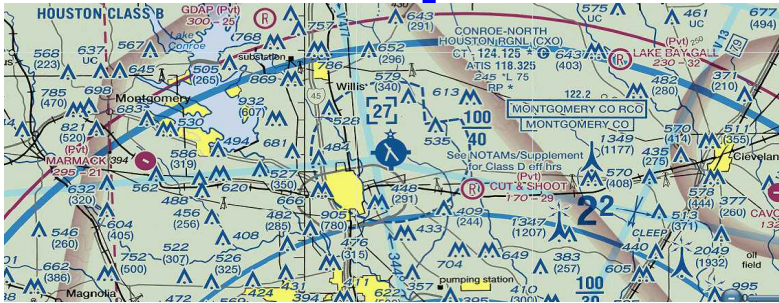


EAA Chapter 302



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Newsletter

MEETING NOTICE

June 13th, 2025, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
Jun 11th
7-8:30
Galaxy



THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Red Rockettes

Securing Aircraft Hardware



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May 9th, 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 Mason Engels, a returning Young Eagle now at OK State

Guests and Visitors: 2 New Members! Rick Lundquist, Houston interested in building aircraft. Corey McLean, also from Houston building a Zenith Cruiser. **2 More Visitors:** Eli Patterson and Mom Laura, Tomball, interested in aviation, and Dean Stanley from Conroe.

Safety Minute: Phil Dixon did 60 seconds on “Pattern Precision” by pointing out good and bad traffic procedures. Familiarize yourself by consulting the FAA Chart Supplement for any U.S. Airport.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Donahoe reported the treasury bank account dropped \$1,132.78 from \$16,967.94 to \$15,835.18 due to the Food Truck lunch we enjoyed after the April meeting.

Spam Email: Darryl Foster commented on a recent hack of Joe Waltz' account. It was easily recognized as Spam and should have just been deleted. If its Urgent, Stilted Language, asks for phone or credit card #'s—DELETE. Our website now blocks emails from over 40 rogue countries.

Program: “The Bamboo Bomber” was shown about a 1942 Cessna “Bobcat” restoration. Only 560 were built and it resides at Ranger Airfield TX, HQ for the Recreational Aircraft Foundation.

Projects: Jason Gearn showed a lift his company constructed for the Blue Origin Lunar Lander.

Casey Briscoe has started a Van's RV-15 kit which will be powered by a Lyc-390 turbo.

John Jacobi noted Sonex has been reinstated and he will soon be getting parts again for his HiWing

Tomas Hammer moved his Highlander Super STOL to Navasota to finish his Phase I.

Hints for Homebuilders: “Bonding Brushes” on a drill to create good ground contacts for wiring.

Podcasts: Chris Gilbertson & Tim Piscitelli (2 RV-8 builders) talked about their 19 or 20 podcasts about their adventures building. Humorous entertainment—look for them on Apple Podcasts.

Events: Keith Pache reviewed upcoming events. Set aside Dec. 12 at McKenzies for the Xmas Party

New & Old Business:

--Ray Scholarship application deadline is May 15th.

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

--The MOSAIC LSRI classes are June 27-28 and 29-30. You should have gotten email confirmation.

--The after meeting Flyout to Smithville was cancelled due to weather.

50/50 Raffle

Adjourn

--Next meeting will be June 13th. Consider joining breakfast before at the Black Walnut

BE SURE TO ATTEND THE MEETING
We will introduce the winners of:

EAA Air Academy Explore Camp



And also introduce the winner of the
RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



NEW YOUNG EAGLE LOCATION



Young Eagles has a new host for the September 19 Young Eagles rally. US Aviation Academy 10013 Military Dr.

SAVE THE DATE.!



NEW AIRCRAFT AT CONROE

Amit Kulkarni has purchased an RV-12is and will use it as a trainer. It's equipped with a Garmin G3X touch screen, GPS navigator and the Rotax 912 injected engine. The gray fiberglass is complemented by highly polished aluminum. Drop by and see it in his hangar at Building 44B-9.



IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, June 11th (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 all know to avoid thunderstorms, but what steps should we take if we inadvertently encounter one?

After start-up, you check the engine instruments, which are all indicating normal. You set your flight instruments, input the required navigation information for a direct flight on the GPS, and check the ATIS. You then contact ground control for a taxi clearance.



Flight

5:24

VMC June 2026 - Unfamiliar Airplane

IMC Question of the Month: Loading an aircraft to ensure proper weight and balance is critical to flight safety. What are the flight characteristics of an aft-loaded airplane (aft CG)?

Video Scenario:

Climbing through 1,000 feet, you contact departure. The controller verifies radar contact, provides the local altimeter setting, and clears you to 5,000 MSL direct SEM.



Flight

5:18

IMC June 2026 - Pressured



EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

- 1) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. June 8th Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center).
- 2) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. June 11th IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see newsletter for details).
- 3) 10:00-11:15am Sat. June 13th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 4) 11:15am-?? Sat. June 13th Flyout to the Angelina County Airport Café (KLFK). See newsletter for details.
- 5) June 27-28th and 29-30th Mosaic & Repairman Inspection Certification Classes (pre-registered attendees only).
- 6) 10:00am-?? First Monday July 6th Donuts & Coffee (Hangar 17E - Taxiway D)
- 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.faa.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>
- 8) 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
6/13/26	8:30am-1:00pm Airplanes and Coffee - Pancake Breakfast Scholarship	KGLE Gainesville Municipal Airport Gainesville, Texas, USA	217 nm	https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
6/20/26	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
6/20/26	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=9908A404036247CFBDE8561BF6020E53	Robbie Culver 630-730-7144 eaa.chapter.972@gmail.com
6/20/26	8:00-11:00am Breakfast Fly-In	F43 El Dorado Downtown Airport-Stevens Field El Dorado, Arkansas, USA	221 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=28110	None
6/27/26	11:00am-7:00pm Triton Air & Aviators Plus 1st Annual Fly-In	11R Brenham Municipal Airport Brenham, Texas, USA	51 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
7/4/26	11:00am-2:00pm 4th of July Fly-In	1T8 (formerly 1TT8) Bulverde Airpark San Antonio, Texas, USA	162 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	Anderson Aviation 830-438-4359
7/4/26	8:00-10:00am CAF Pancake Breakfast Fly-In	KTFP Ingleside Regional Airport Ingleside, Texas, USA	174 nm	https://thirdcoastcaf.org/wordpress/calendar/	3rd Coast Staff Member 361-356-4918 3rdcoastcaf@gmail.com
7/18/26	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
7/20-7/26/26	EAA Airventure (OSHKOSH)	KOSH Wittman Regional Airport Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA	880 nm	https://www.eaa.org/en/airventure	920-426-4800 800-564-6322
8/1/26	8:00-10:00am CAF Pancake Breakfast Fly-In	KTFP Ingleside Regional Airport Ingleside, Texas, USA	174 nm	https://thirdcoastcaf.org/wordpress/calendar/	3rd Coast Staff Member 361-356-4918 3rdcoastcaf@gmail.com
	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes	KSLR Sulphur Springs		https://airplanesandcoffee.com	214-817-4367

Saturday's Fly-Out--Lufkin



Angelina County Airport Cafe

Let's go to Lufkin for lunch. Its a nicely kept airport with a cafe right next to the fuel pumps. Not the cheapest fuel in the area, but they do offer discounts on the weekends. The ladies in the restaurant offer good, reasonably priced food. They make a great burger, but their pies and cobbler (if its not gone) are excellent. And don't forget—they're also open for breakfast. See you there! If you don't have your own ride, see if you can snag one at the meeting.



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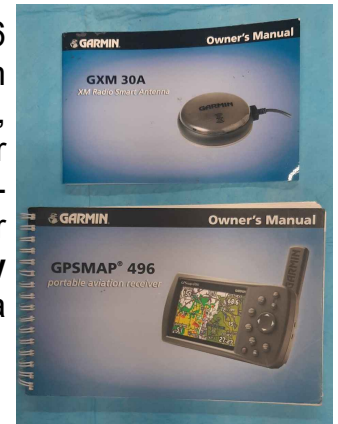


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FOR SALE—Garmin 496 & panel mount, Ram mount for control wheel, dash mount, antennas for GPS, SiriusXM, 12 V extension cords, AC charger and manuals. **Brand new battery. \$275** This is a donation to EAA 302. See below



ALSO FOR SALE—Wing jack for low wing aircraft. Double action hydraulic cylinder and attachment to screw into the receptacle for the tiedown ring. Sold the low wing airplane and went to a high wing. Has wheels for easy moving around. \$50

Both of these items are donations to the EAA 302 Chapter funds. Contact Denny Irvine

936-827-0091 dirvine1945@gmail.com



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

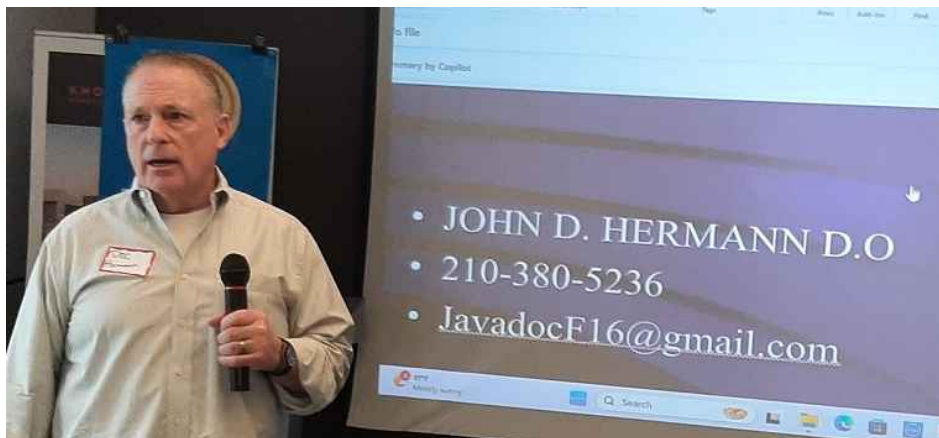


For Sale: LHS-200B Landing Height System - NEW Unopened, still in original bubble wrap.

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

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

aox1969@earthlink.net



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FOR SALE--RV-7A quick build Fuselage, wings and tail section for sale. Stored in insulated garage ready to find a new home and finish the dream I couldn't. Just a little work done on the Empennage Kit. Asking \$30k OBO along with some tools such as pneumatic rivet squeezer and other specialized tools. Please send email to mholcomb@rv-7a.com if interested.

Michael Holcomb
Email:mholcomb@rv-7a.com



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

Contact Info—go to Home/contact us

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Events

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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.

