



President's Corner

Dear Chapter members and friends,

Thanks to all volunteers for a very successful Chili Lunch on Oct. 8, Especially Laramie and David Resler and Noreen and Craig Brown for enlisting the sponsorship of Thrivent Financial.

Don't miss our Christmas Party on Sat. Dec. 3. More info on the right. -----



Many Thanks to all active chapter volunteers, officers and board for a Great 2022! As we elect a new leadership team, our goal is to increase participation in the chapter and offer more programs and activities. We invite your help and participation!

Fair Skies and Tailwinds!

Larry Zepp, President

Coming Events:

- **Thurs. Nov. 10, Get Together at former FBO, Smith Field 7:00 - 8:30.** Light refreshments provided. Chapter elections and "Tips on Painting your Plane", presented by Larry Zepp.

⇒ - **Sat. Dec 3 - Christmas Party hosted by Pat and Sue Garvey at their hangar at Tropria - Churubusco. 6:00 p - 8:30 p .** Officers and Directors bring main course. Last name A-L bring side dish. Last name M-Z bring salad or dessert. 11612 St. Rd. 205, Churubusco

⇒ **Dec. 25—Merry Christmas!**

⇒ **Jan. 1, 2022—Happy New Year!**

⇒ **Thurs. Jan. 12, Get Together—TBD**

Volunteer Opportunity-

To help Rick Owens at Portland airport (KPLD) disassemble the RANS-12 plane for movement to its new owner, He needs a few extra “hands on deck” to help manage the wings and such and avoid any damage to the plane and parts. He is looking for 1-3 people to lend a hand in the disassembly and trailering process. For more info, please contact: David Resler—davidresler@frontier.com

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Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?
If so, then join us! Visit our website at www.eaa2.org and click on "Join EAA2"

Young Eagles News -

EAA Chapter 2 Reaches New Young Eagles Milestone

EAA Chapter 2 (EAA2), Fort Wayne, IN holds Young Eagle Rallies at Smith Field Airport (KSMD), Fort Wayne, IN and other airports in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. On Saturday, August 27, 2022, EAA2 member Craig Brown flew Finn Freeman at an EAA Vintage 37 (VAA37) rally held at DeKalb County Airport (KGWB), Auburn, IN. **Finn is the 11,000th Young Eagle flown by EAA2 members.** Craig has flown 367 Young Eagles since 1999. EAA2 has flown Young Eagles every year since 1992 and received a plaque at AirVenture 2022 for that accomplishment.

Finn's first Young Eagle flight was on April 11, 2015. He volunteers at EAA2 and VAA37 Young Eagle Rallies in various areas which includes instructing the kids in how an airplane flies, escorting kids to and from the planes, and marshaling planes. We always make sure he gets to fly too. Finn has attended the first two Air Academy camps and will be attending the Advanced Camp in 2023. His plans for the future include taking the Sporty's Learn to Fly course and getting his private pilot certificate as soon as he saves enough money to start flight training.

Finn has grown up with aviation connections. Both of his maternal grandparents are private pilots, both have flown Young Eagles, and his first flight was when he was 5 years old with his grandpa, David Resler who has flown over 2800 Young Eagles since 2005.

Nominations for Chapter Officers

The nominating committee is seeking member input on nominations for chapter officers. Chapter officers will be elected at the November get together and will serve for the 2023-2024 calendar year.

Officer positions are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Current officers are listed in the newsletter and on the website.

Nominations to date:

President	Paul Camp
Vice-President	David Resler
Secretary	Laramie Resler
Treasurer	Geoff Robison

Other nominations will be accepted at the November 10 Get Together at Smith Field, prior to the election.

Chili was a GREAT Success! Thanks to all volunteers!



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Craig Brown flew his first Young Eagle on April 10, 1999 in his Cessna 172 at Smith Field Airport. He also flies kids in his 1941 Piper Cub. **It was in the Cub that Craig took Finn on his Young Eagle flight which was EAA2’s 11,000th Young Eagle flight.**

Each year, EAA2 hosts four Young Eagle rallies at Smith Field and VAA37 hosts three Young Eagle Rallies at DeKalb County Airport. The two chapters work together at these rallies along with one held at Kendallville Municipal Airport (C62), Kendallville, IN.

In order to help and encourage youth who volunteer at our events to pursue flight training, EAA2 has set up a Youth Aviation Training Scholarship Fund. Donations for this Fund come from the profits from our Fly-in lunches and private donations. VAA37 also has a Scholarship Fund for flight training which is funded by profits from our Fly-in Breakfasts.

David and Laramie Resler are Young Eagle Coordinators for both Chapters. They, with other members from both Chapters, go to other airports in the northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio to host Young Eagle Rallies. Many of our members fly Young Eagles at times other than at rallies. Both chapters have a dedicated group of pilots and ground volunteers who help at these rallies.

David & Laramie Resler
Young Eagles Coordinators, EAA2 & VAA 37



Finn Freeman and Pilot Craig Brown CFI



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