



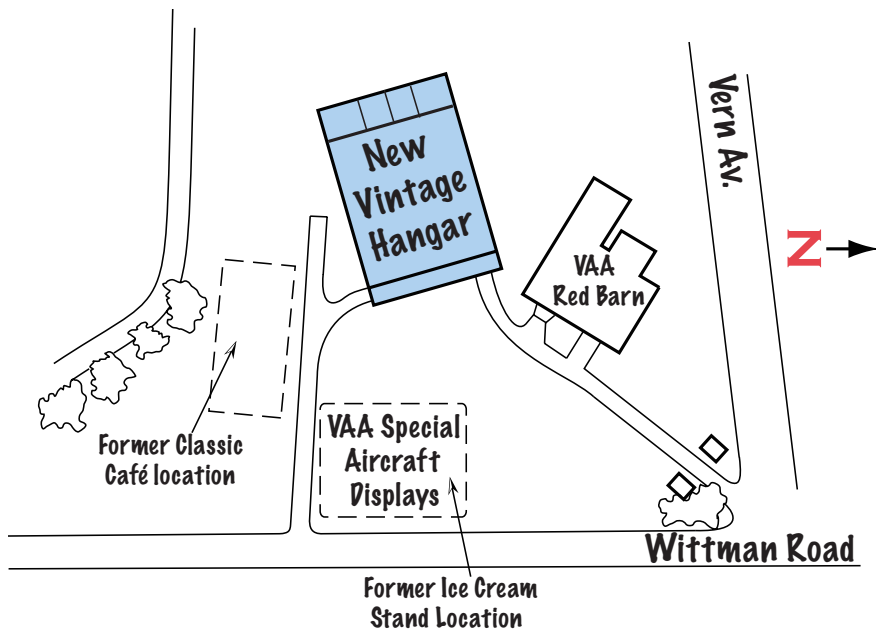
# VAA Vintage Hangar

A new Home for Type Clubs and other VAA Activities  
 Ready for EAA AirVenture 2009

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Practically since the beginning of the vintage aircraft movement, members of the Vintage Aircraft Association who have a particular interest in a specific airplane have flocked together during various venues on the EAA convention grounds. Whether during a forum or an informal dinner, to their mutual benefit, they've traded stories and maintenance tips about their favorite airplanes. Now they have an even better location to do just that. Thanks in large part to the generosity of longtime VAA member

**The location of the new VAA Vintage Hangar will be convenient to members who wish to visit the VAA Red Barn and the VAA store.**





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**This artist's concept drawing by VAA administrative assistant Theresa Books shows you the new layout for the VAA area south of the Red Barn headquarters.**

and VAA board member emeritus John Turgyan of New Egypt, New Jersey, the VAA area of the EAA AirVenture grounds will undergo a transformation in the months leading up to the 2009 EAA fly-in and convention. John and the VAA volunteer leadership have long recognized that the type clubs have been a major part of the vintage aviation movement. As those of you who make the annual pilgrimage to Oshkosh know, for many years VAA has hosted the type clubs in a large tent erected just south of the VAA Red Barn. While the tents have been

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a workable shelter for the clubs, inclement weather or soft grounds have made it a bit uncomfortable at times. That tent, along with the smaller workshop demonstration tent, will now be replaced by the VAA Vintage Hangar, a new 75-by-100 foot pavilion that will be built in the spring of 2009. In many ways this project is also the result of the foresight shown by the VAA board in creating the VAA Friends of the Red Barn campaign. If that yearly financial appeal was not part of our annual budgeting process, the VAA would have been forced to spend more of its members' annual dues on convention expenses. Instead, we were able to save a portion of the money so that we can now invest in the infrastructure that will benefit members who attend the annual convention. Our thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Friends of the Red Barn campaign throughout the years. In addition to the 6,100-square-foot main type club area, the creation of four rooms in the back section will allow VAA to remove a couple of the "outbuildings" and a trailer from the area just west of the Red Barn and consolidate those functions in the rear of the Vintage Hangar. The volunteer break room, VAA computer/data services, and the VAA convention office will be a part of the structure, as well as an additional room for hospitality and conference uses. The new building, which will feature a poured concrete floor, is 24 feet high and has sliding doors and windows, allowing for great access and ventilation. The new "hangar"

creates a more secure, weather-proof location for the type clubs to meet with members who have an interest in their particular aircraft. The ground preparation work and foundation work is being completed this winter, and then the wood frame structure, reminiscent of the hangars of the golden age of aviation, will be built as the snow starts to melt. Other changes to the area include the removal of the ice cream stand from the area just to the southeast of the Red Barn. The Classic Café will be replaced with a different food venue in a spot not too far from its location in 2008. The relocation of those two food service venues will allow VAA to add aircraft display areas. We'll have more on the additional plans for the VAA display area as they are firmed up. Our thanks again to John Turgyan and the other members who have stepped up to help fund this much-needed improvement to the VAA area. We'd also welcome contributions to the building by type clubs who may wish to make a donation to the project; a portion of the donation will go toward a club banner created by VAA that will hang above their location within the Vintage Hangar. For more information, please contact the VAA headquarters office at 920-426-6110, or drop us an e-mail at [vintageaircraft@eaa.org](mailto:vintageaircraft@eaa.org). As construction progresses, we'll keep you informed with progress pictures. In the meantime, make your plans to visit the new Vintage Hangar in the VAA area during AirVenture 2009!

