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President's Corner

This month's letter starts with a **BIG** thank you to volunteers Craig and Norene Brown, Geoff Robison, my great grandson Riley Koop for their help doing some interior Spring cleaning at the former FBO at Smith Field. We also moved the main meeting area into a room better suited for our meetings.

Bruce Loos was the featured speaker and shared his experiences on the journey into flying commercial and corporate aircraft. This was a great insight into the aviation field offering a myriad of career opportunities. Bruce built a Sonex Experimental kit aircraft and flies it as scheduling permits.

For those not in attendance to the Annual Smith Field Tenants' meeting I would like to briefly share this important bit of information. Fort Wayne Airport Authority will continue with the renovation of Taxiway A and the associated connector onto Runway 31. This construction will of course close a portion Taxiways A, J, and Runway 31/13. Scheduled dates are April 3 thru June 1. Construction dates are 'fluid' and may vary.

With the temporary closing of 13/31, the radio is your new best friend as 'back-taxiing' will increase on 5/23.

Please review our Chapter Calendar and sidebars to stay current with Chapter 2 activities. Stay tuned, warm weather and \$100 hamburgers are just around the corner.

Paul Camp, President

Coming Events:

Saturday April 29 — EAA Chapter 2 Banquet, VAA 37 hangar at Dekalb County Airport, 6:00 pm. This is a carry-in event.

Thursday, May 11 — Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Mark Beck will discuss annual inspections on homebuilt aircraft. Meet at Mark's hangar at Dekalb County Airport, east of the airport office on CR 60.

Thursday June 8 — Chapter 2 Cookout, Hangar 2, **6:00 PM**. The Chapter is providing burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Bring a desert or a side dish to share.

July — No chapter Gathering. ☹️

July 24-30 — AirVenture 2023.



Can you identify the aircraft? Answer next month.

Last month: The C-54 Skymaster, operated by the Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation. The civilian version is the DC-4.



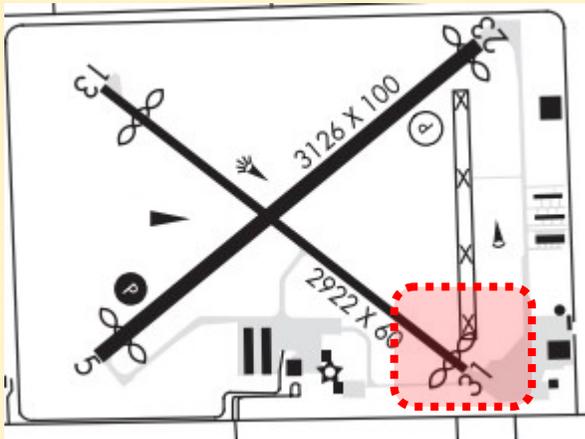
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Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?
If so, then join us! Visit our website at www.eaa2.org and click on "Join EAA2"

INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

Dates are subject to change. Check NOTAMS for up-to-date construction information during your flight planning.

SMITH FIELD TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION

Construction in shaded area, **April 3-June 1.**
Runway 13-31 will be **closed.**

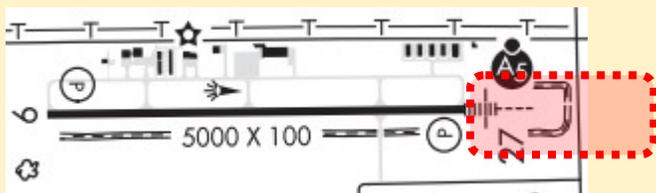


**DEKALB COUNTY AIRPORT
RUNWAY EXTENSION**

Currently, the contractor has proposed that from **4/25/23 through 7/28/23**, final grade work and paving will be taking place from the existing pavement out to 7,100'. During this timeframe, **RWY 27 will be closed, RWY 9 will be shortened to 4,000 feet** for landings and departures.

Beginning on or around **7/28 through 8/22 RWY 9-27 will be closed.** This will be the period in which new markings will be put down for the 7,100' runway, and new LED runway lighting will be installed.

From **8/23 until 9/26 RWY 9-27 will be closed during night-time hours** and open during the day at the full-length of 7,100' as we complete all the required lighting tasks.



2023 Membership Renewal

Now is the Best Time to Renew Your Membership with EAA Chapter 2 for 2023.

Your support of and participation in EAA Chapter 2 can enrich your aviation interest and understanding, as well as that of aviation enthusiasts of all ages.

Your support and participation also helps promote aviation throughout the broader community.

Membership renewal is easy, using the interactive form on the EAA 2 [website](http://www.eaa.org). Dues can be paid online via credit card or PayPal.

Alternately, you can mail your printed form and check to:

Geoff Robison
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Individual memberships are \$20.

Family memberships are \$30. This covers two adults and all children in a family.

Student memberships are FREE to those under 19 who are EAA members (this is also free for students). See www.eaa.org/membership for details on how to join the EAA as a student.

Newsletter options. Emailed newsletters are **FREE**. If you want a printed newsletter, please add **\$12** to your membership dues to cover the costs of printing and postage.



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EAA Announces Inaugural LEARN TO FLY WEEK

May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.



"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight. Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at [EAA.org/LTFWeek](https://www.eaa.org/LTFWeek).



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On Friday, April 28, 9am-12:00pm, we will be holding a private rally at the DeKalb County Airport for a home school group. We want to set up “stations” where we will teach how an airplane flies, chart reading, make cookie cutters out of aluminum strips, and talk about other aviation topics.

If you would like to help at this rally with any of these stations, take kids flying, help with registration and printing, or escort kids, please contact Laramie Resler at 260-402-3478. You can call or text.

Remember this is a **PRIVATE** event!

The dates for our 2023 rallies are listed at the right. Check your schedule to see if you can help with any of them. Contact Laramie Resler at 260-402-3478 if you can help. You can call or text.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagle Coordinators

YOUNG EAGLE NEWS—

The 2023 Young Eagles schedule is here!

All events are Saturdays, starting at 9:00 am.

May 6 — VAA 37 @ Dekalb County Airport

May 13 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

June 10 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

June 17 — VAA 37 @ Dekalb Airport

August 12 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

August 26 (JUST ADDED!) — VAA 37 @ Dekalb Airport

September 9 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

September 16 — EAA 2 @ Kendallville Airport, C62



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