



## President's Corner

Cold weather, the sheer thought of it sends a shiver down my spine. As we transition from Summer into Fall and ultimately into Winter, our aircraft require some additional attention for safety and storage.

### Wash, Wax, and Detail the Exterior

Cleaning off all of the residual bugs, dirt, and oxidation has benefits. Snow and ice removal is easier from the clean and waxed surfaces. Using an approved aircraft window cleaner and polish helps protect and seal that expensive windshield.

### Change the Oil

Changing your engine's oil removes harmful acids and contaminants. You might also consider an anti-corrosion additive such as Camguard. Oil sampling and trend analysis is a useful predictive tool.

### Lubricate the Airframe

Most aircraft maintenance manuals include a lubrication schedule and chart. Obtain the lubricants listed, and apply them according to the instructions. Grease, oil, and other prescribed lubricants are your best protection against excessive wear and corrosion for every mechanism on the aircraft.

### Charge, Maintain, or Replace Batteries

Batteries don't perform well in low temperatures. Beginning with the aircraft's main battery, have it tested to ensure it is still performing at the required

capacity. It is recommended to use a high-quality, aircraft-specific trickle charger such as a Battery Minder. And, don't stop at the aircraft's main battery. Replace every other battery you can think of, including headset batteries, flashlight batteries, and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

### Inspect the Heating System

Most single-engine aircraft derive their heat from the exhaust system, so inspect it carefully to ensure that carbon monoxide cannot infiltrate your cabin air.

### Engine Preheat

Check for proper operation.

A big "thank you" goes out to the volunteers who tirelessly donate their time and energy to support all of EAA Chapter 2 activities. Without your dedication, we could never achieve successful fundraisers supporting our youth aviation programs.

It's time to think about renewing Chapter 2 membership dues. Are you current for 2024?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you November 9th for the Chapter meeting at Blackstone Labs, 7pm. Turn to the next page for more details.

Paul Camp - President



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## Coming Events:

**Thursday November 9** — Chapter 2 Gathering at Blackstone Labs, for a behind-the-scenes tour with Ryan Stark. If anyone has an oil filter they'd like analyzed, we can do it that night. Cut it open and drain the oil prior. We'll spread out the pleats and look for metal.

**Saturday December 2** — Annual Chapter 2 Christmas Party Pot-Luck Dinner at Pat Garvey's hangar, Churubusco. Please bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. Chapter 2 board members will provide the main course dishes. Last names A-L please bring a dessert and M-Z please bring a side dish.

## Directions to Blackstone Labs:

416 E. Petit Avenue, Fort Wayne

### From the North

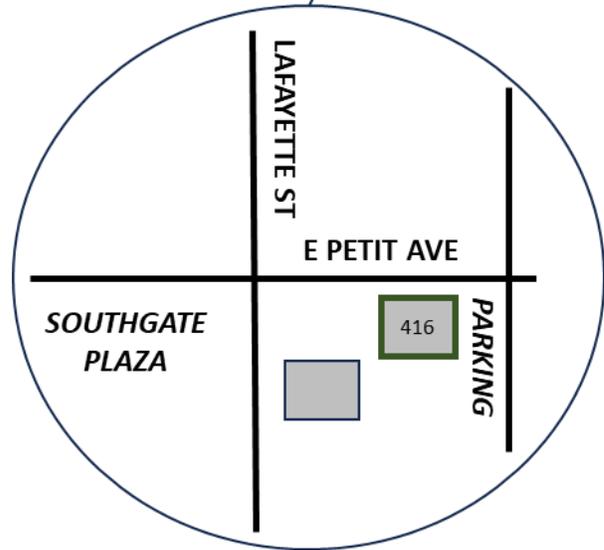
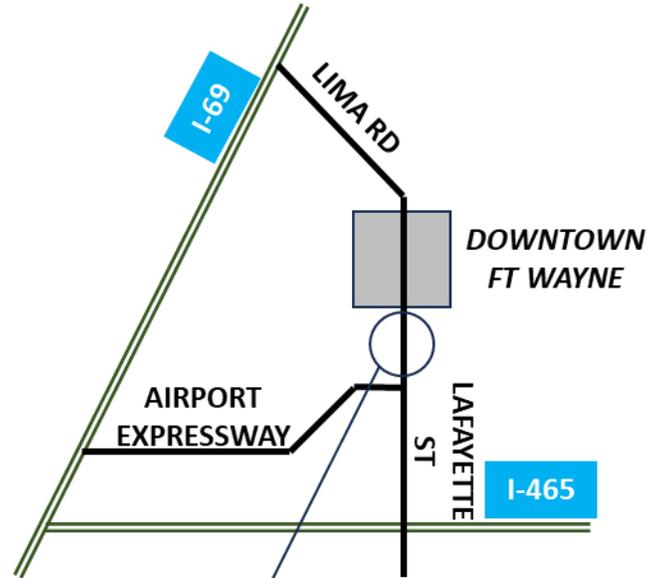
I-69 to Lima Road/US-27 exit. Follow south through downtown, as road changes to Clinton, then Lafayette. Turn left at Petit Ave.

### From the South/East

I-465 to US-27 exit. Follow north. Turn right at Petit Ave.

### From the West

I-69 to Airport Expressway. Follow east as road changes to Paulding Rd. Turn left on Lafayette. Turn right at Petit Ave.



Map not to scale.

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Blackstone Labs is second building on right. Parking on east side of building, off Avondale Drive. Plan on using the Avondale-side building entrance.

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Can you identify this aircraft? Answer next month.



Last month: The Lockheed SR-71B display at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. A unique aspect of their exhibit is the platform that lets visitors look into the cockpit.

## 2024 Membership Renewal

**Now is the Best Time to Renew Your Membership with EAA Chapter 2 for 2024.**

*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.eaa2.org). Dues can be paid online via credit card / 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, which is free to them. See [www.eaa.org/membership](http://www.eaa.org/membership) for details on how to join the EAA as a student.

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