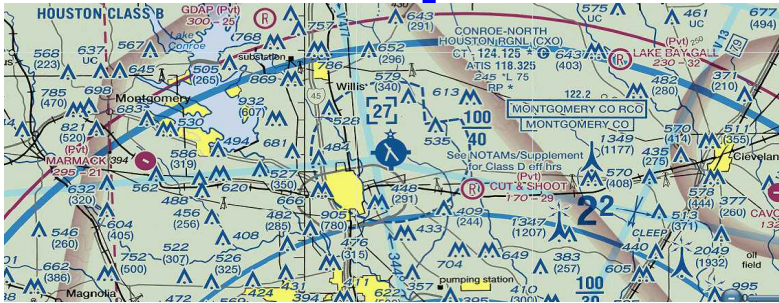


EAA Chapter 302



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Newsletter

MEETING NOTICE

April 11TH, 2025, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
Apr. 9th
7-8:30
Galaxy



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Program: Airventure Surprise

Hints: Lacing Wire Bundles



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March 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz welcomed 83 members & guests at 10 AM in the Galaxy meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance: Carter Gearn, Air Academy Basic Camp attendee, led the pledge.

Welcome Visitors: Charles Betzer owns an airplane and is interested in flying Young Eagles. Dr. John Hermann and his wife Gena own a 1951 Navion. John is an AME.

Treasurer's Report: Starting Balance February 1, 2026: \$16,014.52 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance February 28, 2026: \$16,950.19 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Dues Income \$325. Donation Income \$462. Rent Expense \$200.

EAA Nat'l Gold Status: Because of your chapter's strong commitment to general aviation EAA's Chapter Recognition Program has awarded us the **EAA Chapters Gold**. This is the third consecutive annual recognition. Meeting 9 of 11 program criteria qualified us for Gold. Details search EAA website: *Chapter Recognition*

Basic Med: Dr Hermann gave some facts. 88,000 pilots are using Basic Med (BM) today. In 2019 there were 3,952 AMEs. Today there are 2,417. BM functions as designed if pilots fairly evaluate their fitness to fly. Pilots are responsible for this assessment. He suggested older pilots consider using BM. If you loose your medical privileges with a suspended or denied CLASS I, II or III you do not qualify for Basic Med until you get a Special Issuance. That can be a challenge. Be very familiar with the FAA's Do Not Issue (DNI) Medications list. AOPA acts as a major advocate providing training and resources for the program. Google Search: *AOPA Basic Med*

Aviation Interest: Brittane "Britt" Lincoln is a forth generation pilot from Montana. Her grandfather and father were crop-dusters. She began aerobatic training in 2019 and yet she is the 2023 US Advanced Aerobatic Champion. Now she is flying the airshow circuit in her Extra 330SC. Search YouTube: *Fly Like a Girl! The upside-down life of Britt Linclon*

Project Updates: Ernie Brown / RV-14A = Finally past the challenges of parts corrosion, laser parts and bankruptcy at Vans. Now crankshaft problems at Lycomiig. Avionics in / organizing wiring. Working fit and finish of canopy & rear window. John Jacobi / Sonex Highwing = Tail section kit just arrived. Working in his garage.

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 their seating. Rainbow will offer remaining 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. Contact Bill Donahoe with questions.

--March 21 is our 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 / 'Navigating Horizons Camp'. July 14-22 / "Explore Aviaiton Camp" for ages 14-18 years old. Looking for candidates. See our website for details. May 15 deadline.

--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. May 15 deadline.

Adjourn

--Fly out to KCLL and the Gate 12 Restaurant

--Remember before each meeting some gather any time after 8 AM on the 3rd floor Galaxy FBO Black Walnut Cafe for breakfast. Also, after the meeting consider 12 PM lunch at McKenzie's BBQ at 1501 N. Frazier St, Conroe where some gather for BBQ.

POST-MEETING TACO TIME

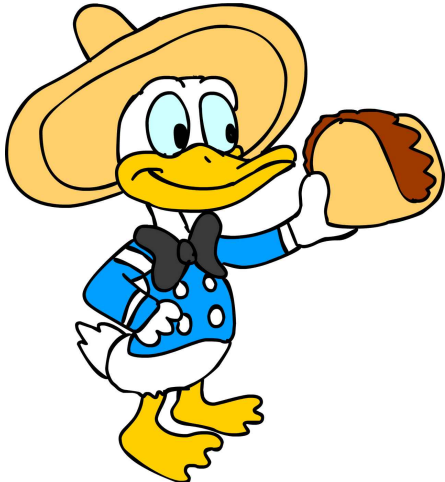


We've done Burger Burns
Let's try something new!

After the Regular Meeting, we'll gather on "The Hill". Use the Dorbandt Gate

La Nortena Taqueria will be serving tacos from
12:00 until 1:30

Please follow parking instructions
And don't block the taxiway



MARCH 14TH CLL FLYOUT



The Saturday, March 14th flyout immediately after the Regular Meeting was to the “12th Man Restaurant” at Easterwood Field, College Station. Good turnout with 20 people & 8 planes. Notice we got the side room with EAA's “Aluminum Overcast.”

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.





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 May 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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MARCH 21ST YOUNG EAGLE RALLY

Photos by Miles Demster, Becky Lutte & Dean Marcott

25 Kids, 8 Airplanes and Great Spring Weather



A new venue on the General Air Services Ramp



Tim Grassman & his RV-14



The RV-10 Squadron, with Joe Waltz on the left and Steve Lutte on the right



Denny Irvine brought Bearforce 1



And the stars of the Rally—EAA302, US Aviation & ATP

IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, April 9th (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 know that a thorough weather briefing is critical for a cross-country flight, but what are some sources of weather information we can access during flight to get updates?

After the preflight, you and your non-pilot friend board the airplane, and you complete a safety briefing. You then go through the pre-start checklist and start the engine.



Flight

4:03

VMC April 2026 - Bumpy Final

IMC Question of the Month: What factors can affect the planned fuel consumption and fuel reserves during a cross-country flight, and how can you deal with them?

After receiving your IFR clearance, you taxi from the hangar to runway 5, stopping on the terminal ramp to perform a runup. You then set the GPS and recheck your flight plan.



Flight

3:56

IMC April 2026 - Surprises at Night



EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

- 1) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. April 9th IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see Newsletter for details).
- 2) 10:00-11:15am Sat. April 11th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 3) 11:30am-?? Sat. April 11th Taco Truck (The Hill).
- 4) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. April 13th Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center).
- 5) 10:00am-?? First Monday May 4th Donuts & Coffee (Hangar 17E - Taxiway D)
- 6) 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/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>
 - d) FAA Safety Webinars = <https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>
- 7) 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
1/1-12/31/26	Lone Star Flight Museum - Free Museum Days (every Tuesday)	KEFD Ellington Airport: Houston, Texas, USA	47 nm	https://lonestarflight.org/free-museum-day/	346-708-2517 info@lonestarflight.org
4/10-12/26	2nd Annual River Bend Fly-In and Campout	River Bend Aero Ranch 228 River Bend Lane Mena, Arkansas 71953 N34 34.43, W94 01.49	259 nm	https://planecrazyusa.com/index.html	Todd Spink 515-450-3474 mouchot@yahoo.com
4/11/26	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee - \$100 Hamburger Scholarship	KTRL Terrell Municipal Airport: Terrell, Texas, USA	148 nm	https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
4/14-4/19/26	Sun n Fun	KLAL Lakeland Linder International Airport Lakeland, Florida, USA	763 nm	https://flysnf.org/	863-644-2431 fly-info@flysnf.org
4/18/26	10:00am-2:00pm Wings and Wheels Open Ramp Day	KHOU William P Hobby Airport: Houston, Texas, USA	43 nm	https://www.1940airterminal.org/3rd-saturdays-at-the-museum	Rich Simental 713-454-1940 rich.simental@1940airterminal.org
4/18/26	8:00am-4:00pm Fly-In & Food Truck Festival	09R Tyler County Airport Woodville, Texas, USA	56 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
4/18/26	7:30am-2:00pm Hilltop Lakes Fly-In (CTAF 122.9)	0TE4 Hilltop Lakes Airport Hilltop Lakes, Texas, USA	60 nm	Facebook	Eric Nestoney 713-882-7616
4/18/26	11:00am-1:00pm Lakeside Gumbo	3TX1 Paradise Point Airport Berryville, Texas, USA	104 nm	https://www.eaa.org/ea/event/sonex1517eaa-972-lakeside-gumbo032120261100?id=990BA404036247CF8DE8561BF6020E53	Robbie Culver 630-730-7144 eaa.chapter.972@gmail.com
4/18/26	9:00am-3:00pm Third Annual "Tex" Hill Wing Fiesta Fly-In/Drive-In	KSSF Stinson Municipal Airport: San Antonio, Texas, USA	171 nm	https://texhillwing.org/event/fiesta-fly-in/	commofficer@texhillwing.org
4/18-19/26	9:00am-5:00pm Lone Star Flight Museum Fleet Week Static Display (free admission)	KEFD Ellington Airport: Houston, Texas, USA	47 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
4/25/26	9:00am Rutan Aircraft Flying Experience Open House	KEFD Ellington Airport: Houston, Texas, USA	47 nm	https://www.rutanaircraftflyingexperience.org/post/rafe-s-houston-open-house	None
4/25/26	Critters Lodge One day memorial event in memory of Dale Slagle our Controller and friend. Brisket Lunch served 12:00-1:30pm. Use 122.9 for	TE01 Dillard Ranch Airport Centerville, Texas, USA	60 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	Wendell Dillard 903-536-7000 critterslodge@windstream.org



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Third Annual "Tex" Hill Wing



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Saturday, April 18th 2026

Starting at 9:00am until 3:00pm

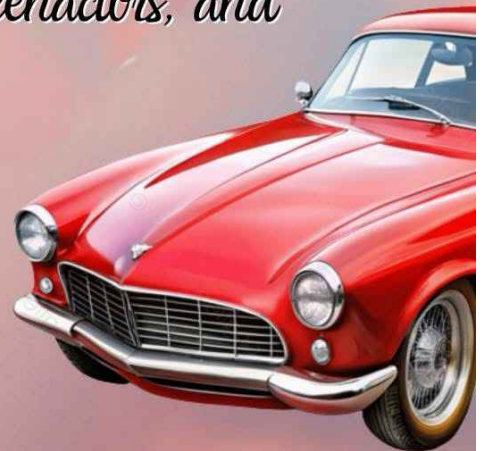


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APRIL 18,
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7:30am - 2:00pm

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hotel, dine at our restaurant, play a round
on our 18-hole golf course or mini golf
course, and take in our beautiful lakes. With
something for everyone, it's the perfect
place to relax and enjoy!**

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For more information contact T-38 Club President,
Eric Nesloney at: **(713) 882-7616**

For reservations contact: **(936) 855-2222**

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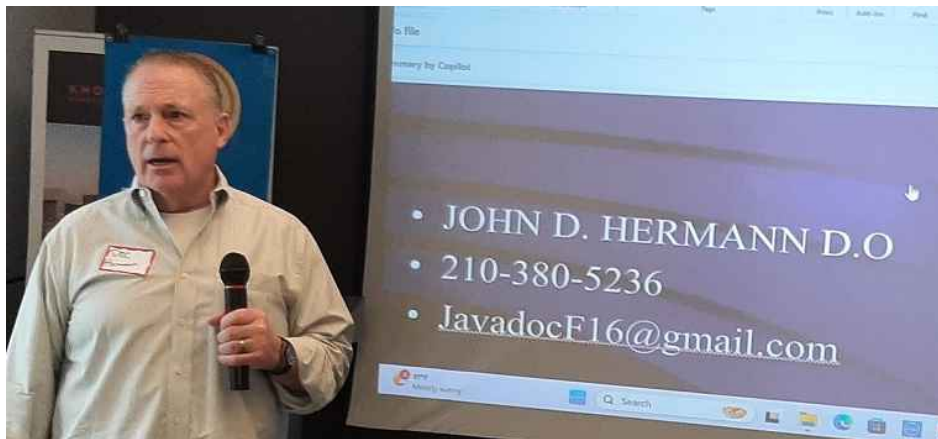
Ads are free to any EAA member. They will run for 6 months, or until you pull them out of classified. Text or Email to dirvine1945@gmail.com



FOR SALE—Tosten stick grips for your build. 8 different functions on each grip. Installation instructions included. New—never installed. \$50 each/\$100 for the pair.

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

Contact Denny Irvine
936-827-0091 dirvine1945@gmail.com



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LOOKING FOR TWO PARTNERS

To share a Harmon Rocket! The required down payment is \$30,000 which split three ways would be \$10,000. A bargain basement investment to fly a Rocket. The aircraft is a Ted Rutherford built Harmon Rocket being sold for \$135,000. I work with Commercial Bank of Texas--the current interest rate on a 20 year loan is 6.5%. The monthly mortgage plus insurance is a little less than \$400

each. Most flying clubs charge \$300 a month for a Cessna 172. I calculate a \$40 a flight hour as a fair maintenance charge in a rainy day / conditional inspection fund. I have a 5000 sq ft hangar at XS09 with a 3600 ft grass field so hangar cost would be zero.

For more information, contact Doc Hermann (see above) 210-380-5236

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FOR SALE: Sears Craftsman Air Compressor. 220 volt. Excellent volume. Asking \$100. Serious offers only. Runs well!

Text or Call
Steve Havemann
281-433-5182



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. **Reduced to \$75.**

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

Call, text or email:

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dhleb@consolidated.net



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Amit Kulkarni 713-724-7721
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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.

