marketplace page can be found at <http://www.eaa2.org/marketplace.php> or through the Marketplace menu item from any page of the Chapter 2 website. There is a link to submit your items on the Marketplace page. Please contact Kevin if you have any questions or issues.

## EAA Chapter 2 Banquet - Save The Date

The annual EAA Chapter 2 Banquet will be held on Saturday February 8, 2014 at 6 PM at Brotherhood Mutual. As in previous years, we will have a pot-luck carry-in dinner with the Chapter providing the beverages. Please bring a dish to share. In addition, we'll recognize member achievements, have a presentation from our 2013 Air Academy attendees, and more. Mark your calendar; it's always a great time!

## Sweet Aviation Ground School Open House

Are you ready to start your flight training or know someone who might be? Sweet Aviation will be hosting a Private Pilot Ground School Open House on Saturday January 4, 2014 in the Smith Field terminal building from 10 AM to 2 PM. This is your chance to meet with flight instructors and learn more about what it takes to earn your pilot certificate. The freedom of flight awaits!

## Member Profile – Who's Who in Chapter 2?



**Name**  
Phil Rich

### Are you a licensed pilot?

Yes, I'm instrument rated with a high performance endorsement.

### When did you start flying?

I started flying when I was a kid. My Dad worked for Moody Aviation as an Avionics Instructor and our house was right at the end of the runway (OA9). Around age 5, I would go up as a passenger in the 172 and they'd let me release the glider cable. As an adult, I started flying in the left seat a little more than two years ago.

### What do you currently fly?

1979 Piper Dakota

### What is the most interesting place you've flown?

Right after I earned my license, I took my family down to Tennessee to visit relatives. We landed on the same runway I lived next to as a kid. It was a thrilling experience. Check out the airport sometime and you'll see it's wedged between two mountains and there is another hill pretty close to the base leg. As a kid you don't notice that stuff!

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### **What is your favorite place to fly?**

So far, my favorite is Sandusky, KSKY. The final approach over the water is gorgeous.

### **How long have you been a member of Chapter 2?**

I joined EAA as soon as I got my ticket punched about two years ago. Having experienced flying as a young boy, I wanted to give other kids the same experience and Young Eagles was the perfect way to do it.

### **What is your interest in aviation?**

Being the pilot! My goal is to fly all kinds of aircraft, including helicopters, and eventually retire and be a flight instructor.

### **Who introduced you to aviation?**

My Dad. After working for Moody Aviation in the 1970's, he moved on to King Radio and oversaw quality control. Most older aircraft in use today have some King avionics, including my own, and I'm proud to say that my dad is part of that legacy.

### **What is your favorite airplane?**

Having served in the Navy for 8 years, and some of that time being on the flight deck of the USS Midway CV-41 (an aircraft carrier), my favorite aircraft is still the F/A18 Hornet. Two years ago at Oshkosh, the F/A18 stole the show and it reminded me of what an incredible machine it is.

### **Who is your dream co-pilot?**

I like to fly with everyone. Give me a call and I'm there.

### **What is your occupation?**

I'm very fortunate to be on the management team at Sweetwater Sound.

### **What has been your most unique job?**

For 6 years I was a guitarist for the Navy Band both in Hawaii and the Pacific Northwest. That was a pretty incredible job!

## **Upcoming Fly-Ins and Events**

January 1, 2014, Fly-in/Drive-in lunch at Nappanee, IN airport (C03), 11:00am until 1:00 or 2:00pm. This has been a very popular event for years.

January 16 – 19, 2014, Sport Aviation Expo at Sebring, FL (SEF). See <http://www.sport-aviation-expo.com/>.

This is a great activity for those interested in light sport aircraft and sport piloting if you happen to be wintering in Florida. See web site for fees.

February 8, 2014, Skiplane Fly-in at Pioneer Airport, Oshkosh, WI (WS17) from mid morning to mid afternoon. Complementary chili and cake will be served beginning at 10:30. Go to <http://www.airventuremuseum.org/activities/events.asp>. See special instructions on the web site if you plan to fly in on skis or wheels.

February 14 – 15, 2014, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Aviation Conference and Expo at The Lansing Center, Lansing, MI. Click on <http://www.greatlakesaviationconference.com/>.

This is not a fly-in event. They have some very interesting seminars and speakers for all aviators (pilots, mechanics, and others with aviation interests). See web site for fees.

April 1 – 6, 2014, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual SUN 'n FUN International Fly-IN and Expo, Lakeland, FL (LAL). See <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/FlyIn.aspx>. This is another great activity if you are wintering in Florida.



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## Homebuilt Corner

### Aviation Learning Center - Update

To all Chapter 2 members and friends,  
Thanks to those that have already donated materials to the Ch. 2 Aviation Learning Center at the CORE Teachers Store! Shown below is the great aviation resource this has become.



Now, we need the help of Ch. 2 members! The Aviation Learning Center needs more materials that teachers and interested students can have to learn more about aviation.

Can you donate any of the following?

- Aviation magazines
- Expired sectional charts
- Aircraft operating handbooks
- Flying and aircraft textbooks
- Aviation games
- Aviation models

Any donations will be distributed FREE to anyone interested.

Here are three easy ways to donate aviation related materials:

- Bring these materials to a chapter meeting
- Visit CORE and find out what a great service they have for educators – and drop off your materials at the Aviation Learning Center donation box
  - CORE is located at 1726 St. Joe River Drive, across from Concordia H.S. and just West of N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne
  - CORE is open Tues. and Wed. from 3-6 PM and Sat. from 10 AM – 5 PM
  - Check them out at [www.coretheteacherstore.org](http://www.coretheteacherstore.org)
- Mail to Larry Zepp, 2812 Trent Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815

This learning center will bring together materials from EAA Kid Venture, Young Eagles, Boy Scouts, Aviation Explorer Scouts, Academy of Model Aeronautics, Build a Plane, learning to fly, aviation careers, and many other resources. Additional activities that combine CORE's recycling and materials re-use and our local aviation clubs are planned.

Please pass the word about this new Aviation Learning Center and donate aviation related materials if you can.

Fair Skies and Tailwinds!

Larry Zepp

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## 2014 Dues Renewal

Please complete this form and mail to the address below with a check for \$20 to renew your dues for 2014. If you are a new member, please download a membership form from our website or contact a Chapter 2 officer or board member for more information. Dues renewals are due January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. You may also pay via PayPal on [www.eaa2.org](http://www.eaa2.org)

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