



## President's Corner

Happy December to all my friends. If you had a great year, I hope this month adds the finishing touch. If you had a rough year, at least it will be over soon!

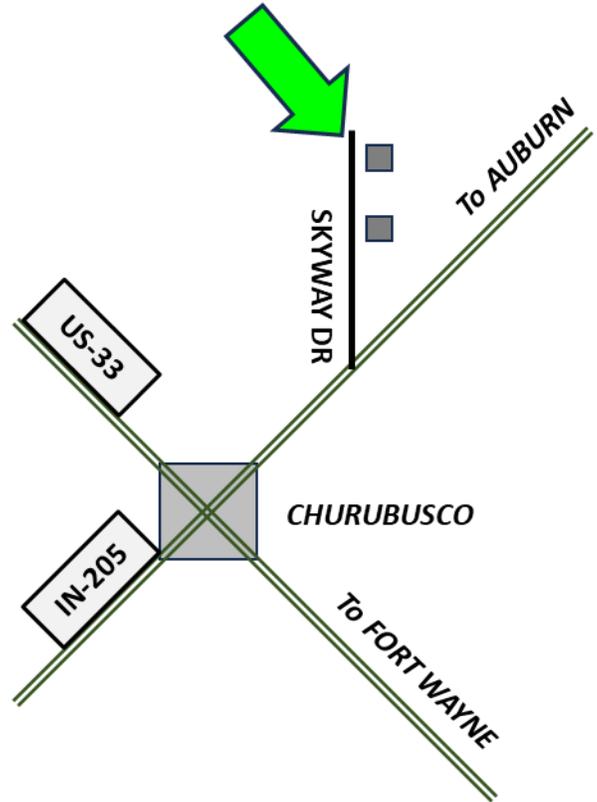
Our visit to Blackstone Labs hosted by Ryan Stark provided a historical look into the analysis of motor oil and cartridge-type filters.

Thank you Ryan for a behind-the-scenes look at the services provided by Blackstone Labs.

This year's Chapter Pot Luck Christmas Party will again be at Pat Garvey's Hanger, Churubusco, IN, at 6:00 PM on Saturday December 2. Please bring a dish to share. Chapter 2 board members will provide the main course dishes, table service and beverages. Last names A-L please bring a dessert and M-Z please bring a side dish.

On behalf of myself and your Chapter 2 Board members, we look forward to seeing you at this year's gathering.

Paul Camp - President



### Directions to Pat Garvey's hangar:

11612 IN-205, Churubusco

**6:00 PM, Saturday December 2**

#### From Fort Wayne

US-33 from Fort Wayne to Churubusco. Right on IN-205, for about 1.5 mile. Turn left on Skyway Dr.

#### From Auburn

Follow IN-205 from the Kruse Plaza I-69 exit. About 6 miles past Laotto. Turn right on Skyway Dr.

Pat's hangar/house is the second on the right.



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## NOVEMBER EAA2 GATHERING at BLACKSTONE LABS



Ryan Stark of Blackstone Labs explaining the use of the spectrometer in the oil analysis process. The spectrometer detects the concentration of certain metals and nonmetallic elements in the sample.



Apparatus to measure flashpoint of oil samples.

Blackstone measures viscosity, flashpoint, and amounts for water, antifreeze, and insolubles in oil samples.



Insolubles separated from oil samples by centrifuge.



Apparatus to measure kinematic viscosity.



Inspecting filter media under the microscope for debris and contaminants. Ryan recommends aircraft owners do this every time they change oil.

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Can you identify this aircraft? Answer next month.



Last month: A Scottish Aviation Bulldog trainer aircraft. I've seen several at EAA events at DeKalb County and Smith Field airports.



## 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**  
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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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## YOUNG EAGLES 2023 IN REVIEW

This year EAA2 pilots flew a total of 496 Young Eagle flights at five different airports: SMD, GWB, C62, CQA and PLD. EAA2 held ten rallies this year. This includes special rallies for specific groups such as home school groups. We earn \$5 in Young Eagle credit for each Young Eagle flown. To celebrate the 30th anniversary of Young Eagles, EAA awarded \$10 instead of \$5 for each Young Eagle flight from January through July. We will learn early next year just how much is in our Young Eagle credit account.

We use these Young Eagle Credits to purchase supplies for our rallies, for advertising, and sending kids to Air Academy. Next year we will be sending three deserving young people to Air Academy.

We have said this numerous times but we cannot thank you all enough for your support of Young Eagles. We can do all the planning but if you all don't show up at our rallies, it would not happen.

David and Laramie Resler  
Young Eagle Coordinators



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