EAA Chapter 302
Conroe, Texas

Don't forget our annual Christmas dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at 6:00PM at Hangar 41. (see details inside)

Veteran's Day Burger Burn
11/11/11

Photos courtesy of Ed O'Quinn

EAA Chapter 302 – Minutes for November 5, 2011

Shirley Park, Secretary

- Meeting was opened at 9:04 am by President Don Colchin.
- Safety Item presented by Don Colchin was to remember to delay the start of your engine after calling 'Clear' to make sure you are heard and responded to.
- Secretary's minutes approved as written in newsletter.
- Treasurer report was $3,035.70 in bank with $755.50 of that allocated to Compass Rose. Check for purchase of paint will be in November business.
- President Don Colchin requested volunteers for membership chairman with the possibility of contacting EAA and AOPA for member contacts in this area.
- Motion approved for a dinner meeting every 2nd or 3rd month in lieu of Saturday morning meeting to be held in a local restaurant with a few dollars increase in charge for meal so the chapter coffers will increase. This next dinner meeting to be held in January or February.
- Introduction of guests included Richard Sebesta who is building an RV8 in his garage. He is looking for a tech counselor. He has completed 1177 construction hrs. to date. Tom Kreiner plans to join the chapter. He has a machine shop which he plans to make available to chapter members for a nominal fee. Tom also plans to conduct some chapter training classes. He is located at Hooks Airport close to the helicopter service building. He is currently building a Pietenpol. Howard Mangell is looking at acquiring an airplane and is process of getting his license. Brewster Shaw is a member of Chapter 12 and has just moved into this area after retirement. He plans to join chapter and help with the Young Eagle program. Chuck Pearson moved back here from Port Aransas. He was involved with boats and thinks he will be getting back into aviation. Richard, Tom, Brewster and Chuck all joined the 302 Chapter after the meeting adjourned.
- Old Business: 1. Denny Irvine reported on the Compass Rose Project that the paint has been purchased, sealant installed and we are waiting on an FAA approved surveyor for layout of the compass rose.

  2. The fall fly in has been cancelled. Perhaps spring will be considered.

  3. Don Colchin led a discussion on the possible acquisition of Dennis McCright's Champ from his estate. Sonny Webster (sunmanav8@sbcglobal.net.) volunteered to be the project manager to investigate all possible entities, within EAA or outside of EAA, meeting necessary EAA requirements. Sonny took a list of names of those who might be interested in participating.
- New Business: 1. Chase Snodgrass volunteered to be the new membership committee chairman. President Don Colchin has emphasized the need to recruit new members.

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2. New technical counselors are needed. Research will be done on the qualifications and requirements for becoming a technical counselor.
3. Revenue generation ideas included paid ads in the newsletters and charge extra for dinner meetings. Please forward any other ideas to Don Colchin at dscolchin@sbcglobal.net.
4. The Young Eagles Program has 3 new volunteer coordinators. They are Larry Elliott (swacpt@hotmail.com), Mike Wood (woodmw@suddenlink.net), Brewster Shaw (poppy@theshawhome.com). Sydni Ebert (spebert@comcast.net) has volunteered to act as a student coordinator.
5. It was voted to do an Airport day in conjunction with the Lone Star Executive Airport where our airplanes will be on display. Scott Smith, Airport Director, will be contacted.
6. A Chapter voted to created a tool crib to be housed in Larry Perryman's hangar. A sign out list is to be established. A list of specialty tools owned by other members will also be established.
7. A fly-out trip to Hangar Hotel in Fredericksburg is planned on November 17th and will included a trip to the Nimitz Museum, and a brewery along with shopping and dining. If you bring your spouse you get extra points! Flyers are available. Contact Denny Irvine for more information. (dirvine@suddenlink.net) (936-827-0091). The cost of the hotel for that night is $109. The next trip being planned is a bed and breakfast in Louisiana.
8. The next meeting will be a Christmas evening party. Details will be coming by e mail soon.
9. Name tags can be ordered from Treasurer Lynell Gipson.

- The swindle was won once again by Sydni Ebert and the t shirt was won by Carlos Diaz.
- The program was the second half of the Idaho trip DVD presented by Denny Irvine. The trip took 10 days; they landed at 32 airports and camped along the way.
- In attendance were 44 members and 2 guests.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am

9th ANNUAL GREAT SOUTHERN SONEX GATHERING

The 9th Annual Great Southern Sonex Gathering held at Coulter Field in Bryan, TX, on November 5th was a great success.

With a total of over 80 registered guests and at least another 20 unregistered visitors, the 100+ that attended seemed to have a fun time visiting with each other and looking/sitting/flying Sonexes. Visitors came from as far away as Missouri and Colorado. Approximately 20% of the attendees have never missed this event, including previous co-hosts Larry Perryman and Ray Coker. Missouri Sonex builder Phil Harper has also never missed the GSSG.

Door prizes were donated by Sonex LLC., Wicks Aircraft Supply, Aircraft Spruce & Specialty, and several individuals.

We expected more Sonex aircraft but work, vacations and other commitments kept several away. We did have 8 Sonex aircraft so everyone got to see almost every configuration of Sonex. Next year we should add Waiex, Xenos and possibly Onex to the mix. As co-host Robert Barber said, "we had an eclectic mix of other aircraft show up; a T6 Texan, a Reliant V77 Gullwing, an RV 8, an F1 Rocket, a Citabria, and a couple of Cessnas. A very unusual showing at a Sonex fly-in. Must be the smell of fun!" (Robert missed a couple of other RV types).

This event is a highlight of our year and we hope to be able to do this for many years to come.
Mike Singleton
Sonex #465
N148MS

THE 11/11/11 VETERAN'S DAY BURGER BURN

It was in your email file. If you weren't there, you missed a good one! The weather cooperated and gave us perfect blue skies and 70 degree temperatures. We had 50+ people show up, and the event lasted at least 2 hours. One of the favorites of the day was the appearance of the Irvine "T" towing the ice cream trailer. This rig makes 3 half gallons of ice cream per load, and it was all gone in less than 5 minutes. We hosted the Freedom Flight, just back from a dedication in Willis. And we also had a B-25 Mitchell Bomber from Galveston land for radio work, so we invited them as well.

We asked for a donation per plate from the attendees, and promised to split the funds 50/50 with Chapter 302. The response was generous, and we took in a total of $250. $125 of that will go to the general fund and should pay for the Christmas Party meal. We'll see you there!

Don't Miss the Next One!

EAA 302 Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Larry's Hangar 41

Lone Star Executive Airport

Social Begins at 5:30PM

Potluck Dinner Begins at 6:00PM

Turkey, Ham and Tea/soft drinks provided

Please bring a side dish or dessert

BYOB

President's Message:

Holiday Greetings to everyone in Chapter 302. This is the first of the columns which I intend to write to keep everyone up to date with what is going on in the Chapter. I know that many of you will not be able to attend some of the meetings because of other family commitments, bad timing or for many other reasons. Hopefully this chapter newsletter will help everyone feel a part of the chapter. Before I am remiss I would like to thank all the officers of the chapter for their work to keep things moving forward especially Bill Gipson for putting this newsletter together.

At the last meeting I outlined my ideas for the chapter in the months ahead. One of those goals was to grow the chapter and already Chase Snodgrass has contacted EAA National for listings of members in our area who we can then contact about our chapter. Likewise he has also contacted AOPA for a similar listing. Thank you Chase for accepting the job of Membership Chairman. We look forward to working with you to grow the chapter as we move into next year.

As a chapter we will be trying some new things to make our Saturday meetings more fun and informative. We plan on having a pancake and sausage breakfast before the meetings on Saturday morning. This will probably require us to move the meeting back to 10:00AM again to accommodate the breakfast. I will be asking for volunteers to cook and serve this breakfast so be ready. I will be working as a cook and bottle washer also, so don't be bashful to volunteer. Who knows, we may be able to make this larger and begin to have a monthly pancake breakfast similar to what many of the area airports have now. Don't get worried yet though we will start small. Later in the year we would like to have a meeting in the evening during the week which spouses could attend. The more we get our families involved the more fun for everyone. That was one of the tenants of Paul Poberezny when he founded EAA. He believed strongly that EAA was about families and people first and airplanes second.

One other thing we should all continually stress is safety. I would like to have one person volunteer for the monthly safety minute so be thinking of what you could offer in the way of experience regarding safety. The first safety minute we had was on propeller safety when cranking an engine. We need many more and we need to be continually aware of what could happen when flying our aircraft or working with our tools. We cannot have another year where we lose three members to accidents.

That's it for this month and I hope to see each of you at the chapter Christmas pot-luck dinner. Let's get excited about next year. Denny Irvine has lots of interesting meeting programs planned and several exciting fly-outs are in the planning stages for next year. One I am particularly excited about is an overnighter to Natchitoches, Louisiana with a stay in some really beautiful Bed and Breakfast Inns. Be watching for this one. Remember, those without airplanes can drive over since it's only 3.5 hours.

Fly safe and have fun!
DonC

Don's sunglasses are fashionably parked on his flying cap except when he is flying his bicycle. ☺

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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**
- 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 Drive-in Beauregard Regional **(DRI),** DeRidder, La

- **Dec. 10-11 EAA Aircraft Builder's Workshop, Houston Bush, (IAH) www.sportair.org**
- **For Louisiana EAA Fly-in Series please see www.LaFlyins.com**

NEXT MEETING:

DECEMBER 3RD

5:30 PM

HANGAR 41

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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