# **EAA Chapter 302**





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# Newsletter

# MEETING NOTICE JULY 9TH, 2022, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

## **IMC/VMC MEETING**



Thursday.
July 14th
7-8:30
Galaxy
FAAST
Seminar
Doc Martin



News from HQ
Helicopter Turbulence
Sheetmetal Layout Lines
AIRVENTURE KOSH!
USAF 75TH, VAN'S 50TH
& YOUNG EAGLES
"Top Gun" & "Top Gun Maverick"



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# June 11th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Joe Waltz welcomed approximately 46 members at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** A student from the Montgomery High School RV12 build team, Chilum Johnson, led the pledge.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance May 1, 2022: \$10,554.13 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance May 31, 2022: \$10,679.20 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Membership Dues Income \$125 and Swindle income \$88. Meeting Expense \$41.34

**Safety Minute**: The FAASTeam (FAA Safety Team) program manager Phil Dixon discusses component failures. When a component unexpectedly fails on your aircraft, do you know how to respond? Fatal general aviation accidents often result from inappropriate responses to unexpected events. Planning, training, and preparation can promote more effective and timely responses. Search YouTube: *Managing Component Failures in 57 Seconds* 

**Project Updates:** Bob Schmanski / Fisher Super Koala = Bob, a.k.a. 'The Unknown Builder", discussed receiving his kit. Wood for ribs softened in a steam box using his wife's fabric steamer. Wing ribs being formed in a jig. Did he say 11,000 wood pieces in a wing? **Tool Time**: Tom Kreiner discussed epoxy. Epoxy is a two-part adhesive that forms when you mix epoxy resin and hardener. You should keep the mixing ratio 1:1, otherwise the resin will not cross link. Clean up with vinegar or acetone.

**Program**: Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, EAA 820282, spent some of his money on some really cool stuff like science, shipwrecks, space travel, sports franchises, rare guitars, and movie props. He also collected airplanes and they've been on display — on the ground and in the air — for years as part of his Flying Heritage Collection, which was expanded to become the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum (FHCAM.) Everett, Wash. — <u>Update</u>: Allen died in 2018 and the museum has reportedly been sold off early in 2022 by his estate to an aviation enthusiast <a href="https://www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org/about-us/steuart-walton">https://www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org/about-us/steuart-walton</a>, the grandson of Walmart founder Sam Walton. Search YouTube: *The Ultimate Toy Box* **Entertainment Extra:** Search YouTube: *Tom Cruise Terrifies James in 'Top Gun' Fighter Jet!* 

### **News and Reports:**

- --IMC/VMC Club meets second Thursdays at Galaxy FBO 7-8:30PM.
- --New EAA Chapter 302 hats are here!
- --So far 24 EAA 302 Chapter members are going to AirVenture 2022. Get connected on our website. Plans are being made for a dinner gathering there.
- --Becky Lutte has started conversations with Lone Star College to provide a chapter funded scholarship \$ for students. Decisions need to be made by our Board of Directors and chapter membership.

#### Adjourn:

Fly-out to Lufkin (KLFK). After the meeting consider non flying lunch at McKenzie's BBQ at 1501. N Frazier St, Conroe at 12 PM.



# From Tommy Fankhauser IMC Director



#### "Your FAA Medical - Are You Legal to Fly? We Have Answers"

Topic: Pilots - Your valid aviation medical is not optional. What you don't know can hurt you or others.

On Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 19:00 Central Daylight Time Location:

Galaxy FBO 2971 Hawthorne Dr. Galaxy FBO Conroe, TX 77301

Select Number: SW09113486

#### Description:

Dr. Earl Martin, AME, will be presenting one of the most critical aspects of flying. Pilots already know they must have "all available information" before leaving the planet, and their health is certainly a huge factor. Here is your opportunity to make sure you are legal to fly, and if not, options on how to get that way. Join us in a relaxed setting and be prepared to learn. Bring questions! Refreshments provided.

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, click here.

The sponsor for this seminar is: FAASTeam

The FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) is committed to providing equal access to this meeting/event for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please communicate your request as soon as possible with the person in the 'Contact Information' area of the meeting/event notice. Note that two weeks is usually required to arrange services.

The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs:

Basic Knowledge 3 - 1 Credit

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

#### **Keith Pache**

- 1) 10:00-11:30am Sat. July 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 2) 11:30am-?? Sat. July 9<sup>th</sup> After Meeting Fly-Out to the Angelina County Airport Cafe KLFK (see Newsletter flyer for details).
- 3) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. July 14<sup>th</sup> IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see Newsletter for details).
- 4) Flying Event Links:
  - a) Fun Places to Fly = https://www.funplacestofly.com/funflyeventbyzip.asp
  - b) Social Flight = http://www.socialflight.com/search.php
  - c) EAA Webinars = https://www.eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-webinars
  - d) FAA Safety Webinars = https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx
- 5) Events Calendar: Here's a partial list of upcoming events. You'll find many more (with working hyperlinks) by going to our website and clicking on Flying Events under Our Chapter: https://eaa302.org/flying-events/

Date	Description	Location	CXO Dist.	Website	Contact
7/9/22	8:30am Airplanes and Coffee	KPRX Cox Field Airport Paris, Texas, USA	197 nm	https://fb.me/e/2BHJkktNi	None
7/10/22	10:00am-2:00pm Arrowhead Airport Fly-In (3400' grass, 122.85 CTAF)	79TE Arrowhead Airport Lagarto, Texas, USA	188 nm	Facebook - SE Texas Aviators	None
7/23/22	9:00-11:00am EAA 1607 Monthly Pancake Breakfast	KRYW Lago Vista TX/Rusty Allen Airport Lago Vista, Texas, USA	133 nm	http://www.eaa1607.org/	Lance Clinton 512-897-7815 president@eaa1607.or
7/25-31/22	EAA Airventure (OSHKOSH)	KOSH Wittman Regional Airport	880 nm	https://www.eaa.org/en/ai rventure	920-426-4800 800-564-6322
7/30/22	8:00am 5th Saturday Fly-In Breakfast	KCPT Cleburne Regional Airport	158 nm	None	None
8/6/22	7:00-10:00am Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast (1st Saturday each month)	KPNC Ponca City Regional Airport Ponca City, Oklahoma, USA	391 nm	None	Bruce Eberle 580-761-5884 Bert Blanton 580-762-3794
8/6/22	9:00-Noon Breakfast Taco & Pancake Shindig (1st Saturday each month)	50R Lockhart Municipal Airport Lockhart, Texas, USA	121 nm	None	None
8/6/22	Fly-in Pancake Breakfast (1st Saturday each month)	KTFP McCampbell-Porter Airport Ingleside, Texas, USA	174 nm	www.socialflight.com	Rick Butler 361-596-3490 3rdcoastcaf@gmail.co m
8/6/22	EAA 614 Fly-in Pancake Breakfast (1st Saturday each month)	2LO Pineville Municipal Airport Pineville, Louisiana, USA	165 nm	Facebook - SE Texas Aviators	None
8/6/22	Fly-in	X65 (formerly 6TS3) TXAerosport Aerodrome Dorchester, Texas, USA	201 nm	Facebook - Texas Grass Runways And Ranch Airports	None

# **ENTRANCE LIGHT REMOVAL**





The stoplight at the intersection of Airport Road and Airport Parkbeen way has removed. This is on the "West Entrance" to the airport. East/West traffic on Airport Parkway will always have a stop sign. North/South traffic on Airport Road will never have to stop.

Keep this in mind as you enter/exit the Airport

# FROM THE TOOL CRIB



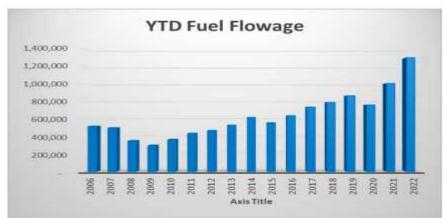


Two devices are now available from the tool crib. All are mounted on casters and are easily moved around.

Top item is a wing dolly.

Bottom item is a fuselage rotisserie, but could be easily converted into a wing rotisserie as well. When you're done with them, you have to find them a new home. Contact Brian 832.306.1980





# FROM THE AIRPORT DIRECTOR

You can see the steady climb of traffic. Please note that the graphs are showing YTD totals and will be much higher by year end.

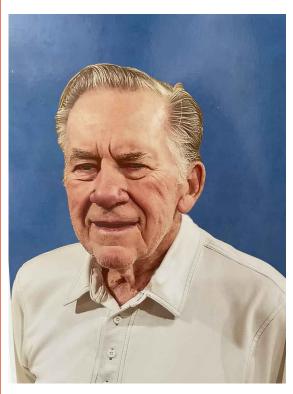
General aviation's share of the fuel flowage is small—jet traffic is the big driver of these figures.



Except for a "Covid drop" in 2020, customs clearings are now approaching more than 1 a day—still a pretty soft job description.

- 1. Engine Runs We have been getting numerous complaints recently about aircraft performing engine run-ups on parking aprons/taxiways/taxi lanes. I would like to remind everyone that per the rules and regulations of the airport "All engine run ups conducted for purposes of maintenance activities shall be conducted at the run-up areas adjacent to the runway ends (RWY 14/RWY 32/RWY 01/RWY 19)."
- 2. Fence line Maintenance We have begun a large-scale project to clear the airports fence lines of trees/obstructions. This will help aid us to secure our property and allow for better wildlife deterrence.
- 3. TWY C Standing Water (AKA Lake Charlie) With the ground likely to dry out significantly over the next few weeks, Airport staff will also be working on re-grading some areas adjacent to TWY C to mitigate the standing water that persist after rainfall. I will issue the appropriate closure NOTAM when we are able to conduct this work.

## **FRED DENNIS—Gone West**



Retired Lt. Colonel Arthur Frederick Dennis, 93, of Montgomery, Texas passed away peacefully Saturday June 18, 2022. Services were held Wednesday June 29th at 10:00 AM at the Houston National Cemetery where he was laid to rest with his wife Edna.

Fred was born in Detroit, MI to Arthur and Marion (McLaren) Dennis and is preceded in death by his sister. He graduated from Mackenzie High School in Michigan and joined the United States Air Force in September 1948. He is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years Edna Ruth Dennis who passed in October 2016.

He was a decorated fighter pilot in the USAF having flown 100 missions in both the Vietnam and Korean Wars. Fred retired from the Air Force in 1970 having earned the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star, eleven Air Medals and two Air Force Commendation Medals. After retiring from the Air Force, Fred successfully ran the Edu-Care chain of day-care centers in the Houston area for over 30 years. He enjoyed flying his planes, riding motorcycles, playing golf and was proud to fly with The Lone Star Freedom Flight pilots.

## **MIKE BROWN**



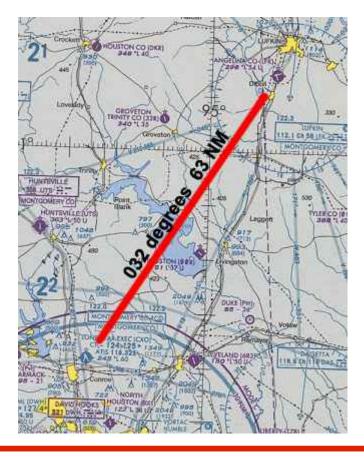
Michael Slade Brown, age 76, passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at his home in Willis, Texas. He was born to the late Lutcher Slade Brown and Mary Jane Brown on June 18, 1946. He is also preceded in death by his sister, Robin Brown Jones. Mike is survived by his wife, Patti. His love of all things outdoors motivated him daily. He was an avid fisherman and loved having his own pond in the backyard for daily fishing. He was a masterclass shooter for USPSA, as evidenced by all of the trophies on the wall, a member of the NRA and enjoyed his time hunting at his family ranch. He enjoyed camping, especially in Colorado. He loved fixing things, helping others, and was always prepared for any emergency. Mike had a fascination with planes, racing cars, and boats and took full advantage for his love of these things. . He was a licensed pilot, a member of the EAA and thrived on flying his plane. His love for music was displayed in his playing the trumpet and mellophone in the orchestra. A Celebration of Life for Mike will take place on Friday, July 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Conroe.

# Let's Re-try the Lufkin Fly-Out



## **Angelina County Airport Cafe**

Let's go to Lufkin for lunch. Its a nicely kept airport with a cafe right next to the fuel pumps. Not the cheapest fuel in the area, but they do offer discounts on the weekends. The ladies in the restaurant offer good, reasonably priced food. They make a great burger, but their pies and cobbler (if its not gone) are excellent. And don't forget—they're also open for breakfast. See you there! If you don't have your own ride, see if you can snag one at the meeting.







**July 25-July 31** 

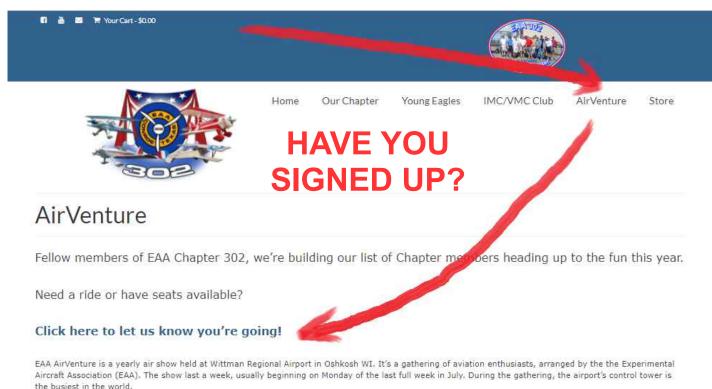




Yep—the World's Biggest Airshow is now only 6 weeks away. EAA 302 always has lots of members going, and it's nice to know who else is there. Webmaster Darryl Foster has created a page on our website and Keith Pache will help coordinate it. You can indicate if you are going and hopefully can offer a seat. If you don't have a seat, maybe you can arrange one with this page of information. The information will be shared among those who signed up and can be used to meet up during the show.



Go to eaa302.org. You don't even have to log on. 1—click on Airventure 2—go to "let us know" and 3—fill out the information



## **CHAPTER HATS ARE IN**

Go to EAA302.org and click on "Store"



EAA Chapter 302 Hats

\$15.00

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ADD TO CART

Category: Uncategorized

Description

## Description

EAA Chapter 302 has received our custom hats and they have arrived just in time for Oshkosh! Show your pride in your local EAA chapter. The hats will be available for pick-up during our Monthly Meetings starting on June 11, 2022. Order and pay for yours on-line and it'll be waiting for you on Saturday morning during our meeting.

AIR SALVAGE OF DALLAS'
ANNUAL SUMMER
FLY-IN & SALE
THIS SATURDAY 7/9/2022
8AM-2PM

20-50%

**OFF** 

**EVERYTHING IS ON SALE!!** 

FLY-IN TO THE LANCASTER AIRPORT (KLNC) AND FILL UP AT THE COMPETIVELY PRICED SELF-SERVE

VISIT LINK FOR CURRENT PRICING:

http://www.airnav.com/airport/KLNC/A

Jack's Airport Cafe is Now Open!





## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

Ads are free to any EAA member. They will run for 6 months, or until you pull them out of classified. Text or Email to dirvine1945@gmail.com

Want a really cool hangar this summer? Amana 5 TON 2 stage whole-house air conditioning and heating unit for sale. Includes everything except the copper tubing, air ducting, and wires. This has a 5 ton Compressor/Condenser unit, 5" filter assembly, air handler/gas furnace, brand new in the box evaporator unit, and two stage wall thermostat. When installed, this unit was warranted for 10 years, but was removed after less than 4 years for an upgrade. This would make that hangar/man cave comfortable in the Summer and Winter. Asking \$2500.00. Clay Watters 936-522-8051

**FOR SALE-**-Sporty's PJ2 handheld radio, new in box and unused with 1" ball mount and clamp. \$150

Clarity Aloft headset. Used about ten times and like new with case and earpieces. \$350. Don Brewer 936-443-9163



FOR SALE—2003 Aston Martin Vantage DB7. 400Hp 6.0L V-12 engine. 41,000 original miles. 4 new tires in February 2022 as well as 40,000 mile Full Drive Train Service and alignment by Aston Martin of Houston (Star Motors) Only 2 owners, always garage kept, never outside overnight. Asking 60,000 OBO Alan 816-390-3447 alanc4184h@comcast.net

Yes-it's not aviation, but it'll help Alan Arrow finish his Piper



FOR SALE—Minimax Tug—brand new. Only used once. Fits a Piper Arrow/Lance/Saratoga. Drill-drive, battery and charger. Selling for \$1000 or best offer.

Contact Mason Engels via text—281-825-8041 3/22



FOR SALE—Brand new Bing carburetor—never used. Same model used on the Rotax 912UL and Jabiru engines.

\$200—Contact Ivan Castrillo at 321-795-9977 3/22

**WANTED:** I'm looking for a Sonex, but open to other economical time builders. I would prefer a flying airplane, but let me know if you have a project that has stalled or something that you may not finish. My daughter and I need a good time builder that we can do our own maintenance on. I was an avionics technician in the Air Force for several years, but don't have my A&P (and no interest in getting one). We want to fly and tinker without breaking the bank. Please contact me via email at eddie.ferguson@yahoo.com or call at 832-514-1952.

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We now meet in Galaxy FBO's building on the South Side of the Conroe-North Houston Airport. Use the South Entrance, 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Meetings start at 10:00 AM.

You cannot access the FBO by the old Airport Parkway. You need to use Loop 336 and turn at Hawthorne Drive. This road has an Airport Entrance sign which mentions Galaxy FBO and the Black Walnut Restaurant. This is just southeast of the Roller Skating Rink.

See you there.

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