



## 2019 Calendar of Events

All meetings are held at 2:00 pm in the Hawk Building.

Meetings are held on the Third Sunday of the month.

Jan - 20	Oct - 20
Feb - 17	Nov - 17
Mar - 17	Dec - 15
Apr - 21	
May - 19	
Jun - 16	
Jul - 21	
Aug - 18	
Sept - 20	

## News From Headquarters

### Accident Rate Falls

According to the recently finalized results of the 2017 General Aviation and Part 135 Activity Survey (GA Survey), pilots of experimental amateur-built (E-AB) aircraft were involved in fatal accidents at a lower rate than has ever been recorded, with 2.63 fatal accidents per 100,000 flight hours last year. This breaks the record set the previous year, when E-AB pilots were involved in 3.6 fatal accidents per 100,000 flight hours.

Although the number of fatal accidents involving E-AB aircraft dropped from 32 in calendar-year 2016 to 26 in 2017, the estimated number of hours flown by amateur-builts rose from about 890,000 to approximately 950,000. Despite dips that correspond with periods of economic difficulty, the figure for E-ABs has remained stable between 800,000 and 1,000,000 hours since 1999, and amateur-built aircraft are claiming an ever-growing share of personal flying hours each year.

Light-sport aircraft flight time also hit record numbers in 2017, with special light-sport aircraft (S-LSA) breaking 200,000 flight hours for the first time on record. Experimental light-sport aircraft (E-LSA) added its own robust total, with LSA of all types recorded approximately 348,000 hours. The GA Survey has recorded a 19 percent growth in light-sport aircraft activity over the past decade.

“These statistics show that growth and safety are not mutually exclusive in our community,” said Sean Elliott, EAA vice president of advocacy and safety. “We are immensely proud of the progress we have made, but we’re not done yet and never will be. We cannot afford to be complacent. EAA will continue to be highly engaged in initiatives and programs to enhance aviation safety.”

In addition to the good news on the 2017 accident rate, the preliminary count shows that experimental accidents in FAA fiscal year 2018, which ended on Sunday, came in below the FAA not-to-exceed goal for fatal accidents. This would be the fourth year in a row that the experimental community outperformed this safety benchmark.



### Young Eagles 2019 Schedule

The 2nd Saturday of each Month from April to October.

All dates are on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Rain date for all events is the next day (Sunday). If you can help either fly or on the ground please call me, Eric Carnahan (937-515-7453) or email me [vamustang1@wildblue.net](mailto:vamustang1@wildblue.net).

If you know of kids 8-17 that would like to experience flight please have them get in touch with me.

Reminder, Kids must be registered to fly. Please do not just have kids show up.

Registration website is [www.yeday.com](http://www.yeday.com)

Meeting Minutes —

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Minutes will be published in the January Newsletter

## Young Eagles Report

## Project Updates

No project updates at this time.

Young Eagles flights will resume in the Spring. We have a new website to register the kids. I'll provide more information in the spring before we begin to fly again.

If you have not flown a young eagle please consider it. It really is a great way to introduce a young person to the world of aviation.

If interested please let me know.



## Christmas Party

. The Chapter held our annual Christmas Party on December. Chapter awards were presented and a great meal was had. We did not have as many members as in the past .