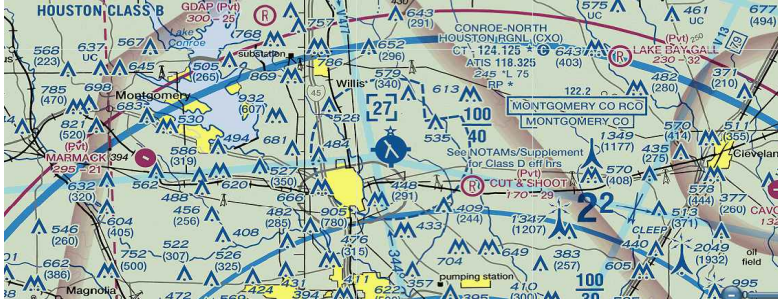


EAA Chapter 302



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Newsletter

MEETING NOTICE

May 9TH, 2025, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
May 14th
7-8:30
Galaxy



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

The Bamboo Bomber

Hints: Bonding Brushes



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April 11th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz called the Meeting to order at 10:00 with 70 people.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge was led by Praise Pupula, a Ray Scholar applicant.

Guests and Visitors: 3 New Members! Andy Nedrow, CFII at Chennault with a Citabria for tailwheel instruction. Steve Collins building a Van's RV-7A. Gary Craze interested in trying Experimental. 3 More Visitors: Ahren Fields exploring Experimental. Todd McQuown looking for tube/fabric aviators. David Fyock—an A&P, CFI and flies with Mission Aviation to multiple countries.

Safety Minute: “Survival Tools” was shown. Make sure you build a kit including tools, water, first aid, shelter and survival items right now when your life DOES'NT depend on it.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Donahoe reported we had a March beginning balance of \$16,950.19. Income was \$528.00, while expenses were \$310.25, leaving an ending balance \$16,967.94.

Chapter Awards: Joe Waltz reported the responses to the National Survey to Chapter 302. We had 52 members respond to the survey with only one negative response. Chapters are rated on a 1 to 10 point rating with 9 to 10 being designated “Gold” Status Chapters. We had 9 points—the only other point we could get would be to have a Chapter owned facility.

Program: “Airventure Surprise”--a video about the Airventure arrival of 4 Spirit SE-1 aircraft. They were built in semi-secrecy and showed up with aircraft ready to sell. Very simple, single cockpit planes with built from scratch 2-cylinder engines. They each flew from Colorado to OSH on 22 gallons.

Projects: Alan Arrow restoring a Piper Vagabond and how he was tightening the vertical and horizontal flying wires. Rick Oliver showed the progress on the panel of his Zenith 750 STOL.

Hints for Homebuilders: Paul Dye was in Oshkosh, showing “Lacing Wire Bundles”. Your project really shouldn't have “rat's nest” wiring and he showed how to use temporary zip ties and finish with wax coated lacing cord.

Events: Keith Pache pointed out all the flyout opportunities, including Airventure. Check our website where there are 7 pages of updated things to do.

New & Old Business: Young Eagles flew 25 kids with 8 planes March 21. We encountered several problems at General FBO and won't have a April event until we sort out better parking venues.

--Ray Scholarship application deadline is May 15 th .

--Our 2 Airventure Camp slots are June 19-24 and July 24-Aug 1. Still need applicants.

--MOSAIC and the LSRI slots are filled. We had 30 of the 40 seats. Classes June 27-28 and 29-30.

--Instead of a Burger Burn, there will be a Taco Burn on the “Hill” at 12:00 PM after the meeting.

50/50 Raffle

Adjourn

--Next meeting will be May 9 th . Consider joining breakfast before at the Black Walnut



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](http://EAA302.org) and click on “Ray Scholarship” to learn more



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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.



IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, May 14th (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: You've carefully planned a cross-country flight of considerable length. Besides your flight plan, what strategies can you employ to maintain situational awareness of your fuel status, and avoid fuel exhaustion?

Video Scenario:

The aircraft preflight finds everything in order with no obvious problems. The fuel tanks have been visually checked and the estimated 34 gallons is enough to fly round trip with VFR daytime reserves, although the plan is to refuel at Minneapolis.



Flight

4:13

VMC May 2026 - Starved of Attention

IMC Question of the Month: Many pilots consistently use a 65 or 75 percent power setting in cruise. Under what conditions would a best range or best endurance power setting be warranted, and how can you set them?

The reported weather along the route includes day IFR conditions with ceilings of 700 to 1,200 feet broken, visibility of 3 to 5 miles. Surface winds at HRO are 9 knots out of the south.



Weather

4:35

IMC May 2026 - Trim Trouble



EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

- 1) 10:00am-?? First Monday May 4th Donuts & Coffee (Hangar 17E - Taxiway D)
- 2) 10:00-11:15am Sat. May 9th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 3) 11:15am-?? Sat. May 9th Flyout to 20th Annual Smithville Fly-In (84R). See newsletter for details.

- 4) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. May 14th IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see newsletter for details).
- 5) May 16-17, 9:00am-4:00pm Giant Hangar Sale (east half of Avionics Unlimited hangar).

- 6) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. June 8th Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center).

7) 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
5/9/26	10:00am-2:00pm Fly-In and Car Show	T25 Aero Estates Airport Frankston, Texas, USA	104 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	903-530-9025 aeroestates.org
5/16/26	7:15am-5:00pm Hometown Rides Day	KCXO Conroe North-Houston Regional Airport	0 nm	https://www.devildogsguadron.com/events/682	None
5/16/26	1:30am-3:00pm Hilltop Lakes Fly-In	OTE4 Hilltop Lakes Airport Hilltop Lakes, Texas, USA	60 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	Wanda Mitchell Nesloney Eric Nesloney 713-882-7616
5/16/26	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
5/16/26	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=990BA404036247CFBDE8561BF6020E53	Robbie Culver 630-730-7144 eaa.chapter.972@gmail.com
5/16/26	9:00am-4:00pm Armed Forces Day Fly-In and Historic Aircraft Show	KGVT Majors Airport Greenville, Texas, USA	166 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
5/16-17/26	9:00am-4:00pm Giant Hangar Sale (east half of Avionics Unlimited hangar)	KCXO Conroe North-Houston Regional Airport	0 nm	None	Keith Pache 713-412-7010 pilotpache@aol.co
5/16-17/26	Uvalde Fly-In Weekend	KUVA Garner Field Airport Uvalde, Texas, USA	236 nm	https://uvaldeflightcenter.com/	830-279-0877
5/23/26	11:00am-3:00pm Calhoun County Annual Fly-In	KPKV Calhoun County Airport Port Lavaca, Texas, USA	122 nm	Facebook - Lone Star Aviators	361-552-1228 gatewayflightcenter@gmail.com
5/23/26	8:00-11:00am Biplanes and Breakfast	KRKP Aransas County Airport Rockport, Texas, USA	160 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	Wings Over Rockport
5/23/26	8:00-11:00am Vintage Flying Museum Pancake Fly-In	KFTW Fort Worth Meacham International Airport Fort Worth, Texas, USA	178 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
5/30/26	10:30am-1:30pm All Women's Fly-In	KGLE Gainesville Municipal Airport Gainesville, Texas, USA	217 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
6/6/26	8:00-11:00am Pancake Breakfast Fly-In/Drive-In	KJWY Mid-Way Regional Airport Midlothian/Waxahachie, Texas, USA	148 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=28026	Sharlette Wright 972-923-0080 sharlette.wright@waxahachie.com

20TH ANNUAL SMITHVILLE FLY-IN 2026

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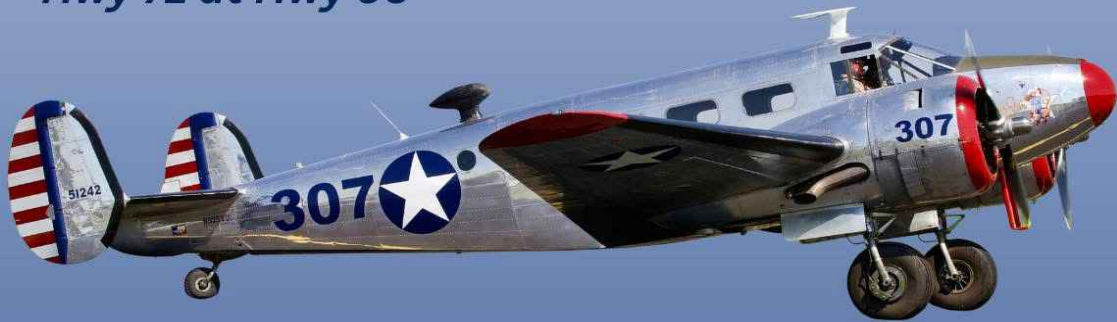
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SATURDAY MAY 9, 2026

10AM - 2PM
Hwy 71 at Hwy 95

Rain Date: May 16, 2026



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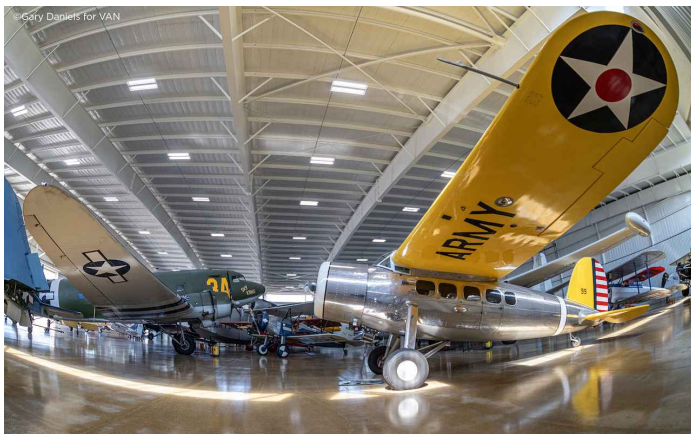
An Invitation from the Recreational Aviation Foundation of Texas



Dear RAF Texas Supporter,

On Saturday May 23, there will be a meet-and-greet at Mt. Pleasant Regional Airport (KOSA). We'll have a private tour of the Mid America Flight Museum at 10am, chat about RAF projects and have lunch provided by Chick-fil-A. The Mid America Flight Museum has an outstanding aircraft collection with a mission of "honoring veterans, promoting aviation history and preserving historic aircraft."

Please RSVP to TX Ambassador Chuck Howard (choward@theraf.org) by May 19, so we can plan properly for space, food, and the museum tour. Ramp space is limited to 25 planes, so RSVP early to guarantee your spot.



MOUNT PLEASANT RGNL (OSA)(KOSA) 35 UTC-6(-5DT) N33°05.81' W94°57.71' **MEMPHIS H-GL L-17D IAP**

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RWY 17-35: H6004X100 (ASPH) S-30 MIRE 0.4% up N

RWY 17: REIL PAPI(P4L)—GA 3.0' TCH 40'

RWY 35: REIL PAPI(P4L)—GA 3.0' TCH 45'. Trees.

SERVICE: S4 FUEL 100LL JET A L6T REIL Rwy 17 and 35, MIRE Rwy 17-35 pre-set on low SS-SR. To ACTVT daytime and incr instl—CTAF. PAPI Rwy 17 and 35 apr coraly.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Attended 1300-0000Z. Deer and wildlife on and in w/ aprt. For Jet A aft hrs call 903-575-4004, 100LL avtl 24 hrs self serv. No line of sight between rwy ends. Rwy 17 and Rwy 35 miks discolored.

AIRPORT MANAGER: 903-575-4030

WEATHER DATA SOURCES: AWOS-3 119-775 (903) 575-4027.

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNCOM 122.7

FORT WORTH CENTER APP/DEP CON: 132.025

CLEARANCE DELIVERY PHONE: For CD c/c: Fort Worth ARTCC at 817-858-7584.

RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION: NOTAM FILE FTW.

QUITMAN (LIDME 114.0 UIM Chan 87 N32°52.83' W95°22.01' 05B: 24.2 NM to fld. 517.

HELIPAD #1: H44X44 (CONC)

HELIPAD REMARKS: H1 miks discolored.

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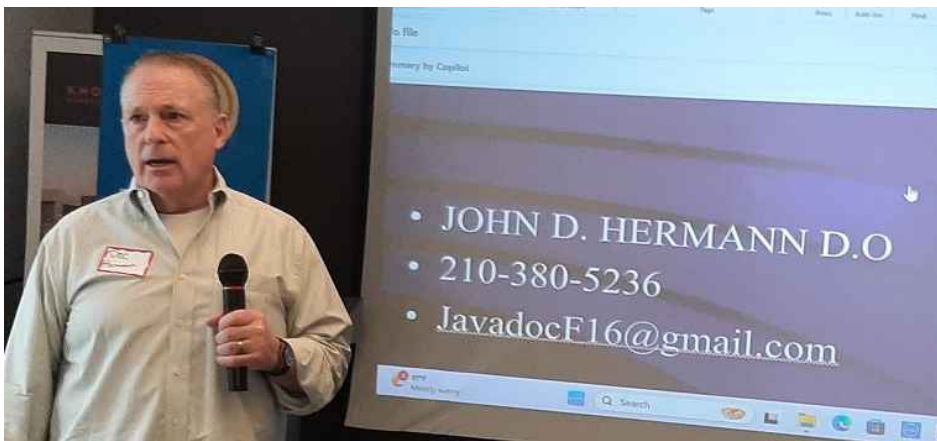
Saturday & Sunday, May 16/17 9 AM to 4 PM

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Too much to list--Everything must go

Contact Elizabeth Franks 713-825-3654



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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!

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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 OBO.**

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

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

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

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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.

