



President's Corner

A couple of noteworthy items;

* Washington State HB 1554 which would have banned the sale and distribution of 100LL avgas was returned to the House for a third reading. And although the legislative session ends on April 28, 2023 the Bill will certainly be reintroduced for 2024.

* Construction continues at SMD with the temporary closing of runways 13/31 for modification of the taxiway 'A'. Scheduled completion is June 9, 2023. SEE NOTAM!

* Construction at GWB runway 27 and portions of 'A' taxiway. SEE NOTAM!

Are you flying to Oshkosh? If so, it's not too early to begin planning your trip. Although the 2023 NOTAM has not been published, the 2022 version is available online. It is a valuable reference for review. EAA also has a 2-part video. It is recommended viewing to familiarize yourself with the arrival procedure and visual reference points.

Please check the Chapter 2 Calendar for our planned monthly activities.

Stay tuned, warm weather and the \$100 hamburger is just around the corner.

Paul Camp, President

Coming Events:

Thursday, May 11 — Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Mark Beck will discuss annual inspections on homebuilt aircraft. Meet at Mark's hangar, through Gate 6, east of the Dekalb County Airport office on CR 60. The gate will either be open or have a pass to open it. Call 260-403-6220 with questions.

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.

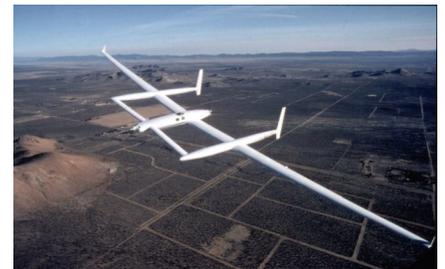
Saturday July 8 — EAA Chapter 2 Fly-in/Drive-in lunch at Smith Field, Hangar 2, starting at 11:00 am. Lunch features a sloppy joe or creamed chicken sandwich, chips, and dessert. A free will donation benefits the EAA 2 Youth Scholarship fund.

July 24-30 — AirVenture 2023.



Can you identify the aircraft? Answer next month.

Last month: The Rutan Voyager, which completed the first unrefueled flight around the world in 1986. Photo from burtrutan.com





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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2023 CHAPTER 2 BANQUET



Finn Freeman presenting his 2022 Air Academy experiences.



David Liu presenting on behalf of his son, Daniel.



Chapter President Paul Camp (right) recognizes David Resler (center) for having flown 2800 Young Eagles. Laramie Resler, our YE coordinator, is on the left.



Wyatt Bridegam presenting his 2022 Air Academy experiences.

David and Laramie Resler recognize Craig Swanson for flying 400 Young Eagles.



Special thanks to VAA 37 for opening their hangar for us!

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MORE CHAPTER 2 BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS!



Larry Zepp recognized for his service as 2022 Chapter President.



Geoff Robison, recognized for his service as 2022 Chapter Treasurer.



Laramie Resler, recognized for her service as 2022 Chapter Secretary.



Kevin Stahl, recognized for his service as 2022 Chapter Web Site Editor.



David Resler, recognized for his service as Young Eagle Coordinator and Eagle Flight Leader.



Craig Brown, recognized for his service as 2022 Flight Advisor.

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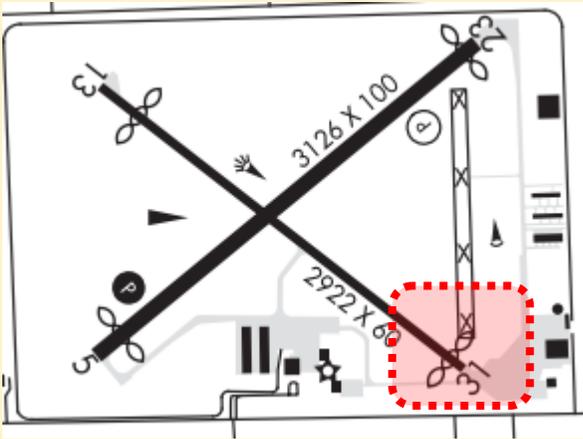
Are you a pilot? Are you building an aircraft? Are you an aircraft owner?
Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?
If so, then join us! Visit our website at www.eaa2.org and click on "Join EAA2"

INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

Dates are subject to change. Some information may be incomplete. **READ THE NOTAMS** for up-to-date information during your flight planning.

SMITH FIELD TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION

Construction in shaded area, through **June 9**.
Runway 13-31 will be **closed**.

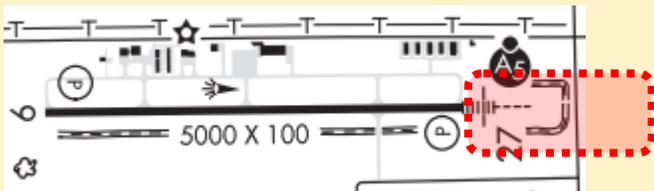


**DEKALB COUNTY AIRPORT
RUNWAY EXTENSION**

Currently, the contractor has proposed that, **through 8/31/23**, final grade work and paving will be taking place from the existing pavement out to 7,100'. During this timeframe, **RWY 27 is closed, RWY 9 is shortened to 3,850 feet** for landings and departures.

Beginning on or around **7/28 through 8/31 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 **8/31 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
6278 County Road 27
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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.

Are you a pilot? Are you building an aircraft? Are you an aircraft owner?
Are you just “plane nuts” about aviation?
If so, then join us! Visit our website at www.eaa2.org and click on “Join EAA2”

The 2023 Young Eagle Rally season is about to begin. Our first rally at Smith Field is May 13. Join us and see the excitement on the kids faces. We need pilots and ground crew to make our rallies a success. If you can help at any of our rallies, please let me know. It is very helpful if we know who is coming so we can plan for how many kids we can fly, how to set up, how much coffee to make, and how much food to have for our light lunch.

Even if the weather will not allow us to fly, we will still be there with inside activities in which the kids can participate and will need your help with those activities.

See the Young Eagle News for our other YE rally dates.

Please contact me (Laramie) by text or phone call at 260-402-3478.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagles 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 — VAA 37 @ Dekalb Airport

September 9 — EAA 2 @ Smith Field

**September 16 — EAA 2 @ Kendallville
Airport, C62**



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