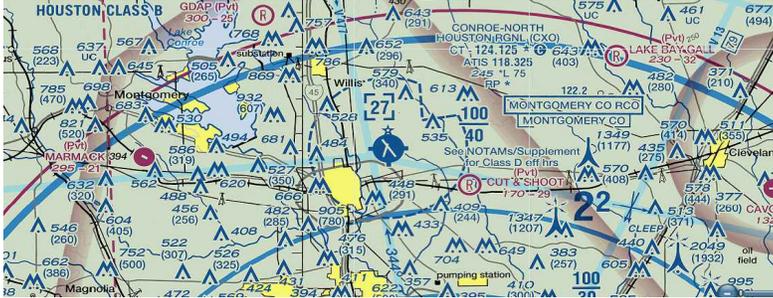


# EAA Chapter 302



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## Newsletter

### MEETING NOTICE

**MARCH 11TH, 2023, 10:00 AM**

See the last page for a map to the meeting

#### IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.  
March 9th  
7-8:30  
Galaxy

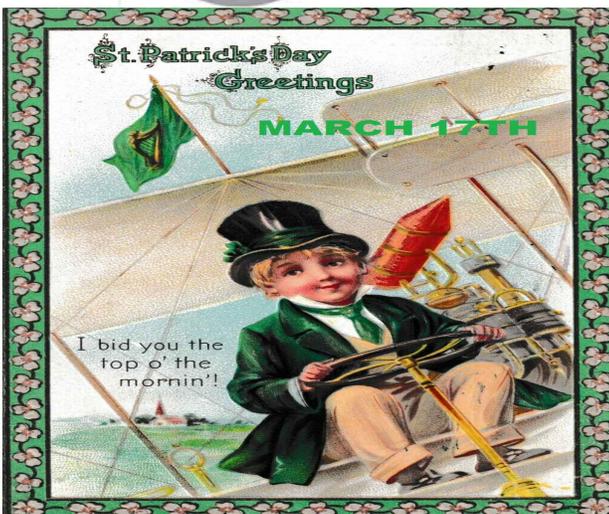


#### THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Wave Rider

Hints: Welding Tubing at  
Various Angles



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# FEBRUARY 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** President Joe Waltz welcomed approximately 66 members at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mason Engels led the chapter pledge.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance January 1, 2023: \$10,939.49 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance January 31, 2023: \$11,770.88 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Membership Dues Income \$775, Swindle income \$174. Rent Expense \$200.

**EAA Chapter Service Awards:** Certificates were presented to Joe Waltz / President, Miles Demster / Vice President, Jim Morrical / Secretary, Bill Donahoe / Treasure, Tommy Fankhauser / IMC/VMC Club, Dean Marcott / Young Eagles, Darryl Foster / Website, Rick Oliver / Membership, Denny Irvine / Newsletter, Keith Pache / Events. Jose Ruiz, Rich Jankowski, Clay Watters and Joe Waltz / Tech Counselors. Remember to thank each of these members of our leadership team.

**Safety Minute:** The FAASTeam (FAA Safety Team) program manager Phil Dixon says pilots should consult their performance charts prior to any takeoff, especially a takeoff that is out of the norm for the pilot. Knowing and applying some rules of thumb regarding takeoffs can help you make better initial decisions with go or no-go for a particular set of circumstances. Search YouTube: *4 Rules of Thumb for Safer Takeoffs in 57 Seconds*

**Home-Built Spitfire:** Bob DeFord of Prescott, Arizona, dreamed of owning a Spitfire. He couldn't afford one. Unlike just about any of us, however, he did something about it. He built his own. He told the story of his remarkable homebuilt Spitfire, built to 1:1 scale and powered by an Allison V-12 engine. It was one of the true stars of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015. Search YouTube: *Warbird From Scratch: A Homebuilt Spitfire*

**Project Updates:** Johnathan Green / Sling TSi = Working wing spars and ribs. Flap and aileron brackets attached. Supply chain lead times are somewhat long.

**Hints for Homebuilders:** EAA Chapters Manager and scratch-built Pietenpol and Super Cub builder John Egan demonstrates two methods used to tension wing diagonal bracing wires. Search EAA Website Videos: *Tensioning Wing Internal Brace Wires*

**Air Academy Candidates:** We have two slots and one candidate so far. Email application letter to leadership ASAP. We want to announce recipients at the March 25th Young Eagles Event.

## News and Reports:

--IMC/VMC Club meets second Thursdays at Galaxy FBO 7-8:30PM.

--Next Young Eagles Rally scheduled March 25 and May 20, 2023.

## Adjourn:

--EAA 302 hats still available thru the website store.

--AeroShell products available for a contribution on our website store.

--Fly-out - Lockhart Municipal (50R) , BBQ Capital of Texas.

--After the meeting consider lunch at McKenzie's BBQ at 1501. N Frazier St, Conroe at 12

--Remember before each meeting some gather at about 8:45 AM upstairs at Black Walnut Cafe for breakfast.



## **From Tommy Fankhauser IMC Director**

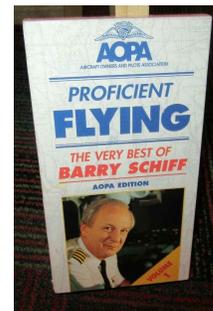


**EAA Chapter 302  
IMC/VMC Club Meeting  
7:00pm Thursday 03/09/23  
(Galaxy FBO Conference Room)**

Last month's Q&A with James Brown (KCXO Airport Manager) was awesome!! Did you know that James and his team have "removed" over 600 hogs from airport property since he arrived in 2017?? Or that upgraded gate hardware and badge access is expected this year??



Mike Barnett has arranged for Barry Schiff to join us this Thursday!! Okay, perhaps not in person, but we will be watching "AOPA Proficient Flying: The Very Best of Barry Schiff". Mike might even share how he converted the VHS tape to DVD for free at the Conroe Library!!



As usual, we'll save some time for attendee questions, updates, and general "hangar talk". Hope to see you there!

**Tommy Fankhauser (435-322-0528)  
Mike Barnett (281-543-1226)  
Adam Hailey (346-246-4246)  
Keith Pache (713-412-7010)**



# EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

1) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. March 9<sup>th</sup> IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see Newsletter for details).

2) 10:00-11:30am Sat. March 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).

3) 11:30am-?? Sat. March 11<sup>th</sup> After Meeting Fly-Out to the Angelina County Airport Café in Lufkin (see Newsletter flyer 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/ea/news-and-publications/ea-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
3/15/23	7:00pm FAA Safety Seminar: When Pigs Fly - Aerodynamics for the Ham-Fisted Pilot	KSGR-Sugar Land Regional Airport Houston, Texas, USA	46 nm	<a href="https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=120565&amp;caller=SPANS/events/EventList.aspx">https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=120565&amp;caller=SPANS/events/EventList.aspx</a>	Sally Sims 713-248-2011 sssims@mac.com
3/16-18/23	SwampSTOL III	3R7 Jennings Airport Jennings, Louisiana, USA	143 nm	<a href="https://nationalstol.com/swampstol/">https://nationalstol.com/swampstol/</a>	Facebook - Miranda Harrell Bourgoyne
3/18/23	Bluebonnet Airshow	KBMQ Burnet Municipal Airport/Kate Craddock Field Burnet, Texas, USA	148 nm	<a href="https://www.bluebonnetairshow.com/">https://www.bluebonnetairshow.com/</a>	512-756-2226
3/24-26/23	Dogwood Fly-In Fair	KPSN Palestine Municipal Airport Palestine, Texas, USA	88 nm	<a href="http://whippfarmproductions.com">whippfarmproductions.com</a>	Charles 817-929-1816 whipp.events@gmail.com
3/25/23	10:00am-4:00pm Quarterly Airport Fly-In	KBMT Beaumont Municipal Airport Beaumont, Texas, USA	65 nm	Facebook - SE Texas Aviators	None
3/25/23	Dogwood Fly In Fair	KPSN Palestine Municipal Airport Palestine, Texas, USA	87 nm	<a href="http://www.socialflight.com">www.socialflight.com</a>	Charles Montgomery 817-929-1816 Whipp.events@gmail.com
3/25/23	EAA 1607 Pancake Breakfast (4th Saturday each month)	KRYW Lago Vista TX/Rusty Allen Airport Lago Vista, Texas, USA	133 nm	<a href="http://www.eaa1607.org/">http://www.eaa1607.org/</a>	Lance Clinton 512-897-7815 president@eaa1607.org
3/25/23	9:00am-3:00pm Poker Run by San Antonio Ninety-Nines	KHDO South Texas Regional Airport at Hondo Hondo, Texas, USA	205 nm	<a href="https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=255">https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=255</a>	Andrea McGilvray 210-413-7392 mcgi7071@gmail.com
3/25-26/23	Defenders of Liberty Air Show - Barksdale AFB Open House	KBAD Barksdale Air Force Base Bossier City, Louisiana, USA	157 nm	<a href="https://defendersoflibertyairshow.com/">https://defendersoflibertyairshow.com/</a>	318-456-1015 2BW.PA@us.af.mil
3/28-4/2/23	Sun n Fun	KLAL Lakeland Linder International Airport Lakeland, Florida, USA	763 nm	<a href="https://flysnf.org/">https://flysnf.org/</a>	863-644-2431 fly-info@flysnf.org
4/1/23	9:00-Noon Breakfast Taco & Pancake Shindig (1st Saturday each month)	50R Lockhart Municipal Airport Lockhart, Texas, USA	121 nm	None	None
4/1/23	EAA 614 Fly-in Pancake Breakfast (1st Saturday each month)	2L0 Pineville Municipal Airport Pineville, Louisiana, USA	165 nm	Facebook - SE Texas Aviators	None
4/1/23	9:00am EAA 1246 - Coffee & Donuts (1st Saturday each month)	KTKI McKinney National Airport Dallas, Texas, USA	179 nm	None	1246memberservices@gmail.com
4/8/23	11:30am - ?? After Meeting Flyout to 2023 Wings and Wheels Fly-In and Car Show	KMNE Minden Airport	175 nm	<a href="https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-">https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-</a>	Molly Fowler 318-453-5637

**YOUNG EAGLE RALLY**  
**Saturday March 25th**  
**Please consider**  
**volunteering**  
**For a Young Eagle Event**



**SPRING IS COMING!**  
**Should be Cool Flying Weather**  
**It's time for another Young Eagle Rally**

We have approximately 24 kids standing by. We have picked Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to hold another rally. Location will be at the Airport Office Building. Members can volunteer for ground or flight positions. **We especially need pilots/airplanes.** Please use the checklist on the following page. (Reference only, you don't need to turn in) If you need to be qualified for the Youth Protection Program, (YPP) please go to:

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>.

Volunteers need to show up at 8:30 for setup with plans to start flying at 9:30. Please contact Dean Marcott, text or email at 815-382-2220 or [deanmarcott@yahoo.com](mailto:deanmarcott@yahoo.com).



## EAA 302 Young Eagles Pilot/Aircraft Qualifications - Self Verification

rev 8

Pilot Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Tail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Requirement	Expiration / Next Due Date	Self Verification Initials
Current EAA National Member	Member of EAA (Chapter membership not req.)		
Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance	\$100,000 per seat - minimum		
Pilot License	Sport Pilot or Better	N/A	
Medical or D.L. (Sport )	Current		
Currency	3 Take Off and Landings in 90 days (add 90 days to last 3)		
Flight Review	Within 24 months (add 24 months to last)		
Aircraft Airworthiness Cert	On Board	N/A	
Pitot Static / Transponder Check	Current – every 2 years		
Aircraft Registration	Current and On Board (expires every 3 years)		
POH / Operating Limitations	On Board	N/A	
Annual or Condition Inspection	Within 12 Months (add 12 months to last)		
EAA Youth Protection Certification (video training)	Required every 3 Years <a href="https://www.eaa.org/en/ea3/account/accountlogin#/login">https://www.eaa.org/en/ea3/account/accountlogin#/login</a> / My Account / scroll down to Go to Training		

Pilot Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# EAA RECOGNIZES YOUNG EAGLE PILOT FOR FLYING 50 KIDS

Chris McMartin won't be able to make it to this weekend's meeting because he's doing orienteering competition for ROTC cadets. He recently flew his 49th and 50th Young Eagles (see pic). You'll recall he's the Commandant of the Spring High School AFJROTC. He's trying to meet the "30 for 30" requirements and of course Chapter 302 is getting credits. He can't participate in the group event on the 25th either (two simultaneous events for the cadets) but he's flying lots of kids when he can!

The good news is the credits have been doubled this spring, so we get \$10 per YE instead of 5. We use these credits to help pay for sending campers to Airventure. Come help us fly Young Eagles!



Congratulations Chris. Thanks for all your hard work and the additional credits for EAA 302.

# FEBRUARY LOCKHART FLY-OUT



Any other state than Texas & they'd be jailed



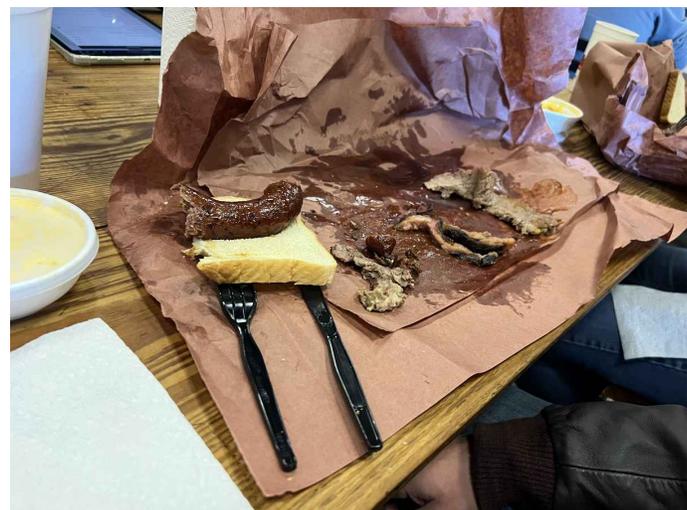
Not a bad picture—just the smokey pit room



EAA 302 takes up 20 feet of tables



“Tank” scored enough to take some home



Excellent barbecue served on heavy red paper

# NEW PAINT IN CONROE



Brian Weinzettle with his recently finished Van's RV-7. It went to the paint shop in Devine, Texas and was back in just a month. Stop by and see it!

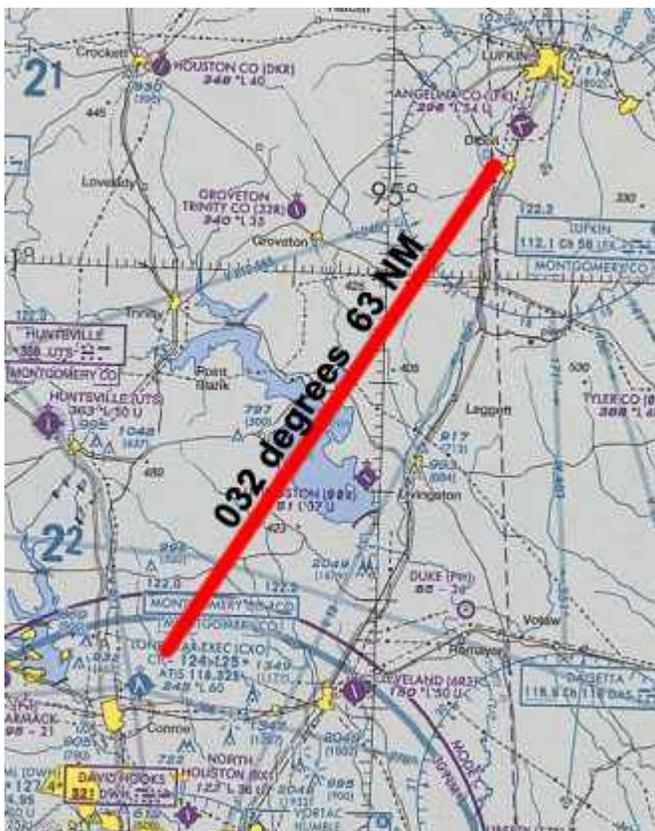


# SATURDAY FLYOUT TO LUFKIN



## 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.



# Critter's Lodge ~ An Aviation Preserve

Critters Lodge Spring Fly-In May 5, 6, & 7, 2023

Rain Date: May 12, 13 & 14, 2023

Mark Your Calendars - Let Your Friends Know



Join us in our overnight Fly-In and camp out!! Event will BEGIN on FRIDAY EVENING with our Kick Off Dinner at 6:30. Fly-in will end SUNDAY MORNING AFTER BREAKFAST.

For those who like to camp out we offer camping facilities with restrooms (No Port-O-Lets), solar outdoor showers, firewood, Wi-Fi, and LOTS OF GOOD FOOD. Reserved camping spaces are limited. Trailers and RV's must not exceed 34 ft. in length. Reserved trailer and RV parking with 30 amps hookups are \$20.00 and \$10.00 for 20 amps. To make a Reserved Parking Space contact us at our NEW EMAIL address: [Critterslodge.tx@gmail.com](mailto:Critterslodge.tx@gmail.com) or call us at 903-536-7000. (Please leave a message if no answer). Unreserved trailer and RVs without facilities are \$10.00. For camping with your tent and/or airplane it is on a first come basis along the runway. Additionally we offer 30+ acres of pasture parking (adjacent to the runway) at no fee.

Critter's Lodge is located on the Houston Sectional Chart near the 30 degree radial out of Leona identified as "Dillard Airport" (TE01). Runway is Packed turf, 3,100 foot lighted runway, elevation 255 ft. We MONITOR 122.9 ~ Land and taxi at your own risk, trees on both sides and end of runway. The runway is suitable for piston driven aircraft 12,500 pounds or less. Taxi and follow signage to proper parking area to avoid back taxi. taxi and park in mowed areas only.

If you have an unusual aircraft (warbird, etc) or would like to locate near a special friend(s) please let us know in advance. We will do all we can to help to accommodate you.

To contact us please call 903-536-7004 Hangar or 903-536-7000 Home

## 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](mailto:dirvine1945@gmail.com)



### FOR SALE—Cleaning out the hangar

New Plane Power FS1-14  
backup Alternator - \$900

New Plane Power 60 amp  
Alternator - \$700



Portable Air conditioner -  
\$50

A/C blower (floor fan  
project) - \$20



office chair \$5

**CONTACT:** Bill Donahoe 936-443-6846  
[wbdonahoe@hotmail.com](mailto:wbdonahoe@hotmail.com)

# CLASSIFIED ADS--Continued

**Hangar Space for Rent** – shared parking with an Fv-4 (and stuff) in “the Hood” at KCXO at end of Taxiway “J”. Prefer RV or similar wingspan, or a high wing. \$300 / month.  
Mike 832-628-5660 text or call.

**RENTED**



**For Sale**—the following 5 items. Yes, they're not aviation, but it will help Terry clean out his hangar. And besides, he's the neighbor of the Newsletter Czar, so there!

Located in hangar 2, Building 44D  
**Please text Terry at (832) 693-6941**

Antique Massey-Harris stationary engine. Will make a great restoration project. Asking \$25 OBO.

**SOLD**



Antique Fidelity Electric Co. Inc. Generator, 1kW/115 VAC, single phase c/w Briggs & Stratton engine, frame and belt drive guard. Asking \$80 OBO.

Tow bar for a 2"x 2" receiver c/w 2" ball. Asking \$15 OBO.



PTO driven John Deere air pump. Asking \$40 OBO.



Kohler engine for Gravely Tractor model G-30-E tractor. Asking \$100 OBO.



# CLASSIFIED--Continued



**For Sale – RV-  
7 seat cushions  
- bottom seats,  
back cushions,  
joy stick boots.  
Bark blue cloth.  
Used slightly.**

**\$125. Contact  
Mike at 832-  
628-5660 1/23**



3 Odyssey PC680 used batteries and trays (pulled from RV9A to put in lithiums). Two of the batteries have 50 hours on them when I replaced the originals when I bought the airplane. The third I kept as a spare when I replaced with the newer Odyssey's. I also have two battery trays. \$20 each for the battery trays. \$100 for all 3 batteries. Greg Sokoloski  
Cell 713-898-3721 Hanger 3 in the swamp  
9/22



Poly Fiber Products For Sale: Two gallons tinted Poly-Brush - \$75 each. Compare Aircraft Spruce price - 110.75/gal. Call or text Jim - 832-423-3718

**Contact Info—go to Home/contact us**

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**Events**

Keith Pache

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.

