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President's Corner

Dear EAA Chapter 2 Members,

Thank you for your continued dedication, enthusiasm, and support of EAA Chapter 2. Your time, skills, and passion for aviation are what make this chapter such a strong and welcoming community.

A special thank-you to everyone who helped organize, support, and attend our annual Christmas dinner. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and celebration, and a meaningful way to reflect on another successful year together. While not all members were able to join us in person, you were certainly thought of and appreciated.

We also take this time to remember and honor those members who are no longer with us. Their contributions, friendship, and passion for aviation helped shape our chapter and continue to inspire us today. They remain an important part of the EAA Chapter 2 legacy.

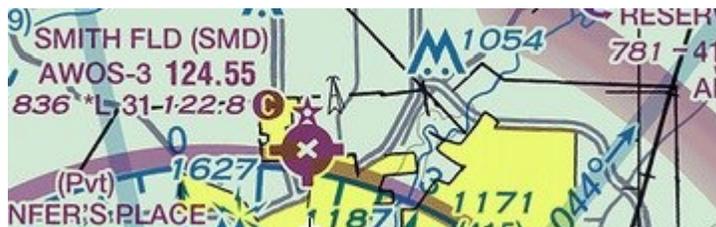
As we look ahead, planning our 2026 activities calendar is already underway. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for meetings, events, fly-outs, speakers, workshops, or any other activities you'd like to see included. Your input helps ensure our chapter remains engaging, inclusive, and enjoyable for everyone.

Whether present at events, supporting from afar, or remembered for your

contributions, every member plays a role in keeping EAA Chapter 2 strong and thriving. Thank you all for being part of this remarkable community.

With gratitude and respect,

Paul Camp, President EAA Chapter 2



Coming Events:

Thursday, January 8. Join us for the January Chapter 2 gathering! Kellie Kreider will share her experience with her agricultural crop spraying drone business. Chapter 2 Gathering at the Ivy Tech Aviation Center, Smith Field, 7:00 PM. VMC club at 6:30 pm.



DON'T FORGET!

2026 is upon us! Don't forget to renew your EAA 2 membership! See page 2 for instructions.

Forgotten if you renewed? You can check your status at https://eaa2.org/membership_status.php.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

EAA 2 turns 70 years old on October 1, 2026! Help us plan our Platinum Anniversary! Contact Paul or any board member with your ideas.

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VMC CLUB — JANUARY QUESTIONS

All are invited to the VMC club safety discussion starting at 6:30 PM on Thursday January 08, 2026 in the Ivy Tech Aviation building at Smith Field. I hope to see you there!

Larry Zepp, VMC Club Coordinator

Question 1 (Courtesy of EAA VMC Club).

When approaching touchdown, you notice that the aircraft tends to float rather than touch down. Besides excess airspeed, what causes this phenomenon?

Question 2 (Courtesy of Pilot

Workshops.com). **VFR Challenge:** In this challenge, you have 3 active MOAs between you and your destination. Should you fly through them, or double your flying time and go all the way around? How can ATC help?



Flying adventure in 2025.

2026 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:

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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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Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26 Free weeklong online series on building your own aircraft.

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA Homebuilders Week 2026 offers 30 free virtual presentations for anyone interested in building an aircraft.

Registration is required, and space is limited.

The event runs Monday, January 26, through Friday, January 30, 2026. Each day features six live, back-to-back webinars starting at 11:30 a.m. Central Time and continuing every 90 minutes until the final session at 7:00 p.m.

All sessions are live and include time for Q&A. To sign up, visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek.

Whether you’re just beginning to explore the idea of building, are deep into a project, or preparing for test flying, you’ll find sessions addressing your needs. We are also excited to have EAA President Jack Pelton joining us on January 26 to discuss EAA’s advocacy efforts on behalf of our homebuilt community.

EAA Homebuilders Week celebrates the anniversary of the Experimental Aircraft Association’s founding on January 26, 1953. It’s a great opportunity to carry on our mission by expanding your homebuilding knowledge with five straight days of learning about building and flying homebuilt aircraft.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible thanks to the generous support of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, and Van’s Aircraft.

NOTE: TIMES ARE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME!

Time CST	Monday 1/26/2026	Tuesday 1/27/2026	Wednesday 1/28/2026	Thursday 1/29/2026	Friday 1/30/2026
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dan Berry
1:00-2:15	Composite Construction Basics - Scott VanderVeen	Fabric Covering Basics - Austin Jones	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Insuring Your Homebuilt - Jim Stewart	Fly the Wing: AOA Demystified - Mike Vaccaro
2:30-3:45	EAA Advocacy Update - Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	Hardware for Homebuilts - Dick Koehler	Sonex Aircraft Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastien Heintz
4:00-5:15	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Brensing	Weight & Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? - Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Condition Inspections: Who & How - Brian Carpenter	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Can Homebuilt Accident Rates Be Fairly Compared? - Ron Wanttaja
7:00-8:15	Van’s Aircraft RV-15 Update - Marc Cook & Rian Johnson	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts - Steve Boser	Lessons From 200,000 Borescope Images - Mike Busch	Lycoming Engine Installation - Judson Rupert	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

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aircraft owner?

Building in 2025...



2025 EAA 2 Christmas Party!

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