

# EAA Chapter 302

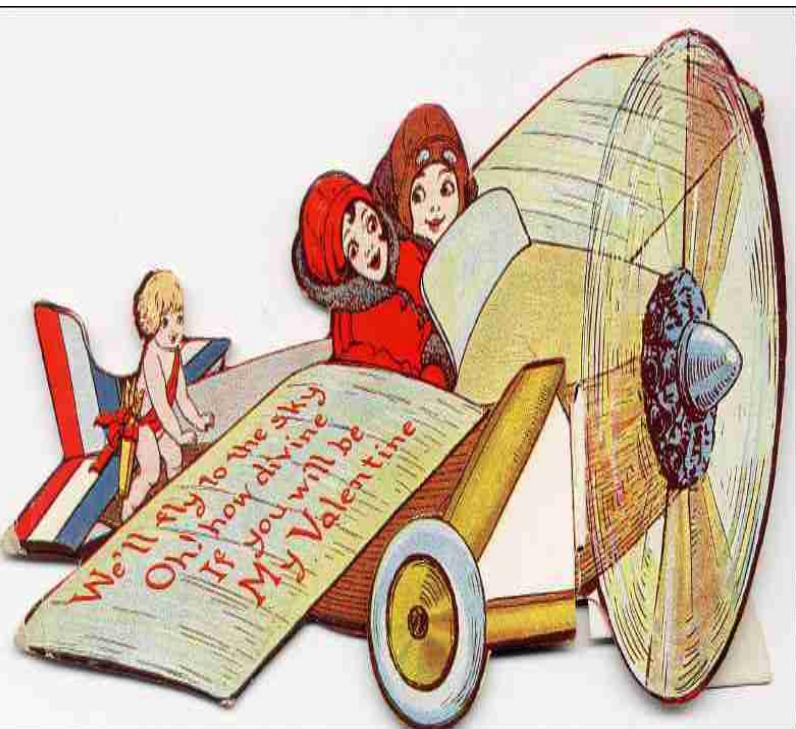


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## Newsletter

# MEETING NOTICE February 14, 2015 at 10:00 AM

Yep! February's meeting is the same day as Valentine's. How about combining your interests, and bring your significant other to the meeting. You can even make it a breakfast event and join us at the Black Walnut prior to the meeting. Or sleep in, make the normal meeting time, and then enjoy lunch while overlooking the new runway/taxiway.



### This Month's Program

### News from HQ

### Alaska on Floats And Skis

### Hot Air Ballooning In New Mexico

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# January 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Meeting CTO** by your brand new President Don Brewer. Irvine led the pledge.

**Message from Brewer:** With the recent growth in membership Brewer wants to place greater emphasis on welcoming new people into the Chapter. He plans social events for new members and invites all members to breakfast at the Black Walnut before and to McKenzie's Barbeque after the monthly meetings.

**Brewer's History Lesson:** Pappy Boyington was the VMF Sqdrn 214 CO in the Solomon Islands area in 1943.

**Safety Minute:** Brewer cited the dangers of high speed taxi tests during experimental phase 1 testing.

**New Members:** Miles Dempster, Dennis Browning, and Larry Knapp were introduced. Also, Bill Bartlett, Lale Capps, Jim Morrical, Tracy Norris, and Dale Tibodeau joined the Chapter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Guice reported on the full year of 2014 with a beginning balance of \$4958.18, income of \$6061.87, expenses of \$4609.19, resulting in a balance of \$6410.86. Guice asked for member approval of the following expenditures: \$1680 to Black Walnut for Christmas party (\$398 more than ticket receipts), \$340 for EAA national dues and insurance, and \$250 for a used PA system. Brown and LeKron motioned to approve; approved as reported.

**Shop Tip of the Month:** Tom Kreiner discussed the "Dutch hem" finishing of aluminum edges.

**Young Eagles:** LeKron reported on two weather canceled events that hopefully can be rescheduled in March. Chuck set a goal of looking for a deserving YE this year to sponsor in aviation activities.

**Homebuilder Hints:** Perryman suggested the use of platenuts instead of regular nuts where appropriate.

**Ask the Experts:** (This is an opportunity to have your questions answered by our member experts.) This month, a question was asked regarding tablet app techniques. Irvine suggested a webinar available January 19 presented by FAA FAASTeam. You can lookup webinars etc. on [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov). Also, John Pulis asked for a mentor to help with the reassembly of an O-320 Lycoming.

## Old Business:

- Christmas Party Dec 13 was enjoyed by 71 members/guests. Brewer was installed as President and also accepted the "DoDo" award for making a perfectly good aircraft un-airworthy. The White Elephant gift exchange was interesting as usual and a goodly amount of "Toys for Tots" were contributed.
- Service Awards presented to Officers, Chairmen, Flight and Technical Advisors.

## New Business:

- Irvine announced another attempted fly-out to Galveston with his usually necessary rain date.
- Members will be asked to opt-in to a Membership Directory that will be distributed to all members.

**Project Reports:** (*Email Denny Irvine large file pictures of your project progress before each meeting.*)

- Chuck McCluggage reported on his attendance at an EAA SportAir Fabric Covering workshop.
- Tom Kreiner announced his recent acquisition of a second Pietenpol project.
- Victor Delgado is currently skinning the wings of his scratch built Sonex.

**The EAA Chapter** video highlighted the Spruce Goose which was the first concrete aircraft. Also, a segment portraying the 1917 Thomas-Morse biplane that Alan Johnson restored and placed in the EAA Museum.

**50/50 Drawing:** Mary Crabe won \$83. I'm going to take it out of her allowance!

**\$10 Black Walnut Gift Card Drawing:** Cereal (sic) winner Ed O'Quinn won the drawing again which he will use for another breakfast!

**Don Grunke** donated a Maintenance Handbook that was won by Mike Brown.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned promptly to allow for an Aviation Weather Refresher Seminar by FAASTeam member Jere Gardner of the CXO tower.

# MOODY GARDENS FLY-OUT



Arrival GLS at 1300—plenty of parking

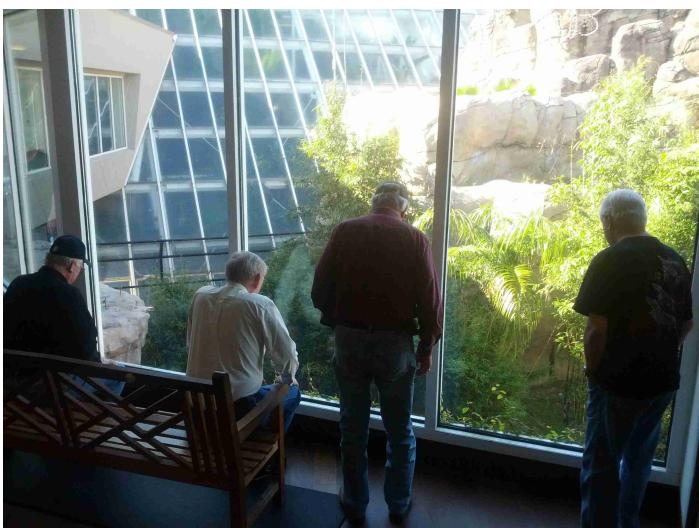


GLS fbo offered a ride to the pyramid

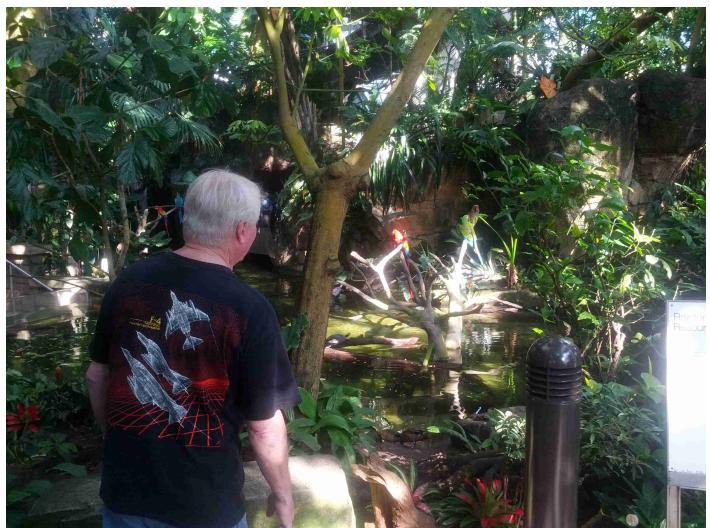
We finally did it! Slipped it in between two cold fronts and had Chamber of Commerce weather. However, early morning fog forced us to delay 1&1/2 hours until Galveston cleared. The delay caused 3 of the aircraft to elect not to go, leaving us with 4 aircraft and 7 participants. The route was smooth, the scenery was spectacular, there was good food at the hotel restaurant, and the promise of five dollar admission turned out to be true. This is something that you can do any Tuesday for Seniors. Make sure you're on the next Flyout.



Lunch at the Moody Garden Hotel



Watching the Giant River Otter



Observing the Rainforest wildlife

# What do we get with our EAA Membership? (or: Dues and Rewards)

As we begin the new year, we should look over the past year to see what you and your Chapter leadership have accomplished. Your dues, along with our growing membership, have resulted in a vigorous association that offers a lot of benefits:

## ACTIVITIES:

- Christmas Party at the Black Walnut with 71 guests
- Date Night with program that served 81 guests
- Two Young Eagle Events, with other smaller ride-days, plus the Wings Over Houston National YE Flight with Sean Tucker
- Individual Member Updates/aircraft acquisitions
- 302 supported Yankee Air Museum, Willis Wildkats
- Locktite "Lunch and Learn" Program

## FLYOUTS:

- Moody Garden Pyramid Tour
- The "Smokin' Hot Chicken Run"
- The Legend Cub Flyout to Sulphur Springs, TX
- Tyler-Pounds Museum Flyout and lunch
- Fort Davis State Park and Planetarium

## TOOLS:

- Bought a 2-speaker PA system for meetings and events
- Purchased sparkplug cleaner and gapping tools
- Bought a 4 scale aircraft weighing system with case

## FLYING SAFETY UPDATES:

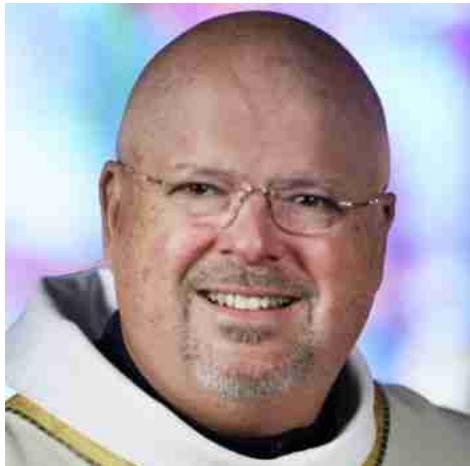
Taxiway changes, tire-hazard advisories, field construction changes/updates.

Plus Technical Advisors, Flight Advisors, and a world-class Chapter Magazine with free ads that will soon go out to over 200 people.

If you can't make a meeting, update your membership with a \$25 check to **EAA 302** and send it to: **Don Guice**

**6 Bent Tree Lane  
Montgomery, TX 77356**

# MICHAEL "MIKE" GENE MIMS



On Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 302 lost our member Mike Mims in a helicopter crash. He had been a member of 302 since February, 2014.

Mike was born in Ojai, CA where he went to school. He attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and finished his degree in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Southern California.

He was the founder of K&M Technology Group which was sold to Schlumberger in 2008. He and his son Kevin started Imagimotive, which supplies truck and tailgating equipment, and is still in operation.



Mike was a Deacon at Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. He was a board-member of Life Teen, and was involved in mission trips to Honduras and Haiti. He is survived by his wife Katherine, 3 sons, and numerous grand-children. Services were Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

He had two fixed-wing aircraft hangared at Galaxy, and you may have seen Mike practicing in a Safari Aero Sport helicopter like the one to the left. We will miss him.

## February 21 Flyout (no raindate) HOU 1940 Air Terminal Museum

Event Hours are from 11AM to 3 PM. For those who are not sure about flying into a Class B airport we will have a jam session at Denny's hangar about 10:00 AM. (Bldg44D-1) Plan on leaving around 11. Please see the attachment that came with this newsletter for an airport diagram. There will be a caterer available for lunch. There is no charge for the event if you fly in.



William P. Hobby Airport (Identifier: KHOU) is a very General Aviation-friendly Class B airport, and Houston TRACON is a very General Aviation-friendly Air Traffic Control facility. You may easily get flight following and a Class B clearance as you approach the Houston area.

The museum is located at approximately mid-field on the West Ramp of Hobby Airport, along Taxiway G and Runway 17/35. If conditions permit, we suggest that you request this runway so that you may have a shorter taxi time. Simply tell the tower that you will be "parking at the museum" when you make your request and they will generally accommodate you.

We will be welcoming helicopters and motorcycles to the museum for a day of fun for the whole family! Past guests have included the LifeFlight air ambulance, the SkyFox News Helicopter, a Vietnam-Era UH-1 Huey, a US Coast Guard Dauphine, and many more

## WHO'S WHO AT 302



If you have attended any of our Young Eagle events, you may have noticed a regular who brings his Christian Eagle and quietly shares the load of flying kids around the circuit, donating his time and fuel to the cause. I wonder how many kids never realize who they just flew with?

302 would like to recognize **Brewster Shaw** as a member of distinction. He and his wife Kathy live in West University Place near downtown. He makes the trip to KCXO any time we have a YE event and he is off.

Brewster is a USAF veteran with F-100 and F-4 experience during the Vietnam era. In 1978 he was chosen as a Space Shuttle Astronaut and has served on 3 shuttle flights: 1983 as pilot of STS-9, 1985 as Commander of STS-61-B, and 1989 as Commander of STS-28. He led the "Return to Flight" team during the recovery from the Challenger Disaster.

I certainly hope our Young Eagles (and parents) realize who they flew with. If you see Brewster at a YE event, make sure you introduce yourself, and thank him for his dedication.





Gale standing by the engine of his T-51

## "Donuts at 10" Visitor

January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at "Donuts at 10" had a surprise visitor. Gary Jones came from Dry Creek and brought along Gale Haskins and his T-51 scaled down Mustang. It is powered by a V-6 Honda engine, and has 12 operating exhaust stacks, retractable gear, controllable 4-blade prop, and an exact detail canopy crank system.

While not an EAA event, "Donuts" meets every Monday morning at Brent Crabe's hangar (next to Larry Perryman's) in building 44E-1. Any and all visitors are welcome.

## January 31 Flyout to Wharton's EAA Chapter 896



An invitation to the Houston RV Builders Group was passed from Steve Iacoviello to all the airport bums on Saturday. It was "iffy" weather, but 13 aircraft showed up in Wharton at noon (left) for Carl Eldridge's Chili, chips, dessert and drink. He wanted to show off his Sonex "Onex" project (lower left). Then they had their monthly meeting (below). Before we left, we got some \$3.60/gal gas and then beat the weather home. Thanks to Carl and new president Glenn Frels for an enjoyable afternoon.



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## Calendar of Events

Call before you go

- 1st Saturday, Fly-in Lunch, Leesville, LA (L39)  
EAA Chapter 1356
- 1st Saturday EAA Chapter 614 Pancake Breakfast, 7:30-10:30am, Pineville, La, Pineville Municipal Airport (2L0)
- 3rd Saturday, Fish-fry Lunch, Discount Fuel, Jasper TX (KJAS)
- 3rd Saturday, Lufkin, TX, The Cook's Choice Fly-in, Angelina County, (KLFK) April, June, August, October
- 4th Saturday, Fly-in Breakfast, 8-11am., Tyler, TX, Pounds Field (KTYR)
- 4th Saturday Fly-in Lunch 11-2, DeRidder, La. Beauregard Regional Airport (KDRI)

Partnership available: 1977 Grumman Tiger, 2170TT, 170SMOH, new G430W, CI autopilot, 4 place intercom, aircraft in excellent condition, all logs, NDH. I currently own this aircraft, and seeking partners for up to 5 owners. 1/5 shares at \$15k. Aircraft is based at Lone Star, CXO. If interested, call Jeff at 219-608-1463 or email [jefflehner@hotmail.com](mailto:jefflehner@hotmail.com) 1/15

For Sale 2006 Zenith Zodiac CH601XL-B, always kept in hangar, currently at Hooks (KDWL) Equipped with: Jabiru 3300A Power Plant; PFS-Blue Mountain Lite; Audio Panel with Marker beacon; Bendix/King Xponder; #1 Comm Garmin SL-30; ELT-Ameri-King; #2 Comm IC-A200 ICOM; 4 12 gallon fuel tanks; dual sticks; night flight equipped; Grand Rapids EIS; 2 wing lockers. Less than 100 hours TT. \$30,000 Contact Bill at 210-865-4591 or [BartlettSAT@gmail.com](mailto:BartlettSAT@gmail.com) 1/15

Honda EB 5000 generator with US Carburation Trifuel conversion (works on gasoline, natural gas or propane) Includes PROTRAN 31406 C transfer panel, gas hose, connectors, cord and socket. Less than 150 hours since new. Cost new for all above \$2722.00. Asking \$1200.00 Jim Pahoski 936-524-7872 [jimpoho@suddenlink.net](mailto:jimpoho@suddenlink.net) 1/15

AN hardware from an FBO for sale. Screws, bolts, washers, fasteners. Large Inventory. Buy all or part. Make offer. Located at CAVOK Airpark in Cleveland. Contact Larry Elliot 713-398-5899 12/14

Is it time to check your logbook for a "Flight Review"? If you are coming up on your two year anniversary date, give me a call and let's go have some fun. If you are not "Legal", it could invalidate your insurance should you have a claim. We will talk about aviation for an hour, fly for an hour, and lunch is on me. Dick Kardell—30,000+ hours, tailwheel and most anything that flies from J-3's up. 936-525-8884 or evenings 936-597-4340. 12/14

**Machine Shop Access:** Tom Kreiner, EAA 302 member, is offering access to his machine shop for discount rates and rebates to our section. Contact @ 832-326-2970 or [tkreiner@gmail.com](mailto:tkreiner@gmail.com) 12/14

Piper Super Colt PA22/160 1961 Logs since new TT2534 SMOH 831 4 new cylinders 56.0 Total restoration March 2014 King KY197A Com Garmin GNC250XL Nav/Com KT76C Xponder. JPI450 fuel scanner, intercom, 9 in&out Just reduced to \$35,000 Tom Davenport 713-504-5536 tomballoonatic@gmail.com 12/14

1957 Piper Tri-Pacer PA-22 1560 Total time, 150 SMOH. Asking \$20,500—flexible pricing for chapter members. Taught kids to fly and now looking for an RV-6. Contact Pat 832-579-7236. Listed in Trade-a-Plane for details. 11/14

RV-7 wings for sale. Finished quick build RV-7A wings in the Dallas area. Includes Capacitive fuel gauge and Aircraft Extra's low fuel warning system. For more info, Contact Eddie Eiland 713-202-1229 or eddie@eilands.net **Serious inquiries only, please.** 10/14

For Sale—Always hangared 6 seat Beechcraft Baron 95-55 TC 1598 200 knot cruise. IO-520E Colemill Conversion engines, both props zero time overhauled 2014. Magnetos overhauled 2014. 4 Place Garmin Intercom, Garmin 430 WASS feeds Garmin 630 and Aspen PFD. Vert Card Compass, TCAS, dual yokes, tinted windows, new batteries, annual 3/2014. Includes jack stands and specialty tools. \$195,000 Contact Mechanic Don Holly 936-203-2602 10/14

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Regards! Your Editor

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