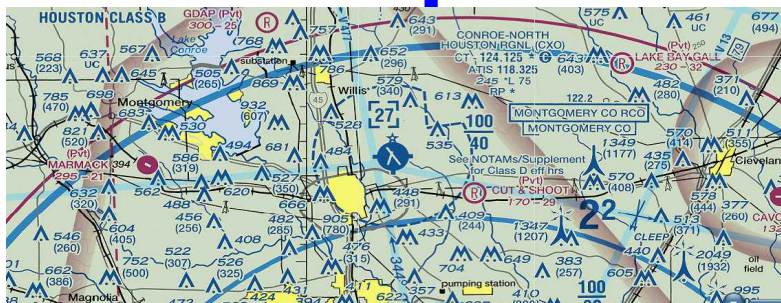


# EAA Chapter 302



## Newsletter



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## MEETING NOTICE

**January 10TH, 2025, 10:00 AM**

See the last page for a map to the meeting

### IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.  
Jan. 8th  
7-8:30  
Galaxy



### THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

State of the Chapter Address

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# NO DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES THE 2025 CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Pictures by Bill Cooper, Jimmy Crawford, Becky Lutte, Jim Morrical*



A group of 51 EAA members enjoyed a buffet Of brisket, chicken, beans & potato salad.



Bingo gifts are on the left, Toys for Tots are On the right—3 boxfuls seen below



Organizer Keith Pache runs the show



President Joe Waltz gives the "State of the Chapter"



Every card was a winner, but the good stuff got stolen



Toys made it in time for Christmas

# ANOTHER CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THE HILL

*Photos by Joe Waltz*



Another Christmas Party was held on the “Hill” at Loren Schreck's hangar. It was catered by Joe's Pizza and featured 4 different Italian dishes and an incredible array of desserts.



The event followed the EAA Party which was held 4 days earlier. There were around 30 guests, but there was enough left-overs for lunch the following 2 days.

As usual, the diets for weight gain have already started.



## YOUNG EAGLES—2025

For the year under Dean Marcott's leadership, EAA302 flew 120 kids. That adds up to \$600 in the Chapter treasury to use for campers.

**NEXT RALLY WILL BE MARCH 21, 2026**

# WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

Here's a fun--yet historic--addition to your website. It now has EAA302 Newsletters back to the first one in February 1968. Just go to [EAA302.org](http://EAA302.org), click on "Our Chapter/Newsletters" and then "Click here for our Archive page of newsletters". Some are still missing, so if you have any, please send them to us.

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## Monthly Newsletter

Below is our current monthly newsletter. Our archive of newsletters can be found by clicking the below button.

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## Welcome to the EAA 302 Newsletter Archives

Please click on a year listed below to view the newsletters for that year. We have almost all the newsletters from 2011 to present. The remaining years are sporadic. If you have any newsletters that our archive is missing, please email us at [aaa302@gmail.com](mailto:aaa302@gmail.com). We would appreciate a copy for our records.

<a href="#">2026</a>	<a href="#">2025</a>	<a href="#">2024</a>	<a href="#">2023</a>	<a href="#">2022</a>	<a href="#">2021</a>
<a href="#">2020</a>	<a href="#">2019</a>	<a href="#">2018</a>	<a href="#">2017</a>	<a href="#">2016</a>	<a href="#">2015</a>
<a href="#">2014</a>	<a href="#">2013</a>	<a href="#">2012</a>	<a href="#">2011</a>		

The following archives are incomplete except 2002 and 2001. Please share any newsletter issues you may have if we don't have them listed here.


<a href="#">2006</a>	<a href="#">2005</a>	<a href="#">2004</a>	<a href="#">2003</a>	<a href="#">2002</a>	<a href="#">2001</a>
<a href="#">1996</a>	<a href="#">1985</a>	<a href="#">1984</a>	<a href="#">1983</a>	<a href="#">1981</a>	<a href="#">1980</a>
<a href="#">1979</a>	<a href="#">1968</a>				

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## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA Homebuilders Week 2026 offers 30 free virtual presentations for anyone interested in building an aircraft. Registration is required, and space is limited. The event runs Monday, January 26, through Friday, January 30, 2026. Each day features six live, back-to-back webinars starting at 11:30 a.m. Central Time and continuing every 90 minutes until the final session at 7:00 p.m. All sessions are live and include time for Q&A. To sign up, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). Whether you're just beginning to explore the idea of building, are deep into a project, or preparing for test flying, you'll find sessions addressing your needs. We are also excited to have EAA President Jack Pelton joining us on January 26 to discuss EAA's advocacy efforts on behalf of our homebuilt community. EAA Homebuilders Week celebrates the anniversary of the Experimental Aircraft Association's founding on January 26, 1953. It's a great opportunity to carry on our mission by expanding your homebuilding knowledge with five straight days of learning about building and flying homebuilt aircraft. EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible thanks to the generous support of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, and Van's Aircraft. Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to register.

 <b>Homebuilders Week Schedule</b> <b>January 26 - 30, 2026</b> Homebuilders Week <b>Schedule of Events</b>					
To sign up: <a href="http://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek">EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek</a>					
Time CST	Monday 1/26/2026	Tuesday 1/27/2026	Wednesday 1/28/2026	Thursday 1/29/2026	Friday 1/30/2026
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dan Berry
1:00-2:15	Composite Construction Basics - Scott VanderVeen	Fabric Covering Basics - Austin Jones	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Insuring Your Homebuilt - Jim Stewart	Fly the Wing: AOA Demystified - Mike Vaccaro
2:30-3:45	EAA Advocacy Update - Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	Hardware for Homebuilds - Dick Koehler	Sonex Aircraft Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastien Heintz
4:00-5:15	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Brensing	Weight & Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? - Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Condition Inspections: Who & How - Brian Carpenter	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Can Homebuilt Accident Rates Be Fairly Compared? - Ron Wanttaja
7:00-8:15	Van's Aircraft RV-15 Update - Marc Cook & Rian Johnson	Propeller Selection for Homebuilds - Steve Boser	Lessons From 200,000 Borescope Images - Mike Busch	Lycoming Engine Installation - Judson Rupert	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

# IMC/VMC Club

## (2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, January 8th (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:** We all know that in an emergency, we can deviate from the regulations to the extent needed to deal with the emergency. According to 14 CFR § 91.3(b): "In an in-flight emergency requiring immediate action, the pilot in command may deviate from any rule of this part to the extent required to meet that emergency." Typical VFR emergency situations include:

Engine failure or mechanical malfunction    Fuel exhaustion

Severe weather or visibility loss    Medical emergency onboard

Disorientation or navigation failure

But what if the emergency involves someone on the ground? Are we authorized to deviate from the regulations in order to assist with a true emergency involving someone on the ground, perhaps someone with a medical emergency, when other means of transport are unavailable?

### Video Scenario:

Published departure procedures for MTV require a climb of 249 feet per nm to 2,100 feet for runway 13, and 321 feet per nm to 4,300 feet for runway 31.



Scenario



3:14

VMC January 2026 - Departure in the Dark

**IMC Question of the Month:** You are planning a night cross-country flight under FAR Part 91. What are the obstacle clearance requirements, and where can you get information regarding obstacle heights?

### Video Scenario:

You complete a thorough preflight and verify that the fuel tanks are full. Noting no issues with the airplane, you start up, set the instruments and GPS, and then contact clearance delivery.

After receiving your IFR clearance for the flight to Groton, you contact ground control and receive a taxi clearance to runway 20. The runup goes smoothly, and after a short delay, the tower clears you for takeoff on runway 20.



Flight



6:06

IMC January 2026 - Late Night Pickup



# EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

**Keith Pache**

1) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. January 8<sup>th</sup> IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see Newsletter for details).

2) 10:00-11:15am Sat. January 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).

3) 11:15am-?? Sat. January 10<sup>th</sup> Fly-Out to Garden of Eden at La Porte Municipal (T41).

4) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. February TBD<sup>th</sup> Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center).

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/eaanews-webinars>

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
1/10/26	9:00am-1:00pm Airplanes and Coffee - Social Meet-Up & FAA Wings Credit Presentation	KGPM Grand Prairie Municipal Airport Grand Prairie, Texas, USA Radial Café (non fly-in)	211 mi.	<a href="https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/">https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/</a>	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
1/17/26	10:00am-2:00pm Wings and Wheels Open Ramp Day	KHOU William P Hobby Airport Houston, Texas, USA	43 nm	<a href="https://www.1940airterminal.org/3rd-saturdays-at-the-museum">https://www.1940airterminal.org/3rd-saturdays-at-the-museum</a>	Rich Simental 713-454-1940 rich.simental@1940airterminal.org
1/17/26	9:00am-12:30pm AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar	KSGR Sugar Land Regional Airport Houston, Texas, USA	46 nm	<a href="https://aopa.org/destinations/event/1599">https://aopa.org/destinations/event/1599</a>	Rusty pilots program 301-695-2000 rustypilots@aopa.org
1/31/26	8:00am Biplanes and Breakfast	KRKP Aransas County Airport Rockport, Texas, USA	160 nm	Facebook - Lone Star Aviators	Andy Espinosa
2/7/26	6:00pm-10:00pm Airplanes and Coffee - Social Meet-Up, Drinks, and Pilot	Truckyard - Colony, TX (non fly-in event)	224 mi.	<a href="https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/">https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/</a>	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
2/7/26	12:30pm Uncle John's Chilly Chili General Aviation Fly-In	SC00 Triple Tree Airport Woodruff, South Carolina, USA	728 nm	<a href="https://tta.aero/ccfi/">https://tta.aero/ccfi/</a>	864-969-2030 info@tta.aero
2/21/26	10:00am-2:00pm Wings and Wheels Open Ramp Day	KHOU William P Hobby Airport Houston, Texas, USA	43 nm	<a href="https://www.1940airterminal.org/3rd-saturdays-at-the-museum">https://www.1940airterminal.org/3rd-saturdays-at-the-museum</a>	Rich Simental 713-454-1940 rich.simental@1940airterminal.org
3/7/26	9:00am-2:00pm Texas Independence Day Wings, Wheels, and Wonders!	KSEP Stephenville Clark Regional Airport Stephenville, Texas, USA	181 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
3/7/26	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee - Drones and Paramotors	KDUA Durant Regional Airport - Eaker Field Durant, Oklahoma, USA	221 nm	<a href="https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/">https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/</a>	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
3/21/26	10:00am-2:00pm Wings and Wheels Open Ramp Day	KHOU William P Hobby Airport Houston, Texas, USA	43 nm	<a href="https://www.1940airterminal.org/3rd-saturdays-at-the-museum">https://www.1940airterminal.org/3rd-saturdays-at-the-museum</a>	Rich Simental 713-454-1940 rich.simental@1940airterminal.org
4/10-12/26	2nd Annual River Bend Fly-In and Campout	Plane Crazy USA at River Bend Aero Ranch 228 River Bend Lane Mena, Arkansas 71953 N34 34.430, W94 01.398	259 nm	<a href="https://plane crazyusa.com/index.html">https://plane crazyusa.com/index.html</a>	Todd Spink 479-243-8100
4/11/26	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee - \$100 Hamburger Scholarship	KTRL Terrell Municipal Airport Terrell, Texas, USA	148 nm	<a href="https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/">https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/</a>	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
4/14-4/19/26	Sun n Fun	KLAL Lakeland Linder International Airport Lakeland, Florida, USA	763 nm	<a href="https://flysnf.org/">https://flysnf.org/</a>	863-644-2431 fly-info@flysnf.org

# FLYOUT--LaPorte



Let's try something new  
Garden of Eden Cafe

LaPorte Airport KT41  
RW 12/30 or 05/23  
CTAF 122.7  
AWOS 120.27  
Elev. 25' Pattern 1025

Park at Harvey & Rihn  
and walk to the cafe.



LA PORTE MUNI (T41) 3 NW UTC-6(-5DT) N29°40.16' W95°03.85'

HOUSTON  
COPTER  
L-19E, 21A, GOAW  
IAP

25 B NOTAM FILE CXQ  
RWY 12-30: H4165X75 (ASPH) S-23 MIRL  
RWY 12: REIL: PAPI(P4L)--GA 3.0° TCH 47'. Thld dsgnd 190'. Trees.  
RWY 30: Thld dsgnd 402'. Fence.  
RWY 05-23: H2998X75 (ASPH) S-25 MIRL  
RWY 05: Pole.  
RWY 23: Trees.

SERVICE: S4 FUEL 100LL, JET A LOT ACTVT REIL Rwy 12; PAPI Rwy 12; MIRL Rwy 05-23 and 12-30--CTAF. Rwy 12 PAPI unusbl byd 8 deg left of rwy cntrln.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Attended dailt hours. Fuel avbl self serve 24 hrs.

AIRPORT MANAGER: 281-471-9650

WEATHER DATA SOURCES: AWOS--DPT 120.275 (281) 471-2206.

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNICOM 122.7

HOUSTON APP/DEP CON 134.45

CLNC DEL 125.6

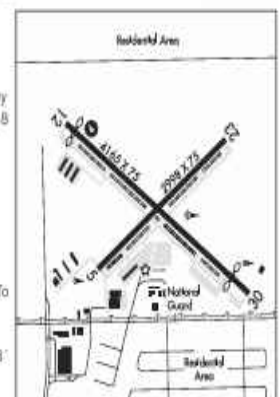
CLEARANCE DELIVERY PHONE: For CD etc Houston Apch at 281-443-5844. To cml IFR etc Houston Apch at 281-443-5888.

RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION: NOTAM FILE CXQ.

TRINITY (VLS) (DL) VOR/DME 114.75 MHF Chan 94(Y) N29°32.78' W94°44.85' 287° 18.1 NM to fld. 38/7E.

VOR unusable.

060°-079° byd 40 NM  
080°-090° byd 40 NM bto 6,000'  
080°-090° byd 50 NM bto 8,000'  
091°-109° byd 40 NM  
110°-190° bto 2,000'



## 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)



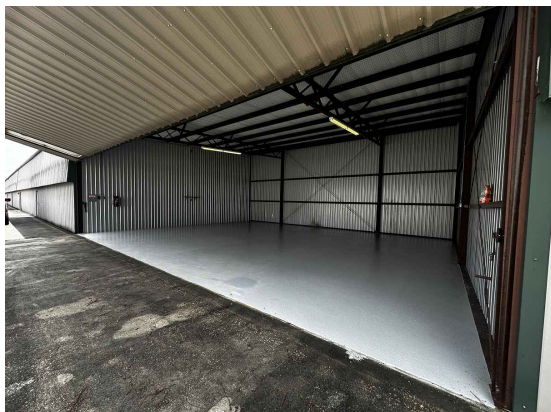
**FREE**—Rotisserie for a RV-14, but could be modified for any kit. Available for pickup at KCXO.

Call, text or email:

David Hlebichuk  
281-450-3817  
[dhleb@consolidated.net](mailto:dhleb@consolidated.net)



**2013 RV-8A FOR SALE:** \$210,000.00 Hangered KDWH, Hobbs 650, Tach 592, Lycoming IO-360EXP by Ly-Con with numerous performance upgrades, Whirlwind 200RV constant speed prop, new Dynon/Garmin custom IFR panel in 2024, custom paint and scheme in 2024, built by A&P/IA with incredible attention to detail, all logs, no known damage history, condition inspection 2-25, IFR cert 7-24, many extras included in sale, full spec sheet available on request. Bill Whitefield 713-705-3725 or [19whw55@gmail.com](mailto:19whw55@gmail.com) 11/25



### Hangar for Lease

43' X 36' rectangular hangar with new Epoxy flooring. \$800/month-available For 1 year, 1.5 or 2 years.

Amit Kulkarni 713-724-7721  
[amit77us@gmail.com](mailto:amit77us@gmail.com) 8/25

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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, 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.

