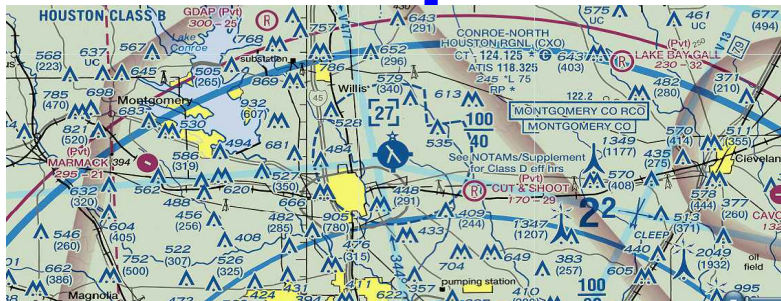


EAA Chapter 302



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Newsletter

MEETING NOTICE

APRIL 13TH, 2024, 10:00 AM

See Page 3 for a map to the cookout afterward

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.

Apr 11th



Cancelled
For
SunNfun

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ
Thunderbird Restoration
Hints: Hose Clamp Tool

BURGERBURN on the Hill

EAA CHAPTER 302



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MARCH 9TH MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz welcomed approximately 77 members and visitors at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance: 'Tank' Parish led the chapter pledge.

Welcome Visitor / New Members! *Big Glynn* - Interest in General Aviation (GA), *'Treg' Carter & Cassie Knight* - building Zenith Cruiser, *Vance Wilson* - discovering interests, *Scott Johnston* - Retired Navy/CFI, *Gabriel Saldana & daughter Ian* - Young Eagles, *Marla Aicello* - All things aviation at KCXO. New EAA 302 members are *John Jacobi* and *Nicholas Doyle*.

EAA Nat'l Survey Summary: Sixty one 302 members responded with a survey. Results show EAA that we are a healthy effective local chapter. Young Eagles events, interesting meetings and support for and from membership were favorable highlighted areas.

Young Eagles Annual Summary: In 2023 EAA Chapter 302 flew 150 Young Eagles. Because of that EAA National awarded a \$1,375 credit that we will apply toward our 2024 Air Academy Camp Scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance February 1, 2024: \$11,117.81 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance February 29, 2024: \$10,785.02 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Dues income \$325, Swindle income \$122. Rent Expense \$400, Christmas Party Deposit \$600.

Safety: Here's a AOPA video about the types of mishaps that are driving up insurance rates. AOPA Air Safety Institute shared a good analysis. Search YouTube: *Reality Check: What are the Costliest Insurance Claims?*

Program: There are some weird and wonderful aircraft at Oshkosh. The *Ascender* has an over cockpit engine and an unobstructed view. This four seat super STOL aircraft was created by Alec Wild with a Cub profile wing. Search YouTube: *One Wild Design | Meet the Ascender*

Project Updates: *Rick Oliver* / Zenith CH750 STOL = Wing construction with leading edge skin installed, leading edge skin on flaperon and fitting wings next.

Hints for Homebuilders: Brian Carpenter from Rainbow Aviation, shows rechargeable flashlights that have useful magnetic bases. Search EAA.org: *Use of Magnetic Flashlights*

Maintenance Tip: Jimmy Crawford discusses new baffling on his RV4. He discovered oil return line chaffing and encourages us to spend time on annual condition inspections looking very carefully for points of chaffing on our engines.

Air Academy Camp: Congratulation to Carter Gearn! She is our scholarship winner to attend Air Academy Camp 2024!

Ray Scholarship News: Chapter 302 has been awarded an \$11,000 Ray Scholarship! The BOD will set protocol in the next few days to find and mentor our awardee.

News and Reports:

- Remember next Young Eagles Rally is planned for March 16th @ 9-11:30 AM. Need airplanes, pilots and volunteers.
- Check internet for AirPower <http://airpowerinc.com/> Dallas...Free shipping on hardware!
- Vickie Croston heads to Washington DC April 10 for a Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony that will honor all 'Rosie the Riveters' including her mom. You can read some of her mom's story at <https://laterbloomer.com/rose-monroe/>

Adjourn

- Remember after the meeting consider lunch at McKenzie's BBQ at 1501 N. Frazier St, Conroe by noon.
- Before each meeting some gather any time after 8 AM on the 3rd floor at Black Walnut Cafe for breakfast.

AFTER THE MEETING EAA 302 BURGER BURN

Based on the EAA National Survey results that were announced at the last meeting, it was decided to follow up on some of the suggestions:

1. Cut down on the number of fly-outs afterward
2. Repeat one of our most popular activities for turnouts

SO LET'S DO ANOTHER BURGER BURN

It will be held on "The Hill" immediately after the Regular meeting. See the map below.

Now start praying for no rain and soggy parking



At last count we have 14 shirts still to be picked up. April 13 pre-meeting should be the last time to distribute them. If not picked up you can make other arrangements such as shipping (at your cost) or whatever to obtain the shirts. Or you can arrange another member to get yours.

EAA 302 IS NOW A “GOLD” CHAPTER



EAA National has now recognized our Chapter with Gold Status. It will be shown on the national website and will be prominent to people looking for a local chapter to join. Below is the letter which describes the possible steps required to reach this level. We were credited with 9 of the possible 11, and will pursue using “Chapter Blasts”.

Dear Joe,

Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the GOLD level status recognition level for the 2023 year. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at EAA.org/FindAChapter with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is attached in this email.

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA’s Chapter Advisory Council and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. An additional 11th criteria point was included to enable chapters to bring forward a chapter event or program which enhances their chapter by bringing more people to engage with their chapter. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

Below are the qualifying Chapter Recognition criteria, along with your chapter’s points. A one (1) indicates that your chapter earned credit for the associated criteria. Note: All points based on calendar year 2023.

Attends a chapter leadership training session: 1

Growing or steady membership: 1

Offers IMC or VMC Club programs: 1

Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs: 1

Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor: 1

Participates in EAA’s Annual Chapter Member survey: 1

Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA’s Air Academy: 1

Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email: 0

Hosts at least two public events each year: 1

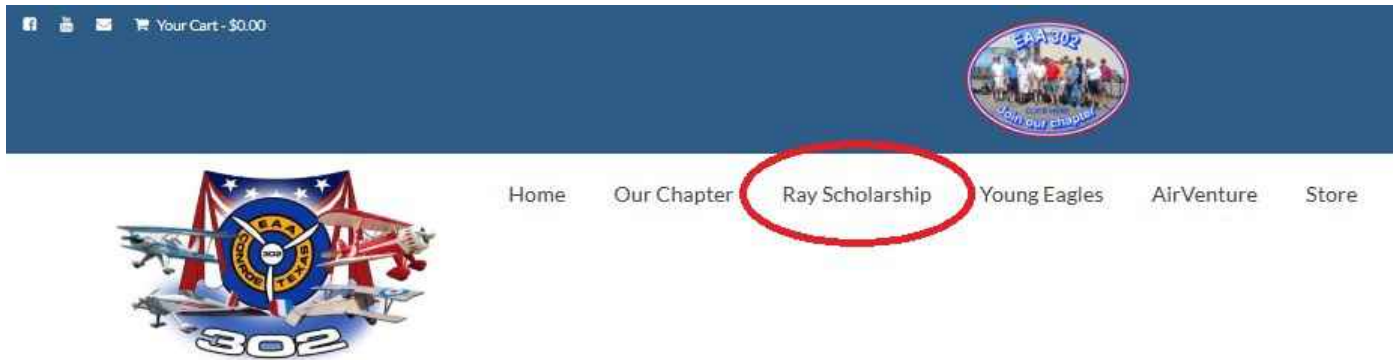
Owens/leases a facility: 0

Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.: 1

EAA Chapter 302, Inc.’s 2023 Chapter Recognition total is 9 out of 11.

EAA302.ORG WEBSITE CHANGE

There is a new Heading on our website—you can see it below. It's a listing for the Ray Aviation Scholarship including description, qualifications and rules. 302 has been awarded one for 2024 and the winner will be announced at the Regular Meeting. If you know a deserving individual (age 16-19) for the year 2025, you should definitely check this out.



Furthermore, there is a 75/25% offer for a GUARANTEED award of a Scholarship for a similar candidate. If you know a 16-19 year old who can wrangle up \$2750, the Ray Foundation will match that with \$8250 if they can meet the application rules.





EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

- 1) 10:00am-?? Monday Donuts & Coffee (Hangar 17E - Taxiway D).
- 2) Thursday's April 11th IMC meeting is **CANCELLED** for Sun N Fun
- 3) 3) 10:00-11:30am Sat. April 13th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).

4) 11:30am-?? Sat. April 13th After Meeting **Burger Burn** up on "The Hill"

5) 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>

6) 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
4/9-14/24	Sun n Fun	KLAL Lakeland Linder International Airport Lakeland, Florida, USA	763 nm	https://flysnf.org/	863-644-2431 fly-info@flysnf.org
4/13/24	8th Annual Flying Aggies Fly-In	KSWO Stillwater Regional Airport Stillwater, Oklahoma, USA	358 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26318	Macy Newman 972 533-0484 osuflyingaggies@gmail.com
4/13-14/24	Wings Over Cowtown Air Show	KNFW Fort Worth Naval Air Station JRB (Carswell Field) Airport Fort Worth, Texas, USA	178 nm	https://www.navymwrfortworth.com/event/airshow	None
4/20/24	3rd Annual Customer Appreciation BBQ FEED (hangar X14)	KDWH David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport Houston, Texas, USA	19 nm	Facebook	Josh Taco
4/20/24	9:00am-2:00pm LBX Annual Fly-In, Planes, Trains, Automobiles and Tractors!	KLBX Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport Angleton/Lake Jackson, Texas, USA	75 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26186	Herb Ross 979-480-7192 HLRossJr@comcast.net
4/20/24	9:30am-1:30pm The First "Tex" Hill Wing Fiesta Fly-In	KSSF Stinson Municipal Airport San Antonio, Texas, USA	171 nm	Facebook - Lone Star Aviators	210-296-9648 texhillwingevents@gmail.com
4/20/24	9:30am Coffee & Donuts Fly-In (3rd Saturday each month)	KTKI McKinney National Airport Dallas, Texas, USA	179 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26166	Smitty webmaster@eaa1246.org
4/20/24	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee	KPRX Cox Field Airport Paris, Texas, USA	197 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26227	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
4/20/24	6:30-10:30pm The Victory Ball	KRBD Dallas Executive Airport Dallas, Texas, USA	158 nm	https://www.eventsprout.com/event/the-victory-ball-2024	None
4/26-28/24	Critters Lodge Fly-In	TE01 Dillard Ranch Airport Centerville, Texas, USA	60 nm	http://critterslodge.org/	Wendell Dillard 903-536-7000 critterslodge@windstream.net
4/27/24	9:00-11:00am EAA 1607 Pancake Breakfast (4th Saturday each month)	KRYW Lago Vista TX/Rusty Allen Airport Lago Vista, Texas, USA	133 nm	http://www.eaa1607.org/	Lance Clinton 512-897-7815 president@eaa1607.org
4/27/24	EAA Chapter 1475 Spring Fly-in	KJDD Wood County Airport/Collins Field Mineola/Quitman, Texas, USA	143 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26326	https://www.facebook.com/events/1466278280966072/?ref=newsfeed

MARCH 23RD YOUNG EAGLES RALLY



Joe Waltz brought the "Queenliner"



And John Blum brought "Bear Force One"



Miles Demster had 4 seats in the C-182



Bill Donahoe launching his Vans RV-6



YE Graduate Mason Engels now does YE rides in his Piper Cherokee 140

And the Stars of the show are here! Look at their post in Instagram. Ten students from Lone Star College, making the rally run smoother than ever.



YOUNG EAGLES RALLY (continued)



Steve Havemann did 4 flights in his RV-14



Steve Iacoviello brought his RV-9



Denny Irvine flew a tandem RV-4



Steve Lutte worked with a 4 seat RV-10



Doug Malloy demo-ed the Zenith Cruiser....and Sam Rinando (LCC Student) flew his Cardinal RG Altogether, we flew 29 Young Eagles—which put \$145 into credits for the chapter to use. Thanks to all the pilots and ground crew (and especially the Lone Star students) for their hard work.



YOUNG EAGLE RALLY
Saturday April 27th
Please consider
volunteering
For a Young Eagle Event



YES! ANOTHER RALLY
Let's do this while its still cool
Weather date will be May 4th

We have more kids standing by. We have picked Saturday, April 27th to hold another rally. Location will still be 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.



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/aaa/account/account_login#/login / My Account / scroll down to Go to Training		

Pilot Signature: _____

Date: _____

ACADEMY CAMP SCHOLAR SELECTED



Meet our newly elected recipient of the Oshkosh Basic Academy Camp Scholarship. Carter Gearn is shown, along with her Dad Jason Gearn at the March Regular Meeting.

Carter will participate in a near weeklong stay in the Air Academy Lodge, including meals and a long list of aviation related activities.

ANOTHER COMPLETION AWARD



John Pulis and his wife attended the March Regular Meeting and received the EAA 302 Completion Plaque for finishing a builder project .

They finished the aircraft you see on the screen behind them: a Smyth Sidewinder, powered by a IO-320 Lycoming and a Q-Tip prop.

Now if he can defeat all the ignition gremlins, he can go somewhere at 200 MPH.

SUGGESTED FAAST SEMINAR

On April 27 (Saturday) at 10:00 AM, EAA 302 member John Blum will be presenting a seminar on "Controlled Flight into Terrain". Not only interesting and informative, you can get FAAST credit for it by going to FAASafety.gov/Seminars&Webinars and put in course # SW09128027.



The supervisor Charles Hamilton (charles.s.hamilton@faa.gov) has **approved** the scheduling of the following seminar:

"How They Survived a Controlled Flight Into Terrain!"

Topic: Discussion of the Instructional Accident in Seneca N26HE on May 3, 2023

On Saturday April 27, 2024 at 10:00 Central Daylight Time

Select Number: SW09128027

Location:

Galaxy FBO

2971 Hawthorne Dr.

Conroe, TX 77303

Description:

John Blum, Director of the Lone Star College Professional Pilot Program (CFII, MEI, ATP, Part 141 Examiner, retired UAL Captain) and checkride candidate Darlene Woelfel will be discussing what happened on this multi engine practical test. After hearing a loud "pop" the plane pitched up about 50 degrees. John will talk about the actions he and Darlene took from that point, most importantly flying the airplane "all the way into the crash", and how their actions enabled them to survive this unfortunate event. This is a 1.5 hour seminar.

CELEBRATE

John Blum

United Captain.

Director & Professor



Help us CELEBRATE John's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and more with an Open House.

When: Friday, May 3rd. Begins at 5pm & Presentation by the FAA at 6:30pm

**Where: Mike Barksdale's Hangar
Google: 10013 Military Dr. Conroe, TX
Gate 8 on left (Code: 1432)**

***Drive straight across ramp to hangar 23-B.**

Be cautious when crossing. This is an active taxiway. Yield to moving aircraft.

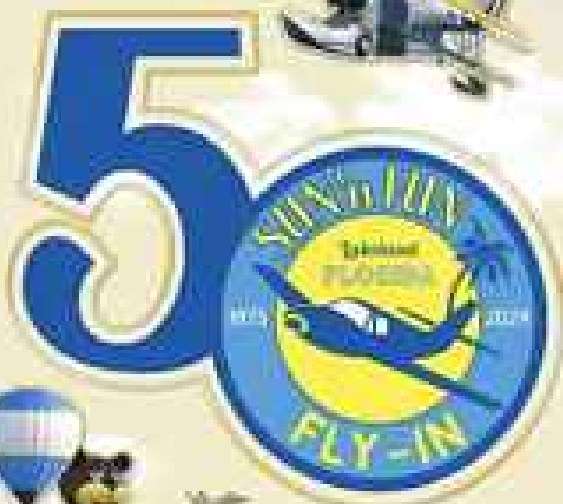
***Light appetizers will be served**



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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

HANGAR FOR RENT

34' X 42' Box Hangar available for rent on or about May 1, 2024. Building 44 KCXO off taxiway EE. For information call 936-522-8051.



FOR SALE—Cross slide accessory for your shop. Turn your drill press into a mill. Bi-directional cranks with a proper bit and you can cut slots, ovals, etc. Cleaning out the shop, so buy it for less than 10 cents on the dollar.

\$20 obo Denny Irvine 936-827-0091 (text okay)
dirvine1945@gmail.com



FOR SALE--Equity Partnership for Sale at KDWH. 1/4 ownership share 1972 Piper Arrow PA28R-200. 3600TTAF 350 hrs on factory reman. engine and new scimitar prop. New complete leather interior! Garmin 430W, G5 PFD and HSI. King secondary, Stratus ADSB in/out. Century II AP. 25K buy-in, \$200.00 month fixed for insurance and hanger. \$115/hr on tach. Perks: Co-owners are CFII's and willing to instruct. Contact: fivefiveplusaviation@gmail.com

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

Contact Info—go to Home/contact us

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Events

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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, 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.

