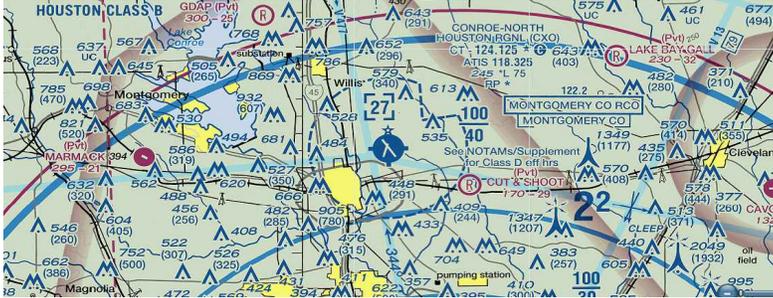


EAA Chapter 302



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Newsletter

MEETING NOTICE

March 14TH, 2025, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
Mar. 12th
7-8:30
Galaxy



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Program: Fly Like A Girl

Hints: Lacing Wire Bundles



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February 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz welcomed 67 members and guests at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance: Luke and Jake, Bill Donahoe's grandsons, led the pledge.

Welcome Visitors: Luke & Jake Williamson, Preston Ables (High school student learning to fly), Hugo Perez (working PPL at US Aviation), Allen Hein & daughter Kristin (Grumman Tiger in the Hood)

Treasurer's Report: Starting Balance January 1, 2026: \$15,557.15 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance January 31, 2026: \$16,214.52 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Dues Income \$875. Swindle Income \$156. Rent Expense \$200. Website Expense \$201.

Safety Minute: Wrong surface landings are serious events. Data shows 85% of them involve general aviation. Lack of attention, airport geometry, landing surface color and communication are all factors. Search YouTube: Wrong Surface Landings

Project Updates: Alan Arrow / 1948 Piper Vagabond restoration - PA15 = Cover thru paint completed. Tail feathers installed, flt. control cables connected, on the gear. John Pulis / Smyth Sidewinder = Problem solving is a key skill of building. Be familiar with AC 43.13. This project was completed by combining two abandoned projects. Upgraded panel to Garmin G3X.

Aviation Interest: The SkyFly Axe is an electric aircraft that has been five years in development. It features side by side seating, a canard design and four wingtip mounted electric motors. It is capable of vertical or conventional take off with 1 hour range at 100 MPH. Search YouTube: *The Axe / Skyfly Technology*

Congratulations: Tom Hammer / Highlander SuperSTOL recently received an airworthiness certificate. Matthias Bell / His Risen aircraft has arrived from Italy. Phase I test flying complete.

Hint for Homebuilders: EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council Member and RV-8 builder Mike Dooley demonstrates how to straighten curvy ribs using a square jig and fluting pliers. Search EAA Hints for Homebuilders: *Rib Fluting Fixture*

News and Reports:

Rainbow Aviation will teach two Light Sport Repairman Inspection Courses here Sat-Sun June 27-28 and Mon-Tue June 29-30, 20 students each class from 8AM-5PM. Chapter 302 members have first chance at seats. After that Rainbow will offer seats to others in Texas. Cost - \$650 to 302 members. This course allows non-builder (current or future) owners to have condition inspection authority thru the MOSAIC initiative. Registration to Rainbow NLT 1 March, pay Rainbow directly yourself. Contact Bill Donahoe with questions.

March 21 is the first Young Eagle event of 2026. Volunteers and YEs sign up on our website.

--We have two summer Air Academy Camp slots for 2026. June 19-24 / 'Horizons Camp'. July 24-Aug 1 / "Explorer Camp". 12-18 years old. Looking for candidates. See our website for details.

--EAA Chapter 302 has a 2026 Ray Scholarship available. We will cost share \$3,000 of our money with EAA Oshkosh for a total of \$12,000. See our website for details.

Adjourn

Fly out to KCLL and the Gate 12 restaurant canceled for weather..

EAA302 GETS “GOLD” AGAIN

From President Joe Waltz--Due to your tireless efforts, we did it again! Chapter 302 continues to be ranked as a Gold level chapter. Always good to get a pat on the back. Let's keep the ball rolling in 2026.



From EAA National--Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the GOLD level status recognition level for the 2025 year. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at EAA.org/FindAChapter with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials.

Here's how we scored:

- Attends a chapter leadership training session: 1
- Growing or steady membership: 1
- Offers IMC or VMC Club programs: 1
- Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs: 1
- Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor: 1
- Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey: 1
- Supports Ray Aviation Scholarship, EAA's Air Academy: 1
- Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email: 1
- Hosts at least two public events each year: 1
- Owens/leases a facility: 0
- Extra credit activity: **Maintains a Tool Crib: 0 (They missed it!)**

WE STILL NEED AIR ACADEMY ENTRIES

We still need candidates for two Air Academy slots. For info, go to EAA.org/airacademy.

June 19 - 24, HORIZONS
(session 2, age 16-18)

July 14-22, EXPLORE
(session 3, age 16-18)

Please have your suggestions in by May 15, 2026 and have them ready for an interview.



FROM YOUR WEBMASTER



In an effort to improve our email services, we've updated our policies to align with current best practices. These updates help protect our domain, EAA302.org, from being flagged as spam or misused for phishing.

Effective this month, we will no longer send chapter communications from eaa302@gmail.com. Since this is considered a personal email account, it is not recommended for official organizational use.

Going forward, all chapter emails will come from addresses ending in @eaa302.org. The primary addresses you will see are:

info@eaa302.org

newsletter@eaa302.org

While these changes will significantly reduce the likelihood of our emails being marked as spam, it is still possible that some messages may be filtered.

You can help ensure delivery by adding (whitelisting) the above email addresses to your safe sender list. Here are instructions for Gmail users:

[White list with GMail](#)

If you use a different email provider, please refer to their help documentation for instructions. Please note that the Webmaster is unable to provide individual support for email whitelisting.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain secure and reliable communications.



RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



EAA 302 HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR ANOTHER RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2026

Applications are now open
This will be a 25% 302—75% National for \$12,000

Deadline for Applications is April 15th, 2026

To qualify for consideration, a Chapter 302 candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Age 16-19
- Hold an FAA Medical Certificate (minimum 3rd Class)
- Hold an FAA Student Pilot Certificate
- Have passed the FAA Private Pilot Airplane Airman Knowledge Test (written exam) with a minimum score of 80%
- Be able to begin training within 60 days of accepting the award
- Be able to solo within 3 months
- Be able to complete training within 12 months of accepting the award
- Submit a letter of recommendation from an adult who can attest to their abilities and commitment
- Submit a self-written 150-250 personal statement explaining why they should be selected

Please go to our website—EAA302.org and click on “Ray Scholarship” to learn more



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YOUNG EAGLE RALLY

Saturday March 21st

(Rain Date March 28th)

Please consider
volunteering
For a Young Eagle Event



SPRING IS COMING!

Should be warmer Flying Weather
It's time for another Young Eagle Rally

We will have approximately 30 kids. It is currently a "Private Event" with invitations. Kids will arrive at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00. Location will be at the Airport Office Building. Members can volunteer for ground or flight positions. **We especially need pilots/airplanes.** Please use the checklist on the following page. (Reference only, you don't need to turn in) If you need to be qualified for the Youth Protection Program, (YPP) please go to:

<https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>.

Volunteers need to show up at 8:00 for setup with plans to start flying at 9:00. Please contact Dean Marcott, text or email at 815-382-2220 or deanmarcott@yahoo.com.



EAA 302 Young Eagles Pilot/Aircraft Qualifications - Self Verification

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Pilot Name: _____

Aircraft Type: _____ Tail Number: _____

EAA Membership Number: _____

Pilot Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Item	Requirement	Expiration / Next Due Date	Self Verification Initials
Current EAA National Member	Member of EAA (Chapter membership not req.)		
Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance	\$100,000 per seat - minimum		
Pilot License	Sport Pilot or Better	N/A	
Medical or D.L. (Sport)	Current		
Currency	3 Take Off and Landings in 90 days (add 90 days to last 3)		
Flight Review	Within 24 months (add 24 months to last)		
Aircraft Airworthiness Cert	On Board	N/A	
Pitot Static / Transponder Check	Current – every 2 years		
Aircraft Registration	Current and On Board (Expires every 7 years)		
POH / Operating Limitations	On Board	N/A	
Annual or Condition Inspection	Within 12 Months (add 12 months to last)		
EAA Youth Protection Certification (video training)	Required every 3 Years https://www.eaa.org/en/eaaccount/accountlogin#/login / My Account / scroll down to Go to Training		

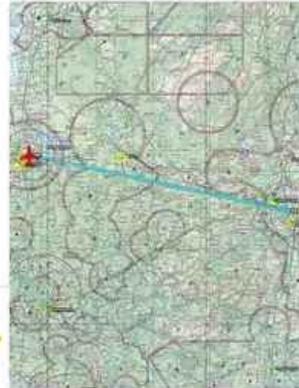
IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, March 12th (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: Besides a thorough weather briefing, what are 5 reminders that the FAA promotes for preparing for a VFR night flight?

Weather along the route includes scattered clouds at 4,500 feet with visibility better than 10 miles. Winds are out of the north at 10 knots.



Weather

3:24

VMC March 2026 - Electrical Problems

IMC Question of the Month: Besides airframe icing, what types of icing must a pilot be aware of when operating in conditions of visible moisture?

After contacting departure, ATC clears you to 3,000 and assigns a heading that puts you on a northwesterly ground track. About 10 minutes later, ATC clears you to 8,000 direct to DXX.



Flight

5:02

IMC March 2026 - Traffic Avoidance

Commissioner Robert C. Walker, Precinct One
936-539-7815



Spring 2026 Heavy Trash Event Precinct 1



PAINT RECYCLING

DRY PAINT AND EMPTY CANS
CAN GO IN THE TRASH!

- latex & oil base paint accepted
- solvents/minerals accepted
- labels must be legible
- 1 or 5 gallon cans accepted
- 10 gallon limit per vehicle



PAPER SHREDDING

Available at both locations



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- household trash
- hazardous waste
- fire extinguishers
- cylinders/tanks of any kind
- barrels or drums
- shingles, concrete, granite
- tires, oil, antifreeze, appliances with freon, and electronics (These items are accepted weekdays at the Conroe/North Montgomery County Recycle Center from 8am-4:30pm located at 142 W. Wally Wilkerson Pkwy 936-539-7911)

Saturday, March 28, 2026

**New Hours:
From 7am - 2pm**

2 LOCATIONS:



WEST PARK
16716 FM 149
MONTGOMERY, TX 77356



WILLIS BALLPARK
13551 ROGERS RD
WILLIS, TX 77378

The Heavy Trash Event is a free service offered to the residents of Montgomery County Precinct One in an effort to keep our county roads free of illegal dumping.

**TIRE RECYCLING IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THIS EVENT.
FOR EASIER REMOVAL, PLEASE NO BOX OR ENCLOSED TRAILERS.
RESIDENTIAL CLEAN UP ONLY - NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES.**



SUN 'n FUN

AEROSPACE EXPO

APRIL 14-19, 2026
LAKELAND, FL

RED, WHITE & BLUE

52

250TH ANNIVERSARY

MERICA!

GET TICKETS!



FLYSNF.ORG

Event Proceeds Fuel Education Programs at
AEROSPACE
Center For Excellence



THIS WEEK'S FLYOUT—GATE 12 CLL



What-a-Burger!!

Weathered out in February—try again

Fly in, and park at Astin Aviation FBO on the east side. Entry from the airfield is through Astin FBO's lobby, and it's just a short walk to the restaurant. There are tables with an airfield view, more tables inside, and a small patio outside under a sun shade. Gate 12 is associated with a steak house downtown, and has an upscale menu and prices.

Be sure to save your receipt as you leave. You'll return through Astin's lobby again. They have a \$10 ramp fee which they will waive with a receipt. 100LL fuel is \$7.24/gal, but you can get a \$10 reduction if you fuel for 10 or more gallons.



Easterwood Field
KCLL

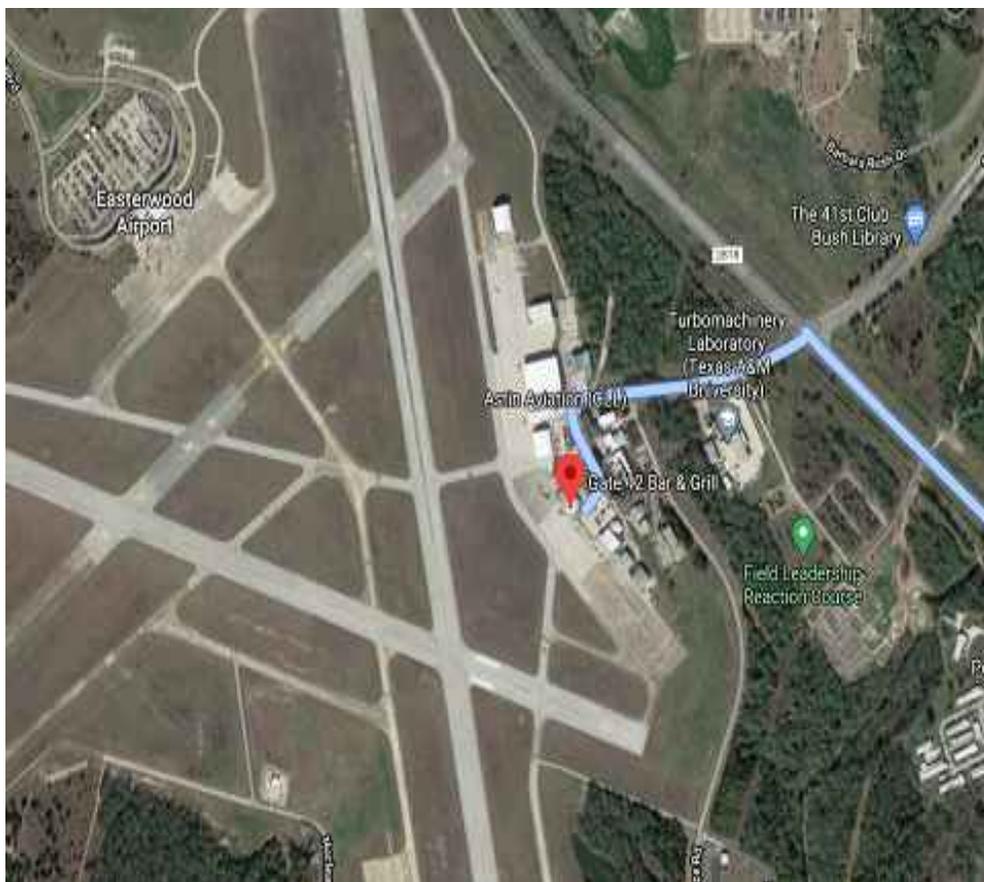
Elevation 319

Runways
11/29 and 17/35

ATIS 126.85

GROUND 128.7

TOWER 118.5



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



For Sale: LHS-200B Landing Height System - NEW Unopened, still in original bubble wrap.

Will include A/C Spruce wiring for RV6, 7 or 8

\$800 (Save approximately \$300) or Best Offer

aox1969@earthlink.net



For Sale—Sigtronics Sport 200S intercom. Working when removed. Includes an installation guide. \$99

This is a donated item that will fund Chapter 302 activities.

Contact Denny Irvine
936-827-0091 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

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Hangar for Lease

43' X 36' rectangular hangar with new Epoxy flooring. Shared, \$400/month-1 spot available.

For 1 year, 1.5 or 2 years.

Amit Kulkarni 713-724-7721
amit77us@gmail.com

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Events

Keith Pache

We now meet in Galaxy FBO's building on the South Side of the Conroe-North Houston Airport. Use the South Entrance, 1st 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.

