



President's Corner

The Winter Solstice is behind us, January is upon us and Spring is only 86 days away as I prepare this message on Christmas Eve. I look back on 2023 and think, my goodness where did the time go, and anxiously await the warmer days ahead.

We will again host our Annual Chapter 2 banquet, Chapter 2 cookout, Chapter 2 Drive-in/Fly-in lunch, Chapter 2 Chili drive-in/Fly-in, and the Chapter Christmas Party. There are several open calendar dates and we welcome all suggestions for Chapter group activities.

Each new year presents challenges not previously experienced and affords many new opportunities. Together we can make 2024 a great year!

Happy New Year!

Paul Camp - President

Coming Events:

Thursday January 11 — Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field.

- VMC Club, 6:30. What are the FAA requirements regarding acting as PIC after SCUBA diving? Avoiding a deadly mistake: can installing your cowl plugs wrong cause a crash?
- Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Video, *Density Altitude and Decision-Making*.

January 22-26 — EAA Homebuilding Week (see page 3).

Thursday February 8 — Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field.

- VMC Club, 6:30. Topic TBD.
- Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Topic TBD.

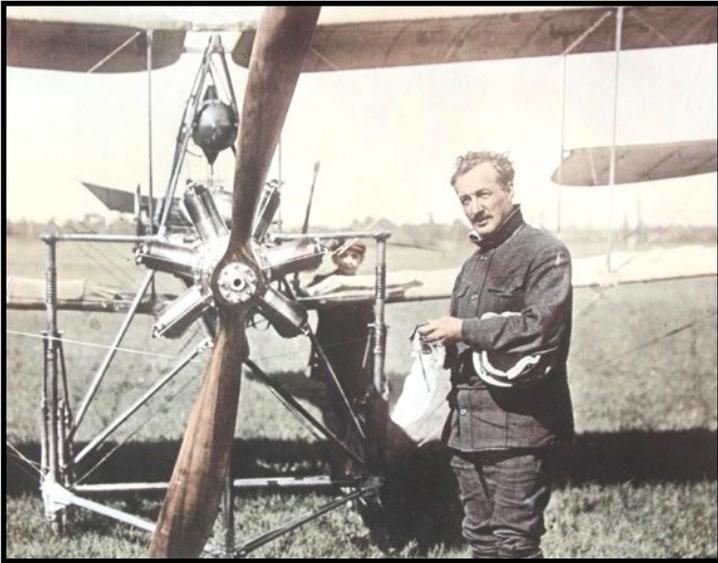
Thursday March 14 — Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field.

- VMC Club, 6:30. Topic TBD.
- Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Topic TBD.



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”

With my older brother, I built a model helicopter that successfully flew in 1905. Our first successful aircraft won a 5000-franc prize in 1910 for being the first to fly over Lake Geneva. I have a January birthday. Who am I? Answer next month. By Henri Dunan - Journal aéronautique de Lausanne, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=11344576>



Last month: Boeing Stearman Model 75, a military trainer from the 1930's-40's. This example was seen at our YE event with the Kendallville EAA chapter.

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:

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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 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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Online Event Starts January 22

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days.

We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am Central Time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm Central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just

considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26th, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.



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LOOKING AHEAD YOUNG EAGLES 2024

For your planning, our Young Eagle Rallies for 2024 are May 11, June 8, August 10, and September 14, all at Smith Field Airport. Hope you can join us for some of these rallies. We have a lot of fun and the kids learn a lot. Spread the word, invite your family and friends.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagle Coordinators



VMC CLUB INVITATION

BY LARRY ZEPP, VMC CLUB COORDINATOR

All members and guests are invited to attend the VMC Club discussion group on Thurs. January 11 at 6:30 pm in the Ivy Tech Aviation Center. This safety discussion group is held 30 minutes before the chapter get together.

We have two VMC Club questions for you to ponder and then join in on the discussion. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

VMC Club Question 1

What are the FAA requirements regarding acting as PIC after SCUBA diving?

VMC Club Question 2

Avoiding a deadly mistake. Can installing your cowl plugs wrong cause a crash?

Best Regards,
Larry Zepp

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