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## December Social



FWEC December Social

[11129 Chestnut Ridge Court, Fort Wayne, IN 47814](https://www.google.com/maps/place/11129+Chestnut+Ridge+Court,+Fort+Wayne,+IN+47814)

Thursday December 14th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

FWEC President Bharat Rajghatta is hosting this year's Holiday Social. FWEC members and spouses are invited to Bharat's; pizza, bonfire, card games, darts, Xbox bowling, music, drinks, and more! Please bring a dish or beverage to share.

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## January Tour



[Wolf Corporation](#)

[3434 Adams Center Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46803](#)

Thursday January 18th at 7:00 PM

FWEC Board Member Rod Vargo has arranged our January tour of [Wolf Corporation](#).

Get an inside idea of what you might want, or not, in mattress and futon products that we must use day after day, for better or worse. Founded in 1873 using horsehair and cornhusks, this large family business has designed and manufactured for generations using a full range of materials which can still include various springs, conventional foams, memory foams, their own battings (cotton, wool, synthetic), and fabrics. Products include materials for other manufacturers, mattresses, futons, and toppers (including some Serta branded items). Sales include a true outlet showroom (very low key, comfortable) in the main facility and online retail claiming one-day shipping time to 60% of the U.S. population. Expect at least some discussion of logistics and shipping.

Their facility is easy to find on the northwest corner of Moeller Roads and Adams Center Roads in southern New Haven. Their parking lot entrance is 3434 Adams Center Road. (Adams Center is continuous with Maplecrest Road, using the bridge that FWEC "toured" during its construction.)

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## **FY18 Membership Year FWEC Board**

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Board positions are crucial to the planning of tours and events for the FWEC. Please consult the [FWEC constitution](#) or contact us at [info@fortwayneengineersclub.org](mailto:info@fortwayneengineersclub.org) for information on specific duties on board positions.

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## FWEC Board Meetings



Fort Wayne Engineers' Club board meetings are open to all FWEC members. The next FWEC board meeting will be Tuesday January 2nd at 7:00 PM. Board meetings are held on the [Indiana Tech campus in the Academic Center](#) in room ACC-201.

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## FWEC Membership

# Membership

The FWEC exists through funding of its membership. Please forward your copy of the Engineers' News to prospective members and encourage their attendance at tours. Remember, the FWEC is the best deal in town, annual membership is \$10. We offer free monthly tours September through May. Please be sure to recommend FWEC membership to your colleagues and friends.

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## Advertise in the Engineers' News

The FWEC provides advertising space within the Engineers' News. Advertisements are \$10 per issue and limited to ½ page of content. For submissions please contact [info@fortwayneengineersclub.org](mailto:info@fortwayneengineersclub.org).

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## Education First High School Exchange Year



Meet Max from Germany. He is a high school student seeking to spend his 2018/2019 school year in the United States, to strengthen his English, to learn about our great country first-hand, and make great American friends. He wants to study journalism or political science in college. If you, or someone you recommend from anywhere in the U.S.A., would like to consider becoming a loving host family for a great student like Max, please contact Marna Renteria at [marna.renteria@efexchangeyear.org](mailto:marna.renteria@efexchangeyear.org), or call (260) 442-7456. *If a FWEC member or friend referral results in a successful match, FWEC can receive a \$200 grant for each match, unlimited number of grants!*

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## November Tour History



### [Sweet Aviation](#)

The Engineers' Club November tour was hosted by [Sweet Aviation](#), located at historic Smith Field on the north side of Fort Wayne. It was extremely well attended with nearly 40 people showing up. Our tour host was general manager and senior flight instructor Joel Pierce. The tour started with light refreshments and a talk with the group about the history of Sweet Aviation and some of the different airplanes and helicopters they operate and rent to the public. A lot of talk was centered on the Cirrus aircraft, which is by far the most popular single engine aircraft in production today. One of the special features of the Cirrus is they are all equipped with a ballistic parachute which can be deployed in an emergency and allow the plane to safely descend to the ground. After the talk and a Q/A session, the group moved to the aviation maintenance hangar, where we got to see a Cirrus and an Enstrom helicopter opened up for inspection. After a few more minutes, the group moved to Sweet's main storage hangar where we were able to see two classic, warbird aircraft up close (a T-6 WWII trainer, and a T-28 Vietnam era trainer), as well as several helicopters, a Super Decathlon (in which they do aerobatic training) and also a beautiful, brand new Cirrus SR-22T.



In addition to the great tour, all attendees were given a certificate for a free discovery flight courtesy of Blackstone Laboratories. The Engineers' Club would like to thank Joel for his time in hosting of the tour and answering the many questions we had. Also, club officer Ryan Stark would like to apologize to Joel and to all of those who had to stand during his initial talk for the woeful underestimate of the attendance.



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