EAA Chapter 302
Conroe, Texas

Saturday, April 2, 2011 Meeting 9am

The program for Saturday, April 2nd, will be a presentation by Tom Fisher on the Zenair 601 XL-B. Tom and Dick Parkans have been working on one of these for some time over in Hangar 21B-1. Don Guice is doing the same thing off field. They and hundreds of others were hit with a mandatory SAIB (Safety Aviation Information Bulletin). This program is a continuation of our "Getting to Know Each Other Better" effort, a brief description of how an actual aircraft build went, and ESPECIALLY what the SAIB was all about. Come and listen, shake your head, and congratulate Tom and Dick for their perseverance.

Important: New Airport Rules and Regulations for KCXO

At the April 11th Airport Advisory Board meeting the board will discuss and consider the draft revisions to the Airport Rules and Regulations.

The revised rules can be reviewed or downloaded at www.lonestarexecutiveairport.org.

For those attending Sun N Fun 2011
BE SAFE

EAA 302 Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2011

By Shirley Park, Secretary

- President, Dennis McCright opened the meeting at 9:00am
- There was a discussion on the 99's project of painting a compass rose on the airport. The cost of paint will probably be $300 and up. Donations are encouraged. Some donations have already been received with some committing at the meeting. There is a possibility of getting the paint at cost or maybe even donated. The exact location of the compass rose has not yet been determined. Denny Irvine made a motion that the chapter be responsible for drinks and food for the 99's when they do the work possibly in spring or early summer. Motion was seconded and carried. Anyone interested in donating may contact Denny Irvine.
- A liability insurance form has been received and given to treasurer, Lynell Gipson.
- February minutes were approved as reported in the newsletter.
- Jimmy Crawford was welcomed as he just joined the chapter today. He flies an RV4 and also is in the Freedom Flight group.
- Treasurer, Lynell Gipson reports a bank balance of $3349.11 which includes $29.50 for the compass rose fund. Treasurer's report was approved.
- There was a reminder for all to sign in at beginning of meeting so there can be a true count as well as an opportunity to participate in the swindle! (1/2 goes to chapter, 1/2 to winner)
- Chuck LeKron gave an excellent presentation on aerobatic competition.
- The swindle was won by Harlen Adams who donated the winnings to the compass rose effort.
- The t shirt was won by Bob Van Vleet who opted for a 302 hat.
- Meeting adjourned at 10 am so that those interested could attend the 'Pilot and Tower Personnel Meeting' at Wings Aviation hangar.
- Attendance: 46 members and 1 visitor (Kevin Keenan) A total of five new members joined today: Eddie Eiland, Ken Chrisman, Jon Baker, Jim Kiloh, Jimmy Crawford. Welcome!
- Thanks to Mary Crabe for bringing donuts.

2011 Monthly Chapter Programs:

Program Chairman, Denny Irvine is in the initial stages of putting together programs for our monthly meetings. So far he is focusing on "pilot" subjects that hopefully everyone will find interesting. Denny is open for suggestions or volunteers for ideas and speakers to fill out the 2011 program. Contact Denny at dirvine@cebridge.net.

Flight Reviews & Instrument Renewals:
Dennis McCright, your Microlon Dealer and active Chapter 302 member, is also a CFI-II and available for your Flight Review, Instrument Renewals, training. Mobile (936)443-3562.

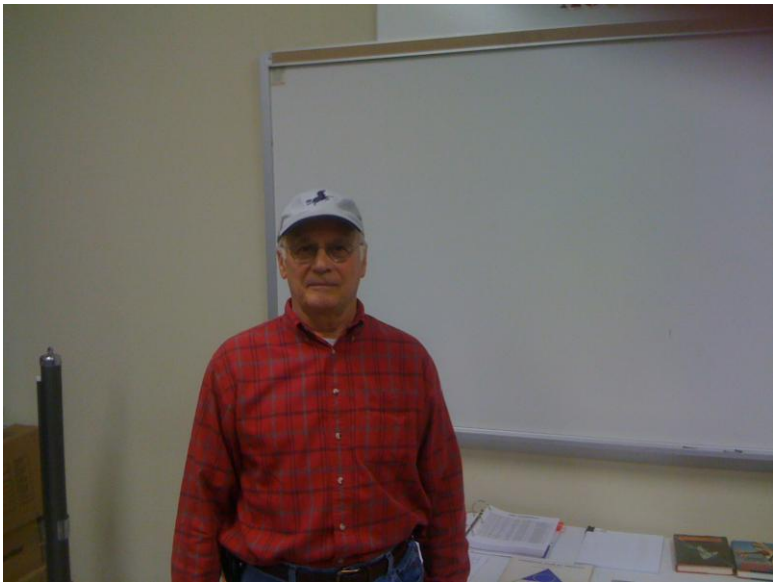
Now accepting 2011 Membership Dues for EAA Chapter 302.

$25 individual or family

Come to the Monthly meeting and renew. Or send check to:
EAA 302
4 Timber Lane
Conroe, TX. 77384

Remember: Name badges, shirts, hats, and visors are available for purchase at our monthly meetings. Support your EAA 302 Chapter by purchasing these items. See a display of EAA 302 collectibles in the meeting room.

Photos taken at the EAA 302 March Meeting



Presenter Chuck LeKron on Aerobatic Competition

BIG TURNOUT: Chuck LeKron presenting at EAA 302's March Meeting
Good Job Chuck

CXO'S NEWEST ARRIVAL

On Friday, March 18th, a group of 302 members gathered near the flight line to score Dennis' landing and to greet the newest resident on the field. One day earlier, Don Colchin delivered Dennis McCright to the IAH airport, and sent him to Bentonville, Arkansas to retrieve a new purchase—a 1990 Hatz Biplane. Colchin and McCright had visited Rogers, AR, in February to see the plane, and a deal was made to buy it. However, there was 18" of snow on the runway, so they did not bring it home. The owner agreed to ferry it to Bentonville, where Dennis picked it up. The airplane is powered by an O-290 Lycoming and fixed pitch metal prop. The fabric work and the orange/yellow paint job made it an award winner at the National Biplane Fly-in in Bartlesville OK, which was the only public showing of the airplane since it was finished. The extra roomy front cockpit can easily hold 2 grandkids. It has one comm, no nav, and no transponder, so Dennis called ahead to enter the Mode C Veil. A handheld G-496 provided the guidance home. While it is no "speedster", flying time from Bentonville was exactly 5 hours, which Dennis did in 4 separate legs. It will reside in Hangar 44E along with a Tailwind Don already owns. If you see the hangar door up, drop by and look over CXO's newest resident.

37th Annual
SUN 'n FUN
International Fly-In & Expo
SPRING BREAK
FOR PILOTS
& Friends!
March 29 to April 3 ★ 2011
Featuring the Blue Angels & the Centennial of Naval Aviation
Lakeland, Florida | USA
LAKELAND LINDER

Plane Talk: Getting to Know our Members

by Bill Gipson

(This article is the third in a series designed to get to know our members better. I will randomly choose a volunteer member of Chapter 302 to provide their story and interesting experiences that they are willing to share.)

This month's Plane Talk features one of our more experienced EAA 302 members, Allen Johnson. Allen grew up in the Midwest in Ohio. He earned a Civil Engineering Degree from Bradley in 1970 and a Law Degree from the Univ. of Denver in 1973. Prior to that Allen served in the Navy in Vietnam in 1965-66 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. He was one of the guys who worked in navigation on this big warship. Ask Allen about the GPS system (yes, Global Positioning System in 1965!) they used. It was the first of its kind that utilized two polar orbiting satellites and a room full of computers. So that's where this GPS business started. Allen thinks he got the "bug" to fly after being around A-1 Skyraiders and jets aboard the Ranger on his 9 month tour of duty. Who wouldn't?

Allen began and ended his career working for Exxon for over 26 years. He began his career in the oilfield as a minerals landman and finished his career as Manager of the Land Div. of Exxon Coal and Minerals Co. in Houston retiring in 2000. It was while Allen was living in Denver that he began flight training in C-150's.

In 1978 he bought an Ercoupe and flew it to Conroe. He joined the newly formed EAA Chapter 302 and was the chapter treasurer. In 1980 Allen bought a Taylorcraft in Cut N Shoot and completely restored it to flying. He sold the Ercoupe in 1982 while winning several awards showing the Taylorcraft. Allen then bought and restored a Monocoupe Dart winning Sun N Fun Grand Champion Antique in 1994 and making the cover of EAA Vintage magazine. This airplane was housed for a period of time in the EAA museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Wow!

His restoration skills expanded with the purchase of a Mooney M20E in need of major work. It flew in 2000. Allen's next project was to restore a 1930 cabin WACO.

While looking for parts for the WACO, he stumbled across a 1918 Thomas Morris Scout. Long story short, Allen sold his WACO project and began a labor of love restoring "The Tommy". Oh, he also completed significant work on a Rose Parrakeet in the meantime and enjoyed flying it around Conroe. Is there anything this guy can't do?

Besides restoring and flying airplanes, Allen also enjoys judging aircraft, especially in the Antique Classic category graduating from SWRFI to the big show AirVenture. He's also into racecars and is a member of the Quiet Birdmen. Stop by and visit Allen… a very interesting member of Chapter 302.

CRITTERSLODGE FLY-IN

APRIL 15 & 16, 2011

RAIN DATE APRIL 29-30

We will update our website www.critterslodge.org with any weather cancellation info

Join us for our SPRING fly-in at CrittersLodge. This will be a ONE night fly-in. Starting on FRIDAY evening, April 15, dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Breakfast on Saturday will be served 8am, and Lunch at 12:30. All meals funded by donations.

We offer indoor restrooms, solar outdoor showers, camping facilities, firewood, and lots of GOOD FOOD. We have limited number of reserved parking spaces for $5.00 each offered on First-Come basis, and the normal 22 acres of free pasture parking. To reserve your special parking space, fly-by early or call 903-536-7000, email us CrittersLodge@starband.net . Also see our website at www.critterslodge.org for additional info.

See sectional chart, near Leona VOR 110.8, 032 degree-15nm Lat. N31 – 18.27 Lon. 95-47.71. **(Dillard) TE01**, Radio required. ***Monitoring 122.9.*** Contact controller prior to entering pattern. Land and taxi at your own risk.

Visual Flight Note: Following Hwy 7 between Crockett and Centerville, at intersections of the Trinity River and Hwy 7, airfield is 6.5 nm west. Look for white oil storage tanks on North side of Hwy7. (See 499' tower same location on sectional chart.) Turn South one-half nm. Use left hand traffic for both runways. Runway width 100 feet, trees to trees 70 x3100 no overrun. Taxi only in mowed identified areas only. 121.9 ground frequency may be given after landing and off active.

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Calendar of Events

- 1st Sat., La Grange BBQ Fly-In, Fayette Regional **(3T5)**
- 1st Sat., Fly-In Lunch, Leesville, LA **(L39) EAA Chapter 1356**
- Quarterly, Fajita Fly-In, Lufkin **(LFK)**
- 3rd Sat., BBQ Lunch, Disc. Fuel, Jasper Apt. **(JAS)**
- 4th Sat., Fly-In Breakfast, 8-11 am, Tyler Pounds Fld, **(TYR)**
- 4th Sat. Fly-in BBQ Spud Lunch, **KCXO** at Galaxy FBO

- March 29-April 3, Lakeland, FL Sun N Fun Fly-in
- April 2-3, 10am-5pm, CAF Open House, West Houston Airport **(KIWS)**
- April 15-16, CrittersLodge Fly-in (TE01) www.critterslodge.org
- May 7, Jennings, LA Barnstormer's Air Festival EAA Chapter 541 9am-4pm **(3R7)**
- May 27-29, Ranger, TX, Ranger Memorial Day Fly-in and Airshow, Ranger Airfield **(F23)** www.rangerairfield.org
- June 2-5, Junction City, Kansas, 2011 National Biplane Fly-in, **(3JC)** www.nationalbiplaneflyin.com

NEXT MEETING:

APRIL 2ND

9 AM

LARRY'S HANGAR

EAA 302 regularly meets @ 9 AM on the 1st Saturday of the month, Lone Star Executive Airport, (CXO), Lone Star Builders Center, 10150 Dorbandt, Hangar #41

Visitors are always welcome!

Take IH-45 Exit 90, follow the signs 3 miles east to the airport.

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