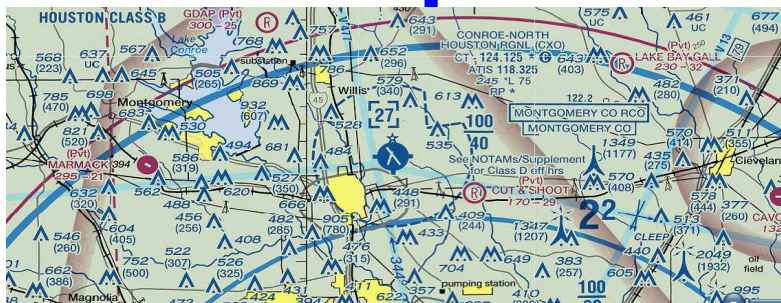


EAA Chapter 302



Newsletter



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MEETING NOTICE

July 12TH, 2025, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
July 10th
7-8:30
Galaxy



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Oldest Plane still Flying

Useful Extraction Tool



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June 14th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order—President Joe Waltz called the meeting to order at 10:00AM with 74 attending. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe.

Introduction of Guests—Kylan Holloway from Woodville, TX enrolled at Thrust. Luis Llargues from Houston, CFII and A&P networking toward a career.

Treasurer's Report—Bill Donahoe reported the Chapter broke even in May with expenses of \$604.71 and income of \$604.00. May 31st ending balance was \$12,492.87.

Congratulations—Mason Engels achieved his Instrument Rating at College. Commercial next. Todd Johnson was awarded a Plaque of Completion on his RV-10 with the help of Rich Jankowski. Chris Bronokowski went to Colorado and completed a Mountain Check.

Safety Minute Video--"Stalls in Unusual Attitudes". Aircraft can stall in any attitude. Just remember to decrease the Angle of Attack and you'll recover.

Program--"The Rarest Mustang"--a 1942 P-51 A Model, 1 of 2 currently flying, capable of 300K speeds.
"Turbine Velocity"--A twin velocity powered by 2 PBS Aerospace TP100 turboprops

Projects—Bob Fay—just back from Paint at Salado (2TX)--Optimum Paint Works on his RV-14
Rick Oliver—Zenith STOL with oil cooler, fuel selector, leaks and antennas.

Hints for Homebuilders—a video on hints how to keep drills straight when drilling perpendicular holes.

EAA 302 Maintenance Tips—a video from Concorde Batteries. Aircraft batteries are more sensitive than auto brands. They need to maintain at least 85% of new capacity. They discharge faster in hot weather and disuse. You need to use an Aviation Specific battery maintainer to break down sulfate crystallization.

New Products—a Van's video on the upcoming RV-15 showing the vortex generators on the flaps & flight tests.

Events—Keith Pache reviewed upcoming events. The KOCH flyout was canceled for weather. Mark your calendars for Airventure—July 21st, and the Christmas Party—December 13th.

New/Old Business—Ray Aviation Scholarship still needs a candidate. We'll have to cancel it in another month.

- The Airventure List is on the Website. Sign up if you are going.
- Airventure is looking for volunteers for all positions. Free Admission tickets are offered.
- If you are flying to Airventure, check the mass arrivals July 19th and 20th. Not a good time to arrive.
- Tool Crib added a new firewall weight platform for nosegear builders.
- Don't forget about the recovery dolly in the Crib. We used it again in June, saving a \$300 charge.
- Several Tool Crib donations were sold on Ebay, which added another \$500 to the Chapter.

50/50 Raffle and Gift Cards

Adjourn—No flyout to Nacogdoches, so we did lunch at McKenzie's at 1200.

ARE YOU GOING TO AIRVENTURE?

Do you want to see who else is going, or want to keep in touch with who is there. Don't forget the EAA302.ORG Website. Click on the "Airventure" heading which will take you to the "Sign Up Form". Fill it out and you'll have a complete directory.



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AirVenture

Going to AirVenture this year? Want to stay in contact with other EAA 302 members? Fill out the form below and let us know you're going.

EAA 302 Sign-Up Form

EAA AirVenture is a yearly air show held at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh WI. It's a gathering of aviation enthusiasts, arranged by the the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). The show last a week, usually beginning on Monday of the last full week in July. During the gathering, the airport's control tower is the busiest in the world.

Please visit EAA's Main website for more information about AirVenture. <https://www.eaa.org/airventure>



ANOTHER RATING FOR 302 MEMBER



EAA member Darlene Woelfel is shown with her Check Instructor Joel Inventor from US Aviation/Lone Star College after passing her CFI Practical Test. Next step will be to begin the CFII Course. With that rating in hand, she will be done with the Associate Degree and will have over 500 hours.

In addition to that, she is also working at Avionics Unlimited doing administrative work while learning about inspection and repair. If that's not enough, she's also putting in time at the Soaring Club of Houston to get her Tailwheel Endorsement in a Taylorcraft.

Darlene is definitely "On her Way".

Landing Fees: Now With Automation

By: Tom Charpentier, EAA government relations director

Perhaps it was inevitable, but here we are. Private companies are sprouting up advertising turnkey solutions for airports to collect automated landing fees. Scheduled, nonscheduled, ADS-B, transponder-free, it doesn't matter. Through a system of monitoring open-source data and optically capturing N-numbers, they can track just about any landing aircraft. 302 member Larry Urban just got "Mugged" for \$20 landing at San Antonio.

We're still working on the regulatory and legal implications of these systems, though landing fees have been a fixture at large commercial airports for years. They are rarer at small GA airports, as they have been impeded in the past by the lack of an efficient collection system for aircraft that never park and drop by the FBO desk or honesty box. Now there apparently is one.

Landing fees in general aviation set a dangerous precedent. They rank alongside air traffic fees in penalizing safe practices, as the cash register ticks over with each landing. Landing an aircraft is probably the most fundamental — and perishable — skill in aviation, and it is important to be able to practice it at a variety of airports and settings. There are indeed countries where it is commonplace for all airports to charge by the landing. We simply cannot permit that here. Does your local basketball court charge by the free throw practiced?

This is not to say that airports cannot collect fees to sustain themselves. Self-sustainment is an important concept at airports, and there are unique funding challenges at facilities that do not receive federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding, such as privately owned, public-use airports. Probably the most equitable fee an airport can charge is a fuel flowage fee. Like the federal fuel tax that funds the FAA, fuel-based fees are scalable to the type, size, and frequency of operation, where heavier aircraft or frequent fliers pay a bit more. As we say with regard to federal user fees, we have no problem with funding the infrastructure we use, but not in the form of à la carte fees that disincentivize the use of certain parts of the infrastructure and could affect safety as well.

Not to mention, this form of fee collection does feel like an invasion of privacy. In today's interconnected world, many of us are accustomed to being tracked when we fly, but a technology that identifies even those aircraft that opt out of ADS-B? Pilots in the United States have a unique ability to navigate the airspace with few restrictions, which is a cherished privilege. Getting a bill in the mail that identifies which airport you visited on which date — and how much you now owe — erodes that feeling of freedom.

The most effective pushback against these sorts of fees may well be at the local level. Absent new legislation or regulatory action there may not be a way to prevent these pay-to-land schemes. So engage with your airport sponsors. Let them know this is a bad idea that could easily drive traffic away from the airport.

While each airport — especially those with federal funding — is a node in a national system, the taxpayers and constituents on the local level will likely decide whether these fee systems are successful. It's yet another reason to engage positively with your local community and airport leadership to show them the value of a healthy GA airport.

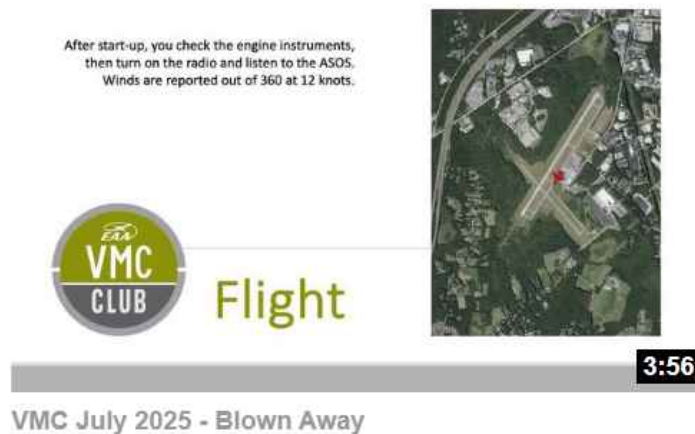
IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, July 10th (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!!

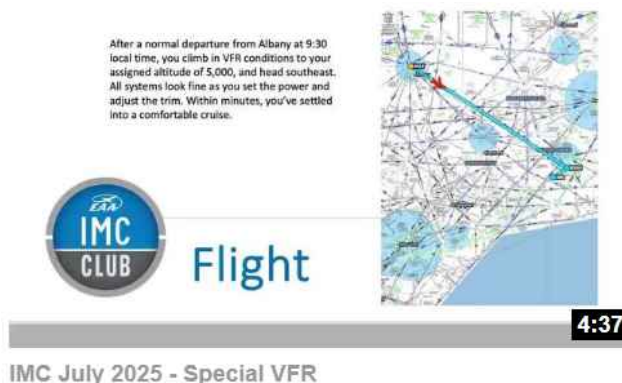
VMC Question of the Month: Weight and balance calculations for light general aviation aircraft can be critical for ensuring flight safety. Aircraft-specific software applications available on the market today can make performing weight and balance calculations much easier and less prone to mistakes. Before using such a software application, what action must the pilot take?

Video Scenario:



IMC Question of the Month: You're about to depart on an IFR flight and although icing is not specifically forecast for your area, conditions include visible moisture and temperatures nearing freezing. At what point should you turn on your pitot heat?

Video Scenario:





EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

- 1) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. July 10th IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see Newsletter for details).
- 2) 10:00-11:30am Sat. July 12th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 3) 11:30am-?? Sat. July 12th Fly-Out to Jack's Airport Café at Lancaster Regional Airport KLNC (also ASOD 20-50% off sale).
- 4) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. August 11th Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center)
- 5) Mon. July 21st – Sun. July 27th AirVenture 2025 (Oshkosh) – EAA 302 sign-up form <https://eaa302.org/airventure/>
- 6) 6:00-9:00pm Sat. December 13th EAA Chapter 302 Christmas Party - save the date!!
- 7) Flying Event Links:
 - a) Fun Places to Fly = <https://www.funplaceto-fly.com/funflyeventbyzip.asp>
 - b) Social Flight = <http://www.socialflight.com/search.php>
 - c) EAA Webinars = <https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-webinars>
 - d) FAA Safety Webinars = <https://www.faa.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>
- 8) 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
7/12/25	8:00am-1:00pm Air Salvage of Dallas' Annual Summer Fly-In Sale (20-50% off everything)	KLNC Lancaster Regional Airport Lancaster, Texas, USA	149 nm	https://www.asod.com/fly-in-sale.html	972-227-1111 frontoffice@asod.com
7/12/25	9:00am-12:30pm AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar	KAXII Houston Southwest Airport Houston, Texas, USA	51 nm	https://wcbforms.aopa.org/event/aopa-rusty-pilots-seminar-at-houston-southwest	Rusty pilots program 301-695-2000 rustypilots@aopa.org
7/12/25	8:30am-2:00pm Airplanes and Coffee	KOFT Cleburne Regional Airport Cleburne, Texas, USA	158 nm	https://www.funplaceto-fly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=276	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
7/14-17/25	CAMA Camp 4-Day event where you can experience the thrill of being a Pilot and an Aviation Maintenance Technician	25TX Chennault Airfield Cut And Shoot, Texas, USA	5 nm	None	877-423-8237
7/19/25	9:00am-2:00pm Warbird Expo 2025	11R Brenham Municipal Airport Brenham, Texas, USA	51 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	281-579-2131
7/26/25	9:00am-3:00pm Roar Over Refugio	KRFG Rooke Field Airport Refugio, Texas, USA	159 nm	Facebook	None
8/2/25	8:00-10:00am CAF Pancake Breakfast Fly In	KTFP Ingleside Regional Airport Ingleside, Texas, USA	174 nm	https://thirdcoastcaf.org/wordpress/calendar/	3rd Coast Staff Member 361-356-4918 3rdcoastcaf@gmail.com
8/16/25	9:00am-12:30pm AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar	25TX Chennault Airfield Cut And Shoot, Texas, USA	5 nm	https://wcbforms.aopa.org/event/aopa-rusty-pilots-seminar-at-chennault-airfield	Rusty pilots program 301-695-2000 rustypilots@aopa.org
8/16/25	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee	KCRS C David Campbell Field-Corsicana Municipal Airport Corsicana, Texas, USA	112 nm	https://www.funplaceto-fly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=276	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
9/6/25	8:00-10:00am CAF Pancake Breakfast Fly-In	KTFP Ingleside Regional Airport Ingleside, Texas, USA	174 nm	https://thirdcoastcaf.org/wordpress/calendar/	3rd Coast Staff Member 361-356-4918 3rdcoastcaf@gmail.com
9/6/25	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee	KSLR Sulphur Springs Municipal Airport Sulphur Springs, Texas, USA	168 nm	https://www.funplaceto-fly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=276	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com

SATURDAY FLYOUT

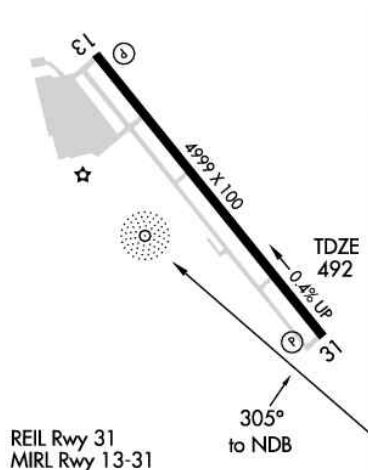


Lancaster, TX (KLNC)
Jack's Airport Cafe
is Open for
breakfast and lunch!



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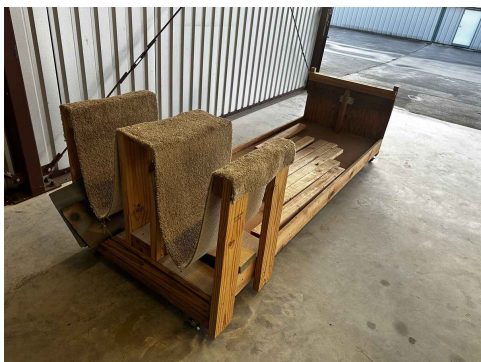
Hangar space available July 1, 2025. Multiple aircraft are hangared in this space. Prefer single engine experimental. Others considered on an individual basis. KCXO Hangar 56 on the Hill. \$550 per month. Call for information and to apply. Clay Watters 936-522-8051 7/25



JEFF FOLTZ 713-725-7889
jeffrey.w.foltz@gmail.com

L-235/O-320 Project FOR SALE

This is a project I've been working on for 5 years, but I will be too old to fly it if I'm actually able to complete it. I'm hoping to find a buyer within the greater Houston Metro area first, so that I might be able to help that person finish it, if desired. This is a potential 200 mph aircraft, but it does have the original "small" tail. Fuselage and cowl are at my home in Richmond, and the wings, flaps and canopy are at my hangar at Sugar Land. If you are interested, please call or email me, and I will provide you a link to all my on-line documentation and photos. Currently asking \$46,778.53 or less, depending on tools included. Price will go up, as I'm still working on it. 07/25



FREE--EAA RV 10/14 wing cradle

It's for free pickup, currently in my hanger on the hill. Picture attached. Has lockable caster wheels.

My number is 713-724-7721 and email is amit77us@yahoo.com 07/25

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FOR SALE—2018 RV-7A TT: +/- 140 hrs, still adding and flying. Located in Texas at 37XA, Skydive airport. Engine TITAN IO-361-A1D with LASAR electronic/mag ignition. Remote oil cooler, remote oil filter, oil/air separator on crank case ventilation. New spark plugs recently installed. CATTO 3 bladed fixed pitch prop.

DYNON SkyView with 7" display, SkyView Auto Pilot. ADAHRS-200; EMS 200; GPS-250; BAT-320; XPNDR-261; ABS-B-470; COM-C25; AP-PANEL; KNOB PANEL; EFIS D6; Garmin heated pitot tube. Garmin SL-30 NAV/COM radio; DUAL secondary GPS for Mini I-pad back up via Bluetooth. Garmin GMA-240 Comm panel; Mini I-pad holder with fans and MIN i-PAD. ACK-ELT-04 Locator beacon. Call for more information: 979-221-4442 Priced at \$ 125,000.00 06/25



FOR SALE—Hangar Lights

Improve your hangar or workshop lighting. Four - 3ft - 9000 Lumens LED lights and two - 8ft - T8 Fluorescent fixtures. LEDs \$200. Fluorescents \$20.

Call or text Jim @ 832-423-3718 05/25



FOR SALE--Bose Lifestyle 28 Series III Home Entertainment System. Includes all original equipment in good condition. This is Bose quality sound for your home theater. Includes Media Center, Remote control, Acoustamass Module, 4 sets-2 cube speakers, 1 set center speaker, 2 rear speaker stands, CRT TV on/off detector.

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Want to buy: Rotax 912 ULS. Complete engine or core. Prefer 100 hp and/or serial number higher than 5646560.

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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.

