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The President's Flight Deck

Our February gathering will be held on Monday February 24th, beginning with our dinner/social hour at 6:00 PM. The menu is still being decided, but you can be sure it will be tasty. Again, kitchen prep and final clean-up help will be appreciated!

The membership committee has been actively pursuing members that have forgotten to pay their 2025 dues. If you have not yet paid, please do so as your membership will become inactive on February 15. Please keep in mind that membership dues help us meet our operational costs!

Dave Peterson has done a fabulous job setting up and managing the flight simulator. However, Dave would like to relinquish this role, and we are looking for a new manager. This should be a relatively easy position to manage, and Dave will provide training for the new manager. Please reach out to Dave if you are interested in this position.

I attended the Anoka County-Blaine Airport Advisory Commission meeting on February 12th and came away with a very positive vibe from the local community representatives. There were representatives from Blaine, Anoka County, Circle Pines, and East Bethel in attendance. All the representatives expressed interest in knowing more about our EAA Chapter and how they can promote our Chapter to their communities. This may be as simple as having them post our event calendar on their websites, or perhaps a more detailed description that they can use to encourage their citizens to check out our Chapter. There is potential to grow our Chapter with this community promotion! If you are interested in helping with community outreach, please see me.

I hope to see you at the Chapter meeting!

Kevin



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Group Pictures

Last month, we had a well-attended chapter meeting followed by a great presentation from Al Patchin. Al talked about the loss of power incident of his helicopter. Thank you, Al, for presenting and to all the helpers who helped with kitchen prep and final clean-up!



Young Eagles



Due to the weather, the Young Eagles event on Saturday, January 11th at Atlantic Aviation was cancelled. Our next Chapter 237 Young Eagles event has not been scheduled yet so if you or someone you know is interested, please keep an eye out on Chapter 237's Teamup calendar.

Dave Peterson diligently maintains the chapter calendar to ensure all events are up to date. You can view the Teamup calendar [here](https://teamup.com/ks8jo8bqxymaiqh7v) (<https://teamup.com/ks8jo8bqxymaiqh7v>).

All chapter members are invited to come out to support our effort to provide a safe, fun and memorable experience for these young people, who share our interest in aviation. It's always fun to watch the smiling faces after they return from their flights!

Register at <https://Events.EAAChapters.org> and/or contact Michael Grzincich (Michael.Grzincich@EAA237.org) if interested.

Aviation Explorer's Post

A reminder that we are starting our Explorer Post meetings back up for the season. The Aviation Explorers continued their work on their RC build and are planning to fly that plane this summer. If you are interested in participating, the Aviation Explorers will be at the chapter building on February 21st and March 7th with the goal of completing that build.

March 21st will be a tour of C&P at the Anoka County Airport. You do not want to miss that one! C&P has their very own **B-25** along with hangars full of other aircraft.



The next meeting will be held February 21st from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

Ray Aviation Scholarship



The 2025 Chapter 237 Ray Aviation Scholarship has been awarded to Drew Lindquist!

Drew is a senior at Spring Lake Park High School and is enrolled in the PSEO program at the Anoka Ramsey Community College working on an associate's degree in business. In addition to his academics, Drew is finishing up his hockey career as the team's captain.

Drew caught the flying bug from a Chapter 237 Young Eagles flight and flying with a high school friend, who had gotten his PPL. Drew has begun working on the Sporty's Pilot Shop PPL ground school and has already taken more than five training flights at Lake Elmo Aero Flight School. He plans to pursue a career as a professional pilot.

Drew is looking forward to becoming an active member of our chapter, which will give us the opportunity to support his interest in aviation and efforts towards his PPL. He will be receiving a \$12,000 Ray Aviation scholarship. Our board decided to request a 25%/75% this year, so we will be funding \$3,000 of the scholarship through donations and fundraising efforts.

Thanks to those who support our chapter's efforts to offer additional flight training scholarships.



Welcome to a new year of VMC/IMC club at EAA 237

Here is the 2025 VMC/IMC Club Schedule:

3rd Tuesday of the month

VMC Club starts at 6:30 PM

IMC Club starts at 7:30 PM

Pilots and non-pilots are welcome to attend either or both parts of the meeting.

January 21	July, No Meeting - AirVenture
February 18	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December, No Meeting - Holidays

Wings Knowledge Activity credits are available to VMC/IMC Club participants that sign in with the email address they registered on faasafety.gov.

The next meeting will be held February 18th with VMC Club starting at 6:30 PM and IMC club starting at 7:30 PM.



Quick Links

A big thank you to Frank Huber for sharing all these articles!

Air Facts Journal

Blister Flight – Six Pilots and an Angel by Clay Simmons

- <https://airfactsjournal.com/2024/04/2024-collins-writing-prize-winner-blister-flight-six-pilots-and-an-angel/>

My First Oshkosh by Joseph Cummins

- <https://airfactsjournal.com/2024/04/my-first-oshkosh/>

Final Thoughts on the Base to Final Turn by Ed Wischmeyer

- <https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/01/final-thoughts-on-the-base-to-final-turn/>

The NTSB Got It Wrong on TWA Flight 841 by Jerry Lawler

- <https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/01/the-ntsb-got-it-wrong-on-twa-flight-841/>

Six Brave Souls by Joel Turpin

- <https://airfactsjournal.com/2025/02/six-brave-souls/>

AV Web

FAA Fast Tracks Electronic Registrations by Russ Niles

- <https://www.avweb.com/aviation-news/faa-fast-tracks-electronic-registrations/>

Simple Flying

Elon Musk Has His Eye on Air Force One Which Could Be Bad News for Boeing By Rytis Beresnevičius

- <https://simpleflying.com/elon-musk-eye-air-force-one-bad-news-boeing/>

Boom SuperSonic's XB-1 Breaks Sound Barrier in Historic Flight by Channing Reid

- <https://simpleflying.com/boom-supersonic-xb-1-sound-barrier-test-flight/>

Vintage Aviation News

Mirage F.1 Supports Historic XB-1 Supersonic Flight Over Mojave by Moreno Aguiari

- <https://vintageaviationnews.com/warbirds-news/mirage-f-1-supports-historic-xb-1-supersonic-flight-over-mojave.html>

Today in Aviation History: First Flight of the Lockheed P-38 Lightning by Adam Estes

- <https://vintageaviationnews.com/warbird-articles/today-in-aviation-history/today-in-aviation-history-first-flight-of-the-lockheed-p-38-lightning.html>

Flying Magazine

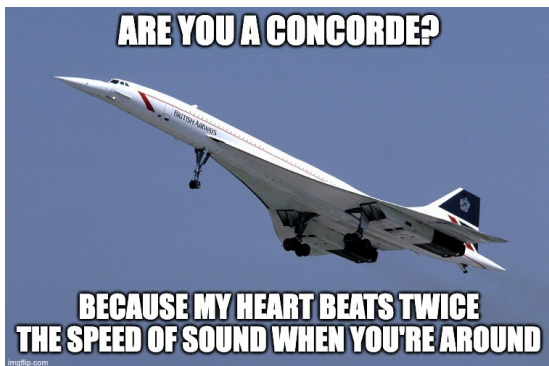
Ultimate Issue: The Connection Between Airports and God's Acres

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Chapter 237 Coming Events

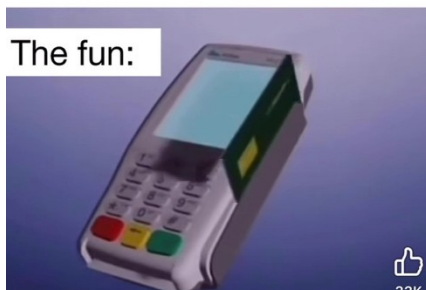
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- * **Explorer Post 237** - Friday, February 21st - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
- * **Chapter 237 Meeting** - Monday, February 24th - Dinner starting 6:00 PM & Meeting at 7:00 PM
- * **Chapter Breakfast Social** - Saturday, March 1st - 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
- * **Explorer Post 237** - Friday, March 7th - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
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The Lighter Side



"You should start flight training, it's going to be fun"

The fun:



Media: The average adult spends \$255 per year on their hobbies.

People in this group:



Aerial Escapades: Bob's Snowy Adventure



After 2 years, there was finally enough snow in Minnesota for Bob Heavirland to put skis on his Aeronca Super Chief.

Bob took a short trip North to Rush Lake and Fish Lake. From the sky, Bob was able to capture the various activities on the lakes from above. On East Rush Lake, many people there set up ice houses while others had cleared out a track on the ice to hold motorcycle and snow machines races.

Thank you, Bob, for showing how despite the snow and cold temperatures, Minnesotans will always find ways to enjoy themselves and spend time together. Whether it is fishing, racing, or flying, there is always something fun to do.



We always love to showcase the aircraft that our members are building, restoring, and flying. We also love seeing what other projects and adventures our members are taking on. If you have anything you would like to share, please email me with the aircraft you are building, have completed building, are restoring, have purchased and are flying, or just have something fun you would like to share. I will follow up with you to provide a questionnaire and will come out to take pictures to include with your article.

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4th Monday of the month

Dinner Social: 6:00 pm

Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm

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