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# EAA Chapter 2
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## President's Corner

### EAA 2 Chapter Cookout

July is behind us, and what a busy month it was, with our Fly-in/Drive-in fundraiser and, of course, there was Oshkosh 2026, and wrapping the month up with a visit and tour of the 122nd Fighter Wing at Fort Wayne International Airport.

Summer is not over yet, and we should be mindful of conditions for continued safe flight. Careful management of aircraft performance, convective weather, and personal physiology needs to be considered. High temperatures dramatically alter standard flight characteristics, making proactive planning essential.

### Aircraft Performance & Density Altitude

- Density Altitude: Hot, humid air decreases air density, which severely degrades engine horsepower, aerodynamic lift, and propeller efficiency.
- Verify Performance Charts: Takeoff roll increases roughly 10% for every additional 1,000 feet of density altitude.
- Manage Total Weight: Consider reducing your payload.
- Lean for Power: Lean the fuel-air mixture prior to takeoff at high-density altitude.
- Establish an Abort Point: Identify a specific visual milestone along the runway; if your aircraft is not airborne by that point, abort the takeoff immediately.

### Convective Weather & Thunderstorm Avoidance

- Maintain Safe Distance: Skirt visible storm cells by at least 5 to 20 miles.
- Do Not Fly Underneath: Avoid flying beneath a thunderstorm.
- Fly Level in Inadvertent Penetration: Maintain a straight-and-level attitude.

### Severe Weather Strategies

- Summertime Sump Checks: Check fuel sumps carefully after heavy summer downpours. Leaky fuel cap seals can allow water to completely replace fuel at the bottom of the tank.
- Ventilate the Cabin: Open doors and windows during your preflight on the ramp. Greenhouse heating can elevate cockpit temperatures.
- Monitor Engine Temperatures: Watch oil temperatures and Cylinder Head Temperatures.
- Anticipate Afternoon Bumps: Expect increased thermal turbulence over asphalt and uneven terrain during peak sun hours.
- Assess the I'MSAFE Checklist: Dehydration, heat exhaustion, and fatigue sneak up quickly in hot cockpits, heavily impairing pilot decision-making. Carry plenty of fresh water.

Looking forward to seeing you at our August Chapter activities.

Stay safe, and fly frequently

Paul Camp, President, EAA Chapter 2

# Coming Events:

**Saturday, August 8**. Young Eagles Rally at Smith Field (SMD). Kids will fly from 9:00-1:00, weather permitting. See page 3.

**Sunday, August 9**. Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast at Dean Husted's Airport, Hicksville, OH, 8:00 am. This is a fly-in/drive-in event at Husted Field which features a 3000 foot grass runway just north of Hicksville, OH. We thank Dean Husted and his family for inviting us to their home for this great event!

Directions from Fort Wayne:
- SR 37 NE from Fort Wayne, turns into SR 2 in Ohio.
- Turn left on Main St. In Hicksville.
- 2381 OH-18, 1 mile on right.

Directions from Auburn:
- SR 8 E from Auburn , turns into SR 18 in Ohio.
- 2381 OH-18, 2 miles on left past state line.

Flying? 44.31 N 84.78 W.

**Thursday, August 13.** Join us for the August Chapter 2 gathering, at the Dekalb County Airport, 7:00. Chapter member Larry Gering will talk about his skydiving experience. He has over 200 jumps! VMC Club at 6:30.

## VMC CLUB

All members and friends are invited to the VMC Club meeting at 6:30, 8/13, before the chapter meeting.

**Question 1** – Is there a secret for consistently good landings?

**Question 2** – When is it appropriate to declare an emergency?

## 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:

**David Resler**
**4719 S. 300 E**
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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.

# YOUNG EAGLES 2026!

We've had a small break in Young Eagle Rallies as many made the trek to AirVenture. It's time to think of YE again. Our first rally at SMD is this Saturday, August 8. It is shaping up to be a busy one. If you haven't already let us know that you will be able to help, please do so.

We were able to organize another Home School Rally at Lakefield Airport in Montezuma, OH again this year. Three pilots and five ground crew flew 56 kids. We also had a beekeeper explain beekeeping to the kids, the local EMS brought an ambulance, the Ohio State police brought their airplane and a local pilot put his helicopter on display. As a special bonus, a crop duster did a low pass over the FBO. The kids enjoyed that.

Our next rally at SMD will be September 12, another one that is shaping up to be busy. Next is Kendallville on September 19 and final one for the year is in Portland on September 26. We have several people from the Portland area help with that rally, but if anyone wants to come down, you are welcome to do that. Just let us know.

David and Laramie Resler
Young Eagles Coordinators

## Coming Events

- August 8—Smith Field (SMD)
- August 15—DeKalb County (GWB)
- September 12—Smith Field (SMD)
- September 19—Kendallville (C62)
- September 26—Portland (PLD)

**July 29 YE Rally at Lakefield**

On July 30, Chapter member and F-16 pilot Major Nathan “Spear” Fisher hosted a tour of the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne. We learned about the history of the Squadron and their transition to F-16’s, toured the maintenance hangar, walked the flight line, and tried out the night vision goggles. We also talked flying with three of the Squadron’s pilots.

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