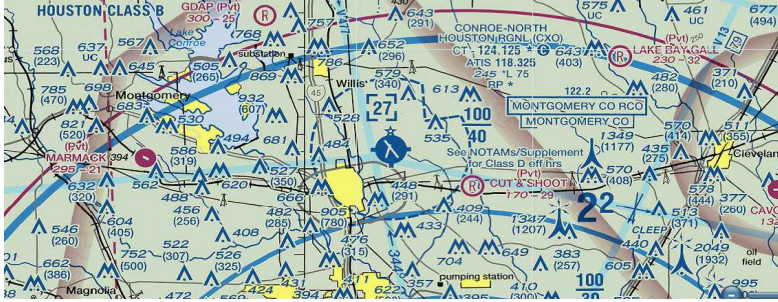


EAA Chapter 302



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Newsletter

MEETING NOTICE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 9TH, 2023, 6-9 PM

IMC/VMC MEETING



There
Will be NO
IMC
Meeting
For
December

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT
PIZZA SHACK-MONTGOMERY

OPTIONAL BINGO GIFTS

OPTIONAL TOYS 4 TOTS



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NOV 11th, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz welcomed approximately 75 members and visitors at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance: Joe Waltz led the chapter pledge.

Welcome visitors! Michael Smith-Airline pilot /CFI. Robert Reed-EAA member, has a Tri-R KIS TR-4 Cruiser. Rudy & Wendy Castaneda-EAA members, Geo Info Sys, general aviation. Holly Cron-Houston ATC. Sophia Byington-Lone Star Flight student. Darlene Woelfel-Lone Star Flight student. LuAnn & Galeo Cotton-EAA member, LuAnn is ChairPerson of The Ninety Niners. Skye Nowlen-Chenault CFI, new job Atlas Airline. Eric Matinées-Building RV-10
New 302 Members! Sage & Kelly (mom) Dramberger-High School, interest in flying.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance October 1, 2023: \$8762.83 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance October 31, 2023: \$8843.56 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Shirt income \$336, Rent Expense \$200.

EAA Report: Joe Waltz flew to EAA headquarters recently for BOD, committee meetings and the Hall of Fame Induction Gala. The Home Builders committee inducted Neil Loving who was an early EAA member and aircraft designer / builder of Loving's Love and more. His aircraft are displayed in the National Air and Space and EAA museums. Snow Birds will likely perform at AirVenture 24. Jack Pelton reported finances have recovered well from the COVID days. Joe sat at a dinner with Vans Aircraft founder Dick VanGrunsven hearing financial and technical details of Vans recent challenges. Interested in more detail? Talk to Joe.

Safety Minute: FAASTeam (FAA Safety Team) program manager Phil Dixon says when it comes to your airman medical status, just how honest and thorough are you when filling out that MedExpress or BasicMed form? Are you telling your AME everything he or she needs to know? If you are gaming the system, it's time to come clean. Search YouTube: *Don't Game the System with Your AME*.

Bird Strike: Tim Grassman had a bird strike recently on a Phase I test flight while on a 2 mile final to KCXO. The vertical stabilizer was significantly damaged, but Tim landed his RV14A safely. There is real risk flying an unfamiliar unproven airplane with new complex cockpit, aircraft and systems. Adding an unexpected event like a bird strike can be overwhelming. "Distractions are real...stay focused and fly the plane." Tim received our EAA 302 first flight plaque.

Homegrown Waco Taperwing: Nick Coleman tells of a semi-forgotten airplane he found and completely restored and flew to EAA AirVenture 2021. Search YouTube: *Homegrown Waco Taperwing*

Project Updates: Rick Oliver / Zenith 750 STOL 4 = finished horizontal / vertical stabilizer, mount to fuselage next. Tom Hammer / Highlander SuperSTOL = 300 hours into project, sheet metal work, side window frames, installing Garmin Autopilot servos, wings with slats and spoilers mounted.

Hints for Homebuilders: Dick Koehler shows basic techniques of stripping and crimping wire. Dick is a Technical Counselor for Chapter 186, A&P aircraft mechanic with Inspection Authorization (IA), and SportAir Workshop instructor. Search EAA.org: *Videos / Basics of Stripping and Crimping Wire*

News and Reports:

- IMC/VMC Club will not meet in December
- Young Eagles Flying December 9. Need Airplanes, pilots and volunteers at 8:30 AM.
- Christmas Party at Pizza Shack, Montgomery, TX December 9 from 6-9PM.

Adjourn



THERE WILL BE NO IMC MEETING FOR DECEMBER



YOUNG EAGLE RALLY
Saturday December 9th
Please consider
volunteering
For a Young Eagle Event



We have approximately 25 kids standing by. We have picked Saturday, December 9th 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/eaayouth/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.



EAA 302 Young Eagles Pilot/Aircraft Qualifications - Self Verification

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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 https://www.eaa.org/en/ea3/account/accountlogin#/login / My Account / scroll down to Go to Training | | |

Pilot Signature: _____

Date: _____



EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

1) 10:00am-?? Monday Donuts & Coffee (Hangar 17E - Taxiway D).

2) 6:00-9:00pm Saturday, December 9th Christmas Party at Pizza Shack, Montgomery—see next page

3) 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/eaanews-and-publications/eaawebinars>

d) FAA Safety Webinars = <https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

4) 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 |
|----------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| 12/13/22 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: The History of the P-64: EAA's Forgotten Fighter | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2022-12-13WBN_P64_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 12/14/22 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: Flying Clubs 101 | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2022-12-14WBN_FlyingClubs_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 12/15/22 | 11:00am FAA Safety Webinar: Riddle Me This - Best Questions From 2022 | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=117947&caller=/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx | Stephen Schroeder 301-695-2143 ftinitiative@aopa.org |
| 12/20/22 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: Living With Your Aircraft: A Guide to Finding or Building the Ideal Airpark | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2022-12-20WBN_AirParks_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 12/31/22 | 8:00am 5th Saturday Fly-In Breakfast | KCPT Cleburne Regional Airport | 158 nm | None | None |
| 1/4/23 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: System Awareness | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2023-01-04WBN_SystemAwareness_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 1/10/23 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: The Ford Tri-Motor and EAA's "Tin Goose" | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2023-01-10WBN_TinGoose_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 1/11/23 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: LODA – Letter of Deviation Authority for Flight Instruction | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2023-01-11WBN_LODA_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 1/18/23 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: Engine Dehydration: Cheaper Than an Overhaul! | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2023-01-18WBN_EngineDehydration_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 2/1/23 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: Obsessed With EGT | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2023-02-01WBN_EGT_LP-Registration.html | None |
| 2/7/23 | 7:00-8:30pm EAA Webinar: Sonex High Wing Aircraft Update | The comfort of your own home | 0 nm | https://pages.eaa.org/2023-02-07WBN_SonexHighWing_LP-Registration.html | None |



CHRISTMAS PARTY

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 9TH, 2023

PIZZA SHACK—MONTGOMERY

19132 Stewart Creek Road

6:00 TO 9:00 PM

Please use the EAA302.org website—Web Store and click on the Christmas Party button to attend. Cost will be \$30 per person. We considered doing karaoke, but decided on Bingo instead. This year we would like to invite our members to bring the prizes. (Optional) Nothing expensive, just something our winners will "cherish". Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.



WHO ARE WE TALKIN' TO?

When you call up Conroe Tower/Ground, you'll hear one of 7 voices. Ever wonder who they are? The Tower is controlled by Robinson Aviation, a private contract group out of Oklahoma. Where else are Robinson Towers? Surprisingly all around us—Victoria, McAllen, College Station, Sugarland, Galveston & more. They're supported by Federal funds and each controller must maintain a 2nd class physical just like pilots



Shannon Henkel—the tower chief who replaced Ed Bruno. She was a military controller, having worked Approach Control at Laughlin AFB, Tower at Eielson AFB Fairbanks and Balad AB in Iraq. She's presently working hard to backfill two vacancies which is causing the others to put in a lot of overtime. Shannon has 21 years in Traffic Control.



Erv Funk—who like many of the rest, retired from the Civilian FAA control network. He spent 24 years Tower/Tracon in Reading and Harrisburg, PA and Dulles International, Washington. He's been with Robinson for 14 years. (That's 38 years total). Erv is also a rated pilot, holding a Commercial and Instrument rating in both Airplane Single and Multiengine Land.



BJ Mitchell—another one of the pilot-rated controllers. BJ had a generous friend who let him train for just fuel, so he has his Commercial, Instrument and Multi Engine. He's worked Baton Rouge, IAH tower/tracon and CXO. He retired from the FAA at 49 (mandatory retirement is 56) and has been here ever since for a total of 42 years controlling.



Ed McMahon—another Veteran! This time the USAF from 1974 to 1986 at Offut AFB, Myrtle Beach, Kunsan Korea, Scott, Bitburg Germany and Laughlin TX. Then with ATC he served Monroe, LA, Shreveport, and Houston Intercontinental. He joined Robinson in 2011 and first worked College Station before arriving at Conroe. This is his 49th continuous year of working Air Traffic.



Terry Klagmann—another one of the pilot rated controllers. To be exact—CFIIME. As an Army Private at Cairns AAF, Fort Rucker, he began flying as well in a Grumman TR-2. He's gone from El Paso, Midland, IAH Tower and Approach, Hobby, Lubbock and now here. He has just finished his 52nd year of controlling.



Mike McNamara—a Navy Veteran, serving from 1979 to 1986. He went to ATC through 2013, working Coast Tracon, San Diego Tracon, Hobby and Houston Intercontinental. Then came Robinson where he's worked in New Braunfels, Galveston and now Conroe. Mike has a total of 37 years in Air Traffic Control.



Chris Cabrera—the newest member in the tower. Chris came from the Marine Corps to round out having Veterans from all four services. He entered the USMC in San Diego in 2017, trained for ATC in Pensacola, and worked Tower in Yuma International. The Yuma gig was interrupted with a 7 month aircraft carrier tour. Upon separating from the Marines in 2022, he joined Robinson in Stillwater, Oklahoma and then arrived here.



AND NOW A NOTE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY WEBMASTER

You should have already gotten an email for member dues for 2024. The e-mail will have a link that enables you to click and go directly to the member payment page. We're striving to move to 100% cashless system. This removes several manual processes and eases the burden of record keeping.



**THINK OF WHAT YOUR
EAA 302 DUES PROVIDE:**
Informative Monthly meetings
Tool Crib
A Great Newsletter
Young Eagle Rallies
Scholarships
IMC/VMC Club
Technical Counselors
Flyouts
Camaraderie

ANOTHER COMPLETION AWARD AT CXO

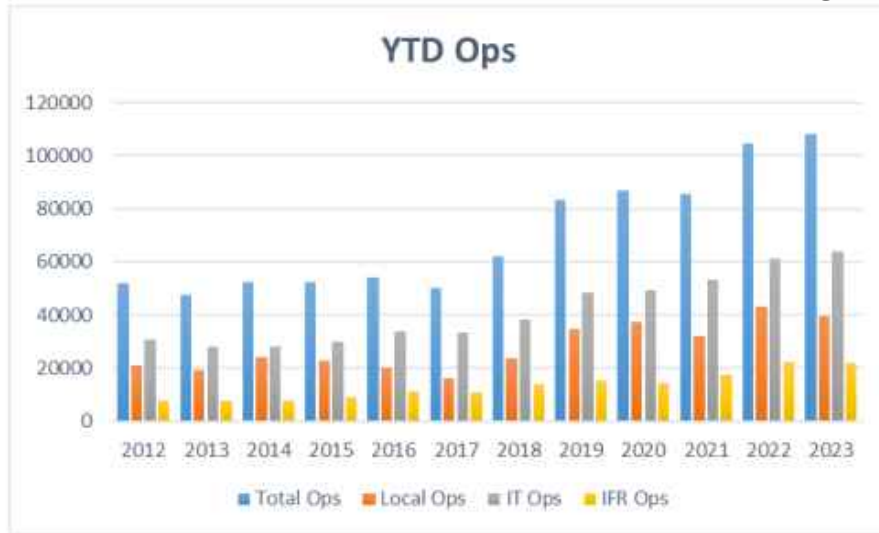


Picture by Jim Morrival

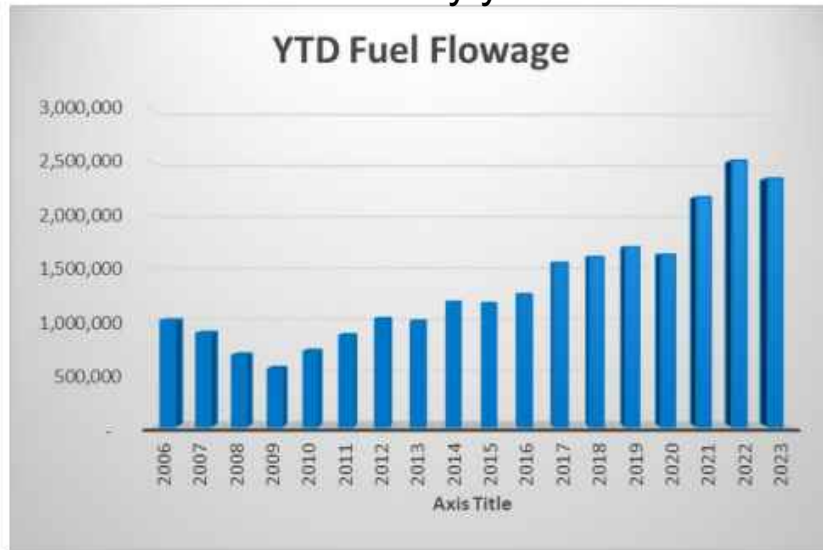
A long standing tradition at EAA 302 is to award a plaque for the completion of a build by a member. At the November meeting, we had such a presentation to Tim Grassman for his completion of an RV-14.

This award, however, was more of a 2-Part trophy. Tim finished his aircraft, and now can continue to rebuild it. During his Phase 1 flyoff, he was on final to Conroe when he collided with one of the circling vultures you often see. It missed the prop and canopy, but crushed the vertical stabilator (seen here). Tim continued to FLY THE AIRPLANE and made a successful landing. Our regrets!

From the Airport Director: YTD operations at KCXO. Remember, this is as of November—final will be higher



Don't need to wonder why you're #8 for takeoff



That fuel tax should be starting to take off!



Customs, however, seems to be levelling off

FINAL SHIRT ORDER



Our final batch of shirts has been ordered and estimated pickup time is December 13.

If you ordered one, the shirts will be available for you at the January Regular Meeting.

WHERE DO SOME OF YOUR DUES GO???

On Monday, Joe Waltz completed the Chapter renewal. Next, he's going for additional points, and then another Ray Scholarship. A sample of the payment follows:

Chapter Renewal Receipt / Voucher

Date:12/4/2023

Chapter Number:302

Chapter Type:EAA

Coverage Summary

The following are applicable to approved fly-ins and non-flying activities:

\$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 General Liability

\$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 Products/Completed Operations

\$5,000 Medical Expense (1 person)

\$1,000,000 Host Liquor

\$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 Mobile Equipment (ie golf carts, scooters, etc. on airport only)

EAA Chapter Payment Information

\$100 Chapter Dues

\$322 Aviation General Liability Insurance Allocation

\$100 Peter Burgher Chapter Development Fund Donation

\$522 Total

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

For Rent: Shared hangar space in box hangar on Hill at KCXO. For more information contact Jeff Lehner 219-608-1463



For Sale: 3 aircraft tow bars (Cessna, Piper, etc)

Used, but in very good condition.

Lg red one is \$250.

Smaller red one with prongs is \$180.

Silver one is \$200.

Can pick up at CXO. Cash or PayPal only.

Vickie Croston 832-585-3886

skydiveVKC@gmail.com



Sky King pedal airplane - Stunning 1-owner Sky King pedal airplane. Rare, as this is as close to mint condition as there is and it works great too! Collector's item.

Too large to ship, but you can pick it up at CXO. \$1000. Cash or PayPal only. Contact

Vickie Croston 832-585-3886

skydiveVKC@gmail.com



FOR SALE--¼ Share in a Piper PA-32 260 1966. \$32k

N3476W . ~735hrs SMOH (flies regularly)

Brand new panel (Garmin GPS and transponder, twin G5s, autopilot, PS audio panel, new JPI engine monitor) Large iPad. 6 seats-new interior. Flies smoothly. Contact: Tim Bowling: (832) 771-7486



Available for Sale: Quarter Share of C182P - N182JK - \$40k, 1975 Cessna Model 182P AFTT: 5220 hrs, Engine 1 Time: 440 hrs, GNS 530 WAAS, GTX 330, S-TEC System 50, PMA 8000E, Tailbeacon with WAAS. Hangared at CXO near DD, where it will remain. For spec sheet, photos and more info, please contact Miles Demster @ 214-908-3320 after 6:00 PM or text anytime. Email milo_4545@yahoo.com

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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, 1st 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.

