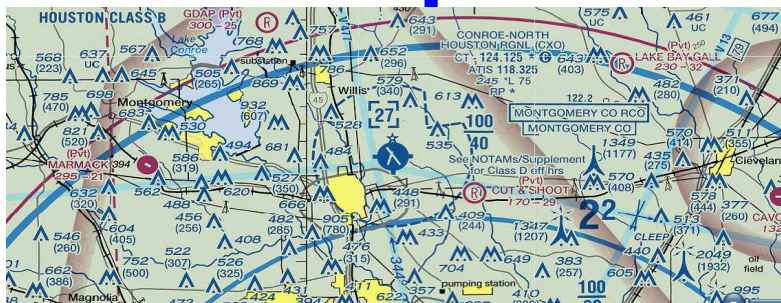


# EAA Chapter 302



## Newsletter



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## MEETING NOTICE

**MAY 11TH, 2024, 10:00 AM**

See the last page for a map to the meeting

### IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.  
May 9th  
7-8:30  
Galaxy



### THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Midget Mustang

Hints: Hose Clamp Tool



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# APRIL 13TH MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order:** President Joe Waltz welcomed approximately 85 members and visitors at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jake Reynolds led the chapter pledge.

**Welcome Visitor!** Kenji Heikes - Commercial pilot working toward CFI at American Flyers. Shane Klein - Private pilot at United Flight Systems working on his commercial.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance March 1, 2024: \$10,585.02 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance March 31, 2024: \$11,092.64 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Dues income \$175, Swindle income \$150. Rent Expense \$25.

**EAA Nat'l Gold Status:** This year because of your chapter's strong commitment to general aviation EAA's Chapter Recognition Program has awarded us the **EAA Chapters Gold**. Meeting 9 of 11 program criteria qualified us for Gold. Details search EAA website: *Chapter Recognition*

**Safety:** Watched AOPA produced video. Mike Filucci prepares to land his French-built Socata TB 30 Epsilon only to discover gear unsafe conditions. This excellent example of a response to a partial gear failure culminated in a safe gear up landing. A common hydraulic line clamp failed and the loose line bound the gear up. Search YouTube: *The French Disconnection*

**Program:** Owner Warren Pietsch tells some of the storied history of his restored blue North American P-51C 'Thunderbird'. Jimmy Stewart owned it. Joe DeBona flew it winning the 1949 Bendix Trophy Flight at the Cleveland Air Races. DeBona's record of 470.136 mph still stands today. Search YouTube: *Did You Get a Whiff of That Blue Mustang?*

**Project Updates:** Tom Hammer / Highlander SuperSTOL = Mostly finished main electrical wiring and avionics bay work. Comm radio & transponder are remote mounted with Garmin G3X panel. Engine planned is a 915 Rotax controlled by dual FADEC. Bob Fay / RV14A = Completed wiring, installed avionics, interior, cowlings trimmed and fitted. Installed Vetterman Exhaust since Vans exhaust was \$\$ and delayed, engine is mounted. Hopes to fly this summer.

**Maintenance Tip:** Michael McDonald is a member of our chapter and a good resource with experience in welding. He discussed materials, corrosion and making decisions about serviceability. He said sometimes it is better to just replace parts and not try to weld up a questionable part.

**Young Eagles Rally:** Next chapter rally is scheduled for April 27th 9-11:30 AM. May 4th is the rain date. Need airplanes, pilots and ground crew.

**Ray Scholarship News:** Chapter 302 Board of Directors Scholarship Committee has made the decision to award EAA's \$11,000 Ray Scholarship to Jake Reynolds! He's very motivated and has been involved with our chapter for a couple years. He flew Young Eagles early on, has used Sporty's training module to grow his knowledge, passed the FAA Private Pilot Airman Knowledge Exam and completed his medical. Congratulations Jake!

## News and Reports:

--Vickie Croston reported on the 'Rosie the Riveters' Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony she attended in Washington DC April 10 honoring all those women. You can read some of her mom's story at <https://laterbloomer.com/rose-monroe/>

--Vickie also suggested we consider ordering EAA 302 jackets in the fall time frame. Let us know if you have an interest.

## 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.



# THE 302 BURGER BURN

After the April 13<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting, we skipped the usual fly-out and replaced it with a BurgerBurn. While the fly-outs are fun, they never get a turnout like this. We'll try this again each Spring and Fall.



One hundred burgers were devoured and the weather cooperated beautifully. Thanks again to Jim Smith for the use of his hangar.



# RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

It was announced at the April meeting that the Ray Aviation Scholarship would be awarded to Jake Reynolds. Jake has been attending meetings and helping with Young Eagles. After approval from EAA National, he will begin flying with Texas Flight at David Wayne Hooks. He'll have 60 days to solo and will need to finish within a year. His plan is to finish on his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday in October.



## DON'T FORGET YOUR TOOL CRIB

EAA 302 maintains lots of useful tools. Just log in and check "Members only/tools to loan". We have a rescue dolly and inserts for 5", 6" and 10" tires. If you forget and call one of the FBO's for a rescue, it'll set you back at least \$250. The picture below shows the recovery of David Christie and his RV-7 with a flat tire.





# ROSIE THE RIVETERS PRESENTATION

By Vickie Croston

I was honored to represent my Mom, Rose Will Monroe, the ORIGINAL Rosie, at the Gold Medal ceremony April 10. Although there were 6 million ladies who entered the workforce in WWII, Mom became the human face to the lady in the popular Rosie song. She was a riveter on B-24s at Willow Run when actor Walter Pidgeon visited to film some war bond promos (and autograph "Pidgeon Coop"), and he recruited her to appear in them as Rosie.

The presentation was made by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson in the Emancipation Hall of the US Capitol in Wash., DC with Mae Krier happily receiving the medal on behalf of all the Rosies.

"Mae Krier, age 98, was primarily responsible for acquiring the Congressional Gold Medal award honoring all Rosies of WWII. She felt this acknowledgement was long overdue, and succeeded in her quest.

The next day many of those sweet ladies enjoyed a White House tour



Vickie and Mom at the Capitol



Surviving "Rosies" at the White House



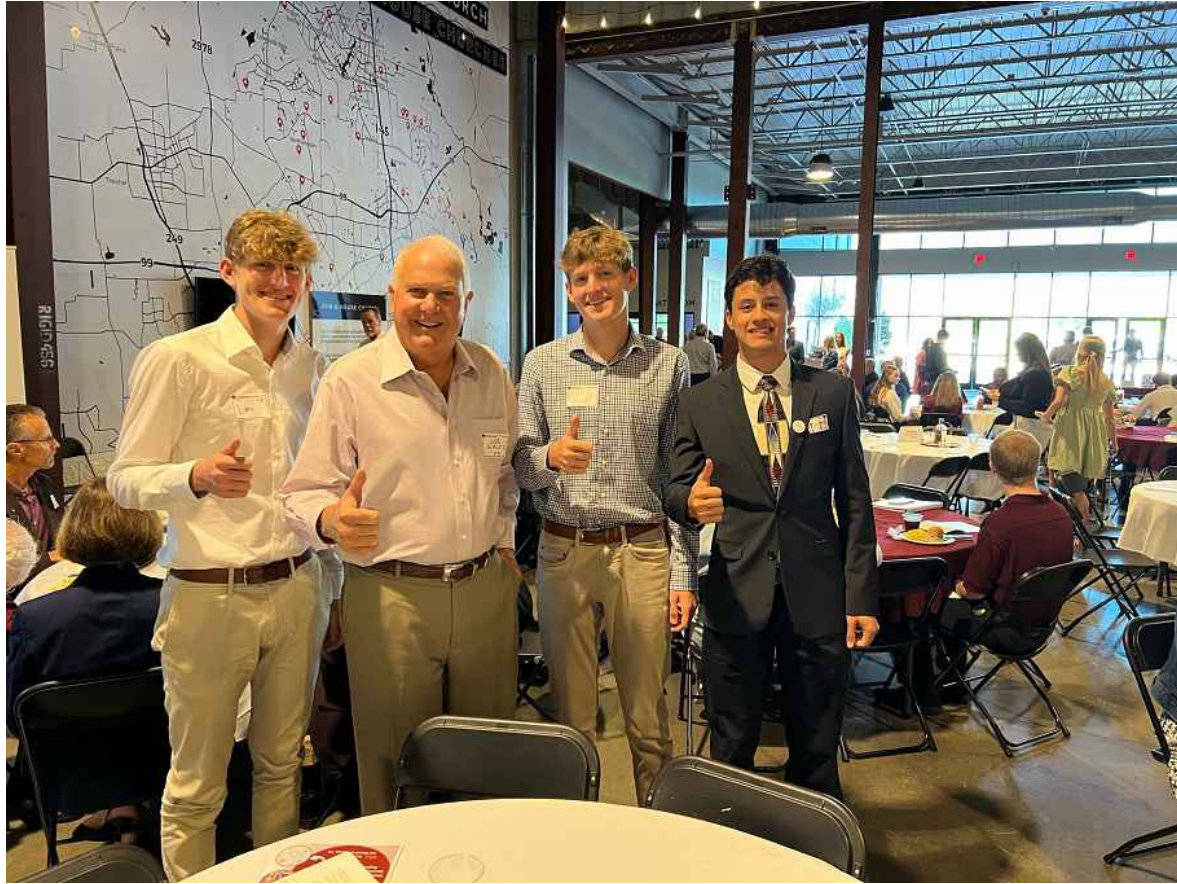
Front side of the Medal



House Leader Mike Johnson making the presentation



# MORE YOUTH ON THE MOVE



It's always nice to let y'all know about our Eagles Nest students progress. Here are three from our Goldilocks build that are continuing their education at Texas A&M and have chosen Engineering as their major.

I attended an Aggie Muster hosted by the Montgomery County A&M club. This is an event held every year on San Jacinto day where Aggies all over the world gather to socialize and honor Aggies who have passed away that year. The MOCO A&M club takes the opportunity of the gathering to award scholarships to local students who will be attending A&M the next year. This year they awarded 24 individual scholarships. Montgomery High was represented by three of our former students; Lane & Lucas Hyman & Chilam Johnson. That's more than any other MOCO high school. It was great to see them again.

This is just a sample of the great number of kids that your efforts as mentors helped make a difference. Being accepted into the college of engineering is not an easy task. They said that having an airplane build on their resume definitely helped.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

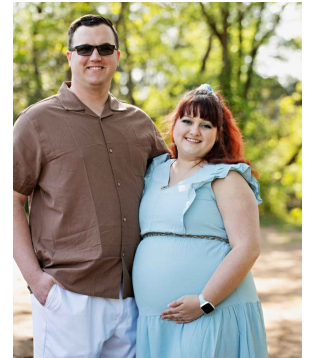
Do you think 302's involvement with youth is worth it? Look where these kids have gone



Ashley Christian was a Young Eagle in 2014. She went on to Lonestar College, was the lead flight instructor and is now with Sky West Airlines flying the ERJ 175 out of Houston. She also volunteers with the Minnesota Aviation Career Education as a mentor



Stacy Wethington was our first Academy Camp Scholar in 2016. She came to a Young Eagle Rally with the Magnolia Navy JROTC. She went on to attain her Private Pilot, Commercial/Instrument and Certified Flight Instructor. She instructed at Weiser and then David Wayne Hooks. Then she became a wife and soon to be a full-time mom with a baby girl on the way.



Katelyn Ebdon was EAA 302's second scholar sent to Academy Camp in 2017. She finished High School and went on to Embry-Riddle where she graduated Magna Cum Laud in Aeronautical Science. She got hired by Millionaire FBO KHOU as SIC on a Citation and has upgraded to PIC on the Lear 60XR. They do Medivac, charter, and corporate trips.



Chris Jansen is a graduate of The Woodlands High School and helped with Young Eagles. He went to Kansas State for his Aviation Degree and did some corporate flying before getting a job with Southwest Airlines. He's only 24 years old, lives in Montgomery and would like to start volunteering again.



Mason Engels has been attending EAA 302 meetings and snagging seats for flyouts since he was 10. He soloed at 16 and got his Private Pilot rating on his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. He has part ownership of a Cherokee 140 and flew Young Eagles at our last Rally.





# “TANK” GETS A SURPRISE

Dear EAA Chapter 302 Board of Directors,

Last year, while Jake and I were still at EAA Basic Air Academy, we told each other that we would for sure be back this year. While moving closer to the deadline for an application, a spot did not come up for the EAA Advanced Air Academy. As far as I knew, I wasn't going to be able to return to Oshkosh this year. Then that changed! On Saturday, April 20, 2024, I opened a box that came from my mom, grandpa, and a certain EAA Chapter...

When I opened that box, two balloons floated out. There were two index cards taped to the strings. The top one said, “Surprise! You're going too...” I hurried and ripped that one off to reveal the second one. It read, “You're going back to OSHKOSH for a two week camp and AirVenture!”

As soon as I received my gift, I texted Jake to which he stated that he might be going, although only for AirVenture. While it did upset me a little bit that I wouldn't be returning to Oshkosh with my wingman, he said that his instructor was looking to bring him for the airshow.

With all of that being said, I would like to say, Thank You, to EAA Chapter 302 for giving me the opportunity to return to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to not only experience the Advanced Air Academy, but AirVenture as well. After my return, I will perform a presentation from all aspects of the trip, and there is a possibility that I will make a public thank you announcement at the May meeting.

Sincerely,  
Kendryck “Tank” Parrish,  
Young Eagle/Advanced Air Academy Recipient



That's Tank taxiing by  
On his second  
Flight lesson  
At Liberty T78



## EAA Learn to Fly Week inspires future pilots on May 13-18

Five days of free webinars capped off with Flying Start events held across the U.S.

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (April 4, 2024) — Aspiring pilots can kickstart their aviation journey as EAA Learn to Fly Week returns on May 13-18. The six-day event enters its second year with expanded webinar offerings, and new topics to explore. Learn to Fly Week is supported by Sporty's.

“Learning to fly can seem like a daunting task at first,” said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager, “but EAA’s Learn to Fly Week will help the dream remain larger than any hurdles.” Learn to Fly Week begins with 15 webinars scheduled over the first five days, May 13-17. EAA staff members and industry experts will be hosting each webinar. New topics for 2024 include getting started with helicopters, aircraft options for flight training, and training with FAA-approved flight simulators.

All webinars are free to attend, but online pre-registration is required. The week concludes on Saturday, May 18, with EAA Flying Start programs held at numerous chapters throughout the country. At those locations, prospective pilots can connect with the local aviation community, discover flight training opportunities available in their area, and take a free introductory Eagle Flight as part of EAA’s program for adults that connects them with aviation resources.

More details about Learn to Fly Week, including registration links for webinars, can be found at [EAA.org/LTFWeek](https://EAA.org/LTFWeek).



# IMC/VMC Club (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> (Galaxy FBO Conference Room) to discuss the answers to these questions and video scenarios. Bring questions of your own, because we always save time for a little organized hangar flying!!

**IMC Question of the Month:** How can runway centerline stripes be used to measure or monitor takeoff and landing performance?

**Video Scenario:** Going Low



**VMC Question of the Month:** How do airplane flight characteristics change as the CG is moved from a forward position to an aft position, and why?

**Video Scenario:** A Tight Pattern







## EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

## Keith Pache

- 1) 10:00am-?? Monday Donuts & Coffee (Hangar 17E - Taxiway D).
- 2) 10:00-11:30am Sat. May 11th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 3) 11:30am-?? Sat. May 11th After Meeting Fly-Out to Smithville(84R, 93nm)  
Or to Cleveland (6R3, 21nm)

- 4) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. May 9th IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see Newsletter for details).

### 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/eaanews-and-publications/eaawebinars>
- d) FAA Safety Webinars = <https://www.faa.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
5/7-12/24	Flying Legends of Victory Tour	KNEW Lakefront Airport New Orleans, Louisiana, USA	281 nm	<a href="https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26350">https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26350</a>	Brenda Tinius 480-462-2992 rides@azcaf.org
5/9-12/24	Ford Tri-Motor makes a return to North Texas	KGYI North Texas Regional Airport/Perrin Field Sherman/Denison, Texas, USA	211 nm	<a href="https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26379">https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26379</a>	Ed Griggs 903-436-1405 blueskiesAV8er@yahoo.com
5/11/24	10:00am-2:00pm Our First Ever Fly-In	6R3 Cleveland Municipal Airport Cleveland, Texas, USA	21 nm	Facebook - Houston Aviators	Stephanie Cross stephanncro@yahoo.com
5/11/24	8:00am-2:00pm 18th Annual Smithville Fly-In	84R Smithville Crawford Municipal Airport Smithville, Texas, USA	93 nm	<a href="https://business.smithvilletx.org/events/details/18th-annual-fly-in-2024-0767">https://business.smithvilletx.org/events/details/18th-annual-fly-in-2024-0767</a>	512-237-2313 chamber@smithvilletx.org
5/11/24	9:30am-1:30pm Poker Run Invitational	KBAZ New Braunfels National Airport New Braunfels, Texas, USA	142 nm	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/860849392467570/">https://www.facebook.com/events/860849392467570/</a>	thesanantonio99s@gmail.com
5/11/24	Grand opening of Cisco 3F2 FBO and AirSpace Auctions Offices	3F2 Cisco Municipal Airport Cisco, Texas, USA	222 nm	<a href="https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26381">https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26381</a>	Matt Hutton 254-271-9909 aircrew@airspaceauctions.com
5/18/24	9:30am Coffee & Donuts Fly-In (3rd Saturday each month)	KTKI McKinney National Airport Dallas, Texas, USA	179 nm	<a href="https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26165">https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26165</a>	Smitty webmaster@eaa1246.org
5/18/24	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee	KGLE Gainesville Municipal Airport Gainesville, Texas, USA	217 nm	<a href="https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26270">https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=26270</a>	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
5/25/24	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	<a href="http://www.eaa1607.org/">http://www.eaa1607.org/</a>	Lance Clinton 512-897-7815 president@eaa1607.org
5/25-26/24	Breckenridge Airshow	KBKD Stephens County Airport Breckenridge, Texas, USA	228 nm	<a href="https://www.breckenridgeairshow.com/">https://www.breckenridgeairshow.com/</a>	Rhonda Crawford 254-294-7393 Anna Ezell Shortes 254-559-3051
5/31-6/1/24	June Warbird Rally (RC)	Bomber Field - Monaville, TX	75 mi.	<a href="https://www.bomberfieldusa.com/events">https://www.bomberfieldusa.com/events</a>	Constantin De Bock 281-601-7805 constantin_debock@hotmail.com
6/1/24	9:00-11:00am Aviators Breakfast (1st Saturday each month)	KGTU Georgetown Executive Airport Georgetown, Texas, USA	119 nm	None	Cutter Aviation 512-869-0900
6/1/24	9:00-Noon Breakfast Taco & Pancake Shindig (1st Saturday each month)	50R Lockhart Municipal Airport Lockhart, Texas, USA	121 nm	None	None

# TWO FLY-OUT CHOICES



## EAA CHAPTER 1698 PRESENTS:

**OUR FIRST EVER FLY-IN**



**Rescheduled-Saturday May 11**

WHERE: CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (6R3) - @ LONE STAR AIRCRAFT SERVICES HANGAR

TIME: 10A - 2P (HOT DOGS 11A - 1P)

FOOD IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. NO ENTRY FEE. COST OF FOOD IS DONATION. FUEL AT 6R3 IS \$4.55/GAL. PLEASE RSVP INTEREST TO [STEPHANNCRO@YAHOO.COM](mailto:STEPHANNCRO@YAHOO.COM). ALL PROCEEDS FROM RAFFLE/FOOD WILL BE DONTATED BACK TO THE EAA CHAPTER. LET'S HELP THEIR BRAND NEW CHAPTER GROW! METHODS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTS ARE CASH APP, VENMO, AND CASH.

Please join us in Cleveland Texas at Cleveland Municipal Airport (6R3) for our new EAA chapters first fly in! We'll be raffling off a free oil change courtesy of Lone Star Aircraft Services also will be raffling off a ride in a steerman! Free admission! Food is hot dogs, all payments are donations. Help us raise some funds for our new chapter.



## 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--LED Wig-Wag flasher.** Two circuit, optically isolated with selectable flash rate and pattern. Will accept LED and/or standard lights up to 15 amps. Flexible installation. \$45.00  
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**For Rent:** Shared hangar space in box hangar on Hill at KCXO. For more information contact Jeff Lehner 219-608-1463

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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.

