



## President's Corner

At this time I would like to extend my congratulations to Finn Freeman EAA2 Youth Scholarship recipient for completing his private pilot training requirements and joining the roughly 600,000 certified pilots, and more than 80% of those flying GA aircraft. This means there are approximately 480,000 active general aviation pilots if you apply the 80% figure.

Finn has just graduated from High School and plans to continue his aviation career with the US Coast Guard. Picture, page 3.

### Time for some fun...

For many of us flight training is a distant memory as we gain new skills and move away from old to new technology. Just for fun let's go back in time and plan and fly a VFR cross-country flight of approximately 60 miles.

This 'challenge' does, however, have some conditions, pen, and paper may be required;

1. Plot a VFR course with calculated time/distance way-points including fuel consumption.
2. No GPS allowed, turn it off. Foreflight or Garmin Pilot is permitted instead of a paper sectional map, but you must turn 'OWNSHIP' off so your position is not shown on the map.
3. No autopilot, hand fly the route.
4. Safety pilot allowed, as is ADSB and Flight Following, but proceed as if you were solo.

Give it a try and memories (good/bad) of your student flight training will give you renewed empathy for what our new GA pilots have endured.

Please join us on June 12, 2025, for our EAA Chapter 2 cookout for chapter members and their families at the Sweet Aviation hanger across from the FBO. The chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Note that this event starts at 6 PM, one hour earlier than our normal gatherings. Please enter through the FBO.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Paul Camp - President EAA Chapter 2

## Coming Events:

**Thursday June 12** — Chapter 2 Cookout, tentatively at the FBO at Smith Field. The chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, & beverages. Please bring a side dish or desert to share. Note that this event starts at 6 PM, one hour earlier than our normal gatherings.

**Saturday July 12** — EAA Chapter 2 Lunch Fly-in/ Cruise-in Hangar 2 at Smith Field - 11:00 AM. EAA Chapter 2 Fly-in/Cruise-in lunch. Lunch will feature a sloppy joe or a creamed chicken sandwich, chips, and dessert. Free will donation proceeds benefit the EAA 2 Youth Activities.

**Monday July 21-Sunday 27** — AirVenture!



Are you a pilot? Are you building an aircraft? Are you an aircraft owner?  
Are you just "plane nuts" about aviation?

## VMC CLUB — MAY ANSWERS

**Question 1. You've just taxied to the hold short line of the active runway after completing your runup and passenger safety briefing. What additional items should you now address as part of your pre-takeoff briefing?**

Consider potential powerplant failure, or other powerplant malfunction during takeoff. Include factors such as airplane performance, runway length, surface and environmental conditions, and obstructions.

- What is your abort point? This is the point at which the takeoff is abandoned if not airborne.
- What are the decision altitudes for flap and gear retraction? Straight-ahead emergency landing vs. return to field?
- Where can you land if a straight-ahead emergency landing is necessary?
- What are the emergency procedures for power loss or other failure?

**Question 2. Can VFR Flight Following actually make a life-or-death difference in an emergency?**

The short answer is yes. A pilot recalled a VFR flight in which the propeller departed the aircraft. He was able to make a safe emergency landing at a nearby airport, landing two minutes after the failure.

*"There was no time in those brief moments to fumble with finding a frequency or figuring out who to call. I was already talking to someone who could help, and that may be why no one was injured and the plane only suffered minor damage. Approach cleared the airspace, alerted the tower, and made sure I had a runway waiting. I could focus on managing airspeed, altitude, and energy state to get that plane on the runway and not into the densely populated area around it".*

*Courtesy of Pilot Workshops.com*

## 2025 Membership Renewal

*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](#). Dues can be paid online via credit card / PayPal. If you are new to EAA 2, dues can be pro-rated for the year.

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

**David Resler**  
**4719 S. 300 E**  
**Churubusco IN 46723**

**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.

**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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## YOUNG EAGLES 2025!

**June 14** - Tri-State Steuben County Airport

**June 21** - DeKalb County Airport

**August 9** - Smith Field Airport

**August 16** - DeKalb County Airport

**September 13** - Smith Field Airport

**September 20** - Kendallville Municipal Airport

June 14 is International Young Eagles Day and the date for our Young Eagle Rally at ANQ, our second year going there. They are looking forward to having us. They will be providing breakfast and lunch to our volunteers. We start flying at 9:00 so arrive by 8:00 so you will have time to set up and eat. We should have enough pilots for this rally but can still use some ground volunteers. If you have not let me know that you will be there, please do so. Thanks for your help at our rallies.

David and Laramie Resler

Young Eagle Coordinators



EAA Chapter 2 congratulates Finn Freeman on passing his private pilot check ride on May 15.

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