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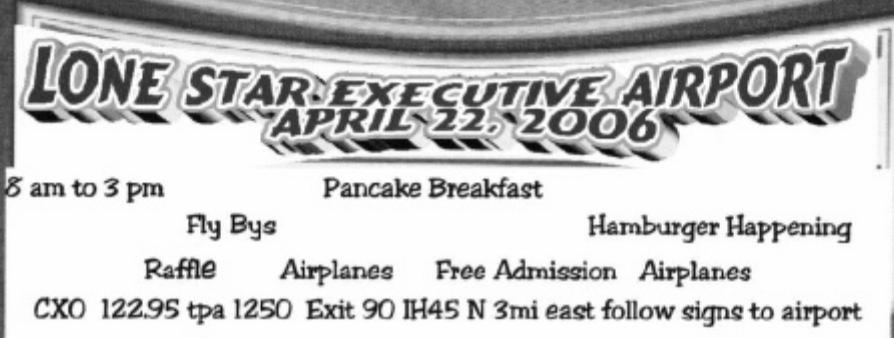
Chapter 302 ~ Conroe, TX



February
11th:

Dues:

Plan on paying your 2006 dues. Still only \$18 per person or \$20 per couple! Rosanne will also need your EAA #.



Left: Reserve the date of April 22 for the EAA 302 Fly-In! (April 29th rain date.)

We have big plans this year, including a local car club joining us with their cars for a day of fun at the airport!

Young Eagles ~ Share The Dream

Minutes of 1/14/2006 Meeting

Dave Chaplin, Secretary

1. In The Chair; Larry Perryman, president
Larry reported that The Picture, that Willis Cole painted and donated to the chapter, has been returned to the Chapter. Johnny's brother brought it back. It appears that Johnny had a heart attack shortly after taking the picture for framing and had not been able to return it. No futher details are known.
2. Treasury; The Treasurer had sent details of the finances but the paper had been mislaid. Larry P reported that the Chapter funds had swollen by the sum of \$600 for the year.
3. Spring Fly-In; Organizing is progressing smoothly. A good handout has been prepared by Shirley and Larry P. will mail out to other Chapters. Food situation is being investigated. The date has been posted on EAA calendar. Conroe Hot Rod Club may be willing to attend. Maybe should open up the show as an "airport day". Trying to get a helicopter from the Army, also maybe radio control planes could be interested. All will be reported on at next meeting. Heritage Program may be here to help also.
4. Hangar Sign; Frank reports it could be here this week end or next week end. Still a work in progress



Left: This fire fighter was at Lufkin when we arrived for fajitas. It was stationed there for grass fire duty. It can suck up 1,000 gal of water in 30 sec. then dump it in increments of 250 gal or all 1,000 at once. Also, lifts A/C units onto high-rise bldgs.

5. SWRFI; Have a meeting next month to discuss next airshow. Meeting likely to be at Macgregor. Hondo airfield is being improved.
6. End of Year Certificates; Larry P. handed out more certs, to those that attended this meeting, still some to go
7. Fly-In raffle; Jose has finally received his model of a plane that he won at the November fly-in
8. Swindle: Value \$15 was won.
9. The Chapter sat down to watch One Six Right.

Many of our group helped Santa airlift presents to children at Wharton. Good job 302!



For Sale:

Piper Tri-Pacer: '53 with less than 2,000 hrs. TT! 0-290 with about 1,000 hrs., \$25K Jack Nelson 936 967-2743 at Livingston airport. Always hangared.

Gary Hunter Composites: Gary does custom fiberglass work (see Dennis and Dick's RV-6) and balances props. You may know of Gary, he is Bruce Bohannon's crew chief. 281-277-7767

Flight Reviews: Ch. 302 member Don Brewer is a CFI A&I and available for your BFR and instrument training. (936) 273-4416.

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 (936) 443-3562.

Would you like a custom stained glass of your airplane? Our member Bill Clark can do it. (936) 539-6012



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I thought you might enjoy this photo. I can assure you it is real, and not some digitized enhancement.

The pilot is Lt.Cmd Snort Snodgras. I saw him do a demo flight in Norfolk not long ago. The day the photo was taken was his last day on duty with his particular job on the boat. As far as my friends know nothing much of a disciplinary action happened.

Don Brewer



So, you want to donate an airplane ride to a charity?

My church was planning a social event that also included a silent auction to raise funds for the youth group activities. So,.... you guessed it. I thought I'd donate a local sightseeing flight.

As a private (not commercial) pilot I checked with AOPA first as I thought there may be some issue with money being involved, even though I would never see or touch any. Sure enough, there is a long list of requirements. First there are the normal currency requirements (*No not \$\$\$*) for both pilot and aircraft. No problem, I'm current. However, 200 hours of flight time is also required and I'm presently at 166. So, no donating a flight this time. The church loses, the public loses an opportunity to experience general aviation, and GA loses a potential future pilot.

There are also paperwork requirements placed on the pilot and the charity that make this almost more trouble than it is worth, especially for a single flight! Plus, there is currently an FAA Proposal For Rule Making that would increase the minimum flight time requirement to 500 hours. A new instrument rated pilot wouldn't qualify to take someone up for a VFR charitable flight!

AOPA has the full details of the present requirements at this web site.

<http://www.aopa.org/whatsnew/regulatory/charity.html>

Here is a thumbnail sketch of what is presently required.

Pilot in command: Minimum = Private, current and valid medical, current per 14 CFR61.56 & .57, 200 hours, has not participated in more than 4 similar events during the current calendar year. (*Don't dare donate at 5 events or face the FAA!!!*)

Aircraft: Standard airworthiness cert., be airworthy and comply with subpart E of part 91. Check with your insurance carrier too!

Airport: Must be a public airport adequate for the aircraft to be used or another airport that has been approved by the FAA for the operation.

Sponsor: Charitable org must be identified as such by US Dept of Treasury.

Drug Testing: AOPA Members-Only Exemption: Prior to event, AOPA member must submit the Online Request Form. (After the event, all pilots involved must submit their names to AOPA.) AOPA will respond with a sample agreement for review by my attorney! Within 7 days after the event the Charity Flight Drug and Alcohol Testing Exemption Form must be sent to AOPA.

Sponsor: Notifies FSDO at least 7 days before event. Sponsors signed letter must include; Name of sponsor, purpose of charitable event, date, time, location, photocopy of pilots certificate, medical, logbook entries re 200+ hours.

After the event: Complete and submit AOPA Exemption Form. AOPA submits the form to the FAA. Each pilot involved is required to have a logbook entry for each charitable event.

This is our government, reaching into our lives to protect us from ourselves. They are raising the barrier higher and higher that separates the general public from the joy and freedom of flight, and reinforcing the perception that flying is only for the rich and famous, out of reach for the common man. As if there was not already enough government regulation regarding aviation...

Paul L.

AOPA introduces the subject like this on the web site. "General aviation pilots often engage in sightseeing flights in conjunction with local airport open-house events to raise funds for airport authorities, churches, civic groups, boy scouts and girl scouts, or local community members in time of need. These charity flight operation not only raise much-needed funds, but also foster productive working relationships between pilots, airport authorities, airport neighbors, local politicians, and other members of the local community. Charity sightseeing flights are invaluable in terms of promoting the utility, value, and overall image of general aviation to the non-flying public." *(We need to make the effort, and we need to be making these flights.)*

Chapter 302 Meeting:

We will meet as usual on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 9 AM, Lone Star Executive Airport, (CXO), north end, across from General Aviation, in Hangar 13. Visitors are always welcome!

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

Or better yet, fly there!

Calendar

- k** 1st Sat., Pancakes, McGregor (PWG) Caution! Near Crawford
- k** 2nd Sat., Fajita Fly-In, Lufkin, (LFK)
- k** 2nd Sat., Pancakes, Disc. fuel, New Braunfels
- k** 3rd Sat., BBQ Lunch, Disc. fuel, Jasper Apt. (JAS)
- k** 4th Saturday, Leesville (L39) Fly-In Lunch.
- k** Last Saturday, Tamale lunch, Georgetown Airport (GTU), TX.

**Next Meeting:
February 11th
9:00 AM**

- f** Feb 10-12, Mid-Winter Rotor-Fest - www.weslick.com/rotorfest.htm, Pecan Plantation (0TX1), Gathering of rotary-powered aircraft and enthusiasts. Contact: Bill Eslick 817-475-2194, bill@weslick.com
- f** April 4-10, Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL.
- f** Apr 7-9, [Kerrville, TX](#). Colorado Pilots Assoc Fly-in. Tour Mooney Aircraft factory, wildflower and winery tour, canoe/kayak on the Guadalupe and visit Fredericksberg. Contact: Dean Jaros & Jan McKenzie (970) 686-1233, mckenjn@yahoo.com
- f** April 22, Ch.302 Spring Fly-In, Lone Star Executive Airport (CXO) 8AM-3PM, Pancakes, Hamburgers, Clasic Cars, April 29th rain date.
- f** May 11-14. **The Texas Fly-In (SWRFI)** at Hondo, TX, Thursday through Sunday. (*Sunday is just breakfast, church service, fly home.*)
- f** July 24-30, Oshkosh, AirVenture2006

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