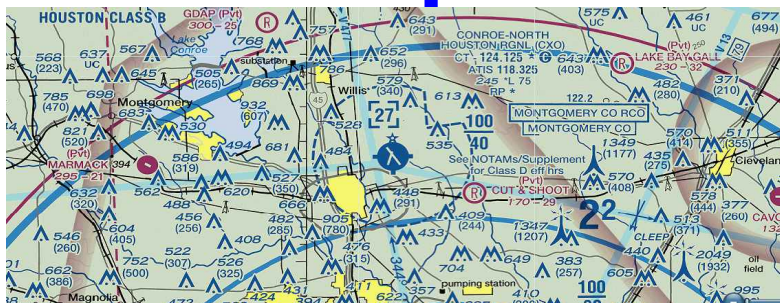


EAA Chapter 302



Newsletter



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MEETING NOTICE

August 9TH, 2025, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
Aug. 14th
7-8:30
Galaxy



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Scratch Built Beauty

Optimize your bucking bars



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July 12th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz welcomed 72 members and visitors at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance: Our EAA Air Academy Camper Cody Liondakis lead the pledge.

Welcome Visitors: Felicia Byron brought her 9 year old son Samuel who's interested in building and flying. EAA member Paul McCarver is a retired Air Force pilot with 30 years as a professional pilot. Kirsten Fay expressed her thanks for our chapter's support in her husband Bob's RV14 build. Praise Popoola is a high school senior exploring an aviation career.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance June 1, 2025: \$12,292.87 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance June 30, 2025: \$12,280.60 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Swindle income \$135, Dues income \$100. Rent expense \$175.

Safety Minute: Phil Dixon, FAAS Team Program Manager, discussed how important it is for pilots to be truthful with our AME during FAA medicals or the physician during a Basic Med exam. The overriding goal is to enhance aviation safety. Search YouTube: *Don't Game the System with Your AME*

EAA National Recognition: Denny Irvine will receive the *EAA Chapter Newsletter Editor Award* presented formally Saturday July 26th at AirVenture25. Chapter 302 enjoyed 'roasting' Denny as we presented our own version of the coveted "EDITOR" award for his fifteen years as our newsletter editor.

Congratulations: Darlene Woelfel recently finished her CFI practical flight test and has started her CFII training. Becky Lutti just completed her sea plane rating at Miller Flight near Orlando, FL along with two other friends. Congratulations to all!

Oldest Airplane Flying In USA: Every year the 35 HP 1909 French Bleriot 11 flies at Rhinebeck Aerodrome in the Hudson Valley north of New York City. The Bleriot was designed and built by French aviator, inventor and engineer Louis Bleriot. He was first to fly the English Channel in a different Bleriot 11. Search YouTube: *Oldest airplane in the world still flying.*

Project Updates: Tim Grassman / RV14A = Has flown over 100 hours in aluminum colors. He just returned from paint at Evoke Aviation located on Northeast Alabama Regional Airport. Looks great Tim! Rick Oliver / Zenith 750 STOL = UL350i engine. On the landing gear, sliding seats installed to rails. Working design of charging, ignition systems and engine control unit.

AirVenture Camp Report: Cody Liondakis gave a good report of his camp experience showing his wood rib, sheet metal and hot wire fiberglass project. He got a flight in a helicopter and some time in flight simulators.

Trip Report: Chris Bronikowski showed photos and told about a trip he completed with his RV-9A. He visit Carlsbad Caverns and Alamogordo / White Sands National Park and Monument Valley with a landing at UT25

News and Reports:

Chapter 302 has approval to sponsor a Ray Scholar. Check chapter website for details.

Adjourn

--Remember before each meeting some gather any time after 8 AM on the 3rd floor Galaxy FBO Black Walnut Cafe for breakfast.

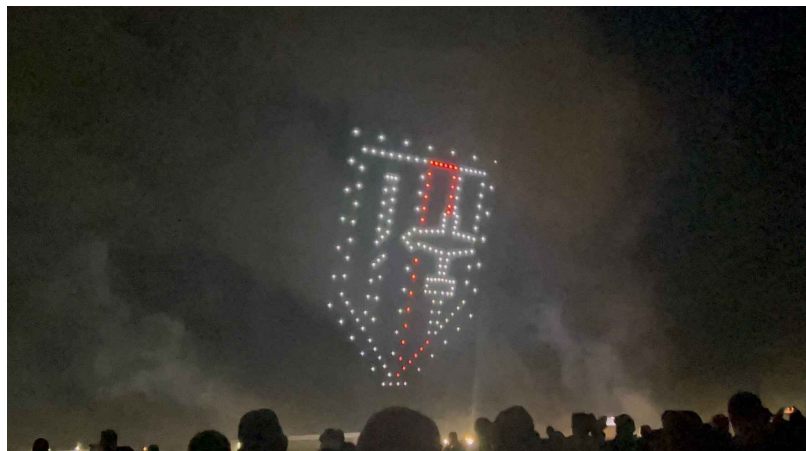
--Also, after the meeting consider lunch at McKenzie's BBQ at 1501 N. Frazier St, Conroe.

302 DOES AIRVENTURE 2025

Pictures by Rebecca Lutte, Jake Reynolds, John Jacobi, Bill Cooper, Keith Pache, Nancy Waltz



The USAF Lockheed Constellation



Night Drone Show



Bill Cooper at the Brown Arch



Joe Waltz welcomes the Luttes to OSH



Jake with P52 "Alabama Rammer Jammer"



Scott arrives in the Lutte's second plane

302 DOES AIRVENTURE 2025



Cooper and Grassman at the Seaplane base



Restored Royal Air Force Staggerwing



Joe Waltz at "Homebuilts in Review" with Dick VanGrunsven

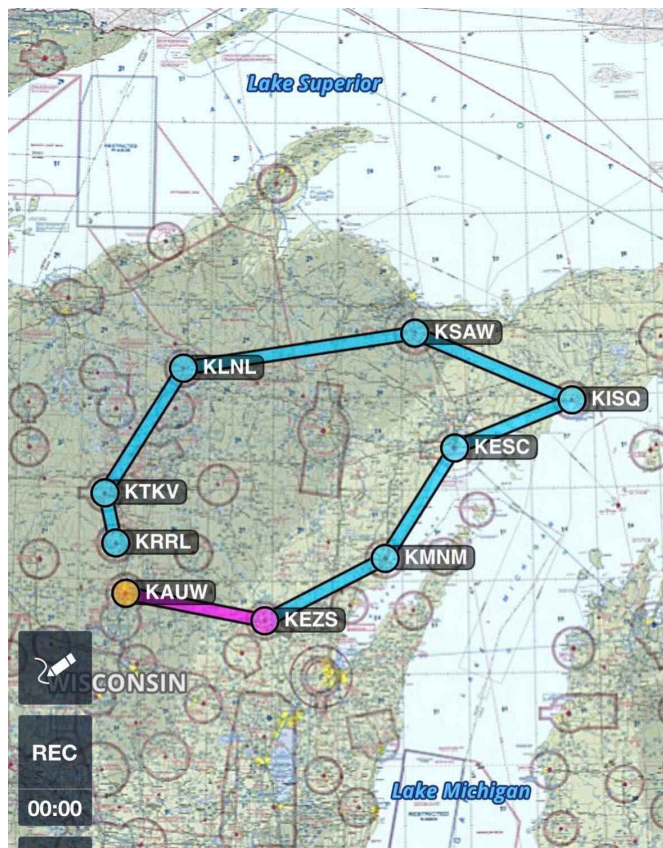


Another Night Drone Show



The Pratt & Whitney Boeing 747

302 DOES AIRVENTURE 2025



The Airventure Cup Race Route



Chris & Jake Reynolds with the BD-5 jet



John Jacobi with Dick VanGrunsven



Keith Pache nearing the Oshkosh River

NEWSLETTER EDITOR AWARD

OR—"MAYBE SOMEBODY DOES READ IT"

By Denny Irvine



It started with a very vague email from National EAA: "Hello EAA Chapter Award winners". It didn't say whether it was a Workmanship, Web Manager, Newsletter or Lindy Award, but there was an invitation to attend the Airventure Chapter Leader's Breakfast.

So I ask around: Joe, you know anything about this? Nothing. Jim Morrical? Haven't heard. I even ask again at the Regular Meeting Breakfast. Anybody know anything?

Crickets!

I didn't catch the fact that everybody was choking on their pancakes.

The meeting starts. Joe mentions the Newsletter. Bronikowski rants that he never gets it. Foster shouts him down. Morrical threatens to call security. SO BOGUS! I realize I have been "punked".

Out of 960 Worldwide Chapters, EAA National Picked Four Editors to receive this award. Awesome! But it doesn't all belong to me. The Newsletter is a product of all the contributors:

- Joe and Miles for the good programs
- Jim Morrical for the timely minutes
- Bill Donahoe for maintaining the funds
- Keith Pache for IMC and Events
- All the members who contribute ideas, support and articles

It has been a privilege to work with all of you folks.

GRASSMAN WINS WORKMANSHIP AWARD



Tim Grassman flew his RV-14A to Airventure 2025 and had it judged by the Inspection Committee. The Evoke paint still smelled fresh and was still curing. Tim and his aircraft were awarded an "Outstanding Workmanship" Award. What a beauty!

YOUNG EAGLES PRESENTATION



Wednesday, July 23, Dean Marcott made a presentation to US Aviation and Lone Star College's new incoming class. He explained how Young Eagles can help new students save some money using the Sporty's Aviation Private Pilot Course. Several instructors attended as well and were invited to help on the next Rally.

302 MEMBER WINS AIRVENTURE CUP



2025 Official Race Results

RV Blue

Race #	Aircraft	Pilot	Total Time	Avg. Speed MPH
17	RV-7	Bryan	1:57:36	217.96
61	RV-7	Matthew Koschak	2:08:32	199.42
54	RV-4	Mike Phillips	2:09:33	197.86
32	RV-8	Ron & Tanya Cardwell	2:10:42	196.12
141	RV-7A	Joel Megginson	2:11:48	194.48
PI 3.14	RV-7A	Kevin Phelps & David Walsh	2:15:39	188.96

PLATINUM SPONSORS!

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Look at the speed! 18MPH faster than #2

Member Bryan Weinzettle took his RV-7 up to WI to participate in the AirVenture Cup Race. The event took place from Friday through Sunday the week prior to Oshkosh. Friday and Saturday were filled with registration, technical inspections, racer briefings, presentations, social hours, and organized dinners. The actual race was held on Sunday morning prior to Oshkosh with most racers headed over there after lunch. The awards ceremony was Monday evening at Oshkosh.

This was the 27th consecutive year that the event has been held leading up to Oshkosh. The first race, which took place back in 1998, was a true crosscountry event from Kitty Hawk, NC to Oshkosh, WI. Fast forward to today and it has morphed into more of a round robin / closed circuit type event starting in Wausau, WI, flying through part of the Michigan UP and ending in Merrill, WI. The actual check points were as follows: KAUW (start), KEZS, KMMN, KESC, KISQ, KSAW, KLNL, KTKV, KRLL (finish), almost 400 miles.

This year they had 97 aircraft racing and there was a class for everyone. In attendance were everything from 2 place Cessnas to turbine Legends and even a Cirrus Vision Jet. It's a timed event and the aircraft are launched one after another. The planes perceived to be the fastest go first.

With the technical support and mentorship of member Rich Jankowski, Bryan was fortunate enough to win first place in the Formula RV Blue class, which consisted 5 other RV-4, RV-7, and RV-8s. Bryan and Rich are already working on ideas to improve the speed further for next year though an endless quest of weight loss, drag reduction, and performance upgrades

WHO'S WHO AT 302



John Jacobi

If you were a member of EAA 302 back in 1978 to 1996, you may have already met John Jacobi because he was a member then. However, his career called him away to Austin. While not fully retired, he has moved back to our area and has been a member close to 2 years.

John grew up like many of us did—fascinated by airplanes. His Dad was a pilot when John was very young. John built models and flew control line planes. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer.



His 2000 A-36 for 15 years

In 1969, he started flying real planes and by 1973 he became a Private Pilot. He has since added an Instrument Pilot rating, and may even finish a Commercial Rating some day. Presently he has about 1000 hours.

The cool part is he maintained a Beechcraft A-36 Bonanza for over 15 years and eventually acquired an A&P Rating. While the A-36 has gone away, the desire to fly hasn't, so it looks like a kit-built Sonex HighWing will be in the future.



In the cockpit of a Sonex HighWing

John is a great asset to have back at EAA 302. He has donated several parts to sell for Chapter expenses. Most important, he has signed up to be a **Technical Counselor** and is willing to help with your aircraft needs. He can be reached through his contact at EAA302.org.

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY

Saturday September 20th

(Rain Date September 27th)

Please consider
volunteering
For a Young Eagle Event



FALL IS COMING!

Should be Cooler Flying Weather

It's time for another Young Eagle Rally

We will have approximately 30 kids. It is currently a "Private Event" with invitations. Kids will arrive at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. 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 8:00 for setup with plans to start flying at 9:00. 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 7 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/eaaccount/accountlogin#/login / My Account / scroll down to Go to Training		

IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, August 14th (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: You're flying on a hot, summer day. The outside air temperature is 100 degrees, but fortunately the relative humidity is only about 30 percent. In these conditions, should carburetor icing be a concern?

Video Scenario:

Finally, you warn him regarding sterile cockpit procedures, and the runup procedure, as well as what to expect on takeoff and climb.



Flight



4:06

VMC August 2025 - Smoky Departure

IMC Question of the Month: You're flying an aircraft with a carbureted engine and have just completed a rather long taxi for departure. The outside air temperature is about 70 degrees F, and the humidity is high. As part of your runup, you momentarily turn the carb heat on, and noticing a reasonable drop in RPM, you turn it back off again. Should you be comfortable that the carb heat check is satisfactory? What other hazard might still exist, and how would you check for it?

Video Scenario:

The forecast is for IFR conditions with mountain obscuration and occasional light rain with ceilings of 800. A cold front is located just south of the destination, with colder air north of the front. Winds in excess of 35 knots out of the west are forecast at mountaintop level.



Weather



4:14

IMC August 2025 - Rocky Road



EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

- 1) 10:00-11:30am Sat. August 9th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 2) No Flyout—too hot and stormy—lunch at McKenzie's
- 3) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. August 11th Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center)
- 4) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. August 14th IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see Newsletter for details).
- 5) 6:00-9:00pm Sat. December 13th EAA Chapter 302 Christmas Party - save the date!!
- 6) 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>
- 7) 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	CKD Dist.	Website	Contact
8/16/25	9:00am-12:30pm AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar	25TX Chennault Airfield Cut And Shoot, Texas, USA	5 nm	https://www.aopa.org/events/aopa-rusty-pilots-seminar-at-chennault-airfield-25tx/cut-and-shoot-texas-usa	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.funplacestofly.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.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=276	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
9/10-9/14/25	National Championship Air Races (was Reno)	KROW Roswell Air Center Roswell, New Mexico, USA	498 nm	https://airrace.org/	None
9/15-9/21/25	18th Annual Triple Tree Fly-In	3000 Triple Tree Airport Woodruff, South Carolina, USA	728 nm	https://tta.aero/utfi/	864-969-2030 info@tta.aero
9/18-21/25	Central Market Plano Balloon Festival	Red Tail Pavilion / Oak Point Park 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway Plano, Texas 75074	Drive	https://www.planoballoonsfest.org/	972-867-7566 jessica@planoballoonsfest.org
9/20/25	Girls in Aviation Day	25TX Chennault Airfield Cut And Shoot, Texas, USA	5 nm	https://www.waihouston.org/giad-2025	info@waihouston.org
9/27/25	10:00am-2:00pm Fifty To Fifty Romeo	2000 Lockhart Municipal Airport Lockhart, Texas, USA	121 nm	Facebook - Houston Aviators	None
10/4/25	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
10/18-19/25	Wings Over Houston	KEFD Ellington Airport Houston, Texas, USA	47 nm	https://wingsoverhouston.com/	713-266-4492
10/25/25	10:00am-2:00pm GFC Annual Fly-In	KPKV Calhoun County Airport Port Lavaca, Texas, USA	122 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=276	Cary Conley 713-471-8443 caryconley@yahoo.com
10/25-26/25	Brownwood Fly-In Fair	KBWD Brownwood Regional Airport Brownwood, Texas, USA	202 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=276	Charles 817-929-1816 whipp.events@gmail.com

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



Hangar for Lease

43'x36' rectangular hanger with new epoxy flooring. \$1000/month - available for 1yr, 1.5 or 2 years.

Amit Kulkarni 713-724-7721
amit77us@gmail.com

8/25



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



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

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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.

