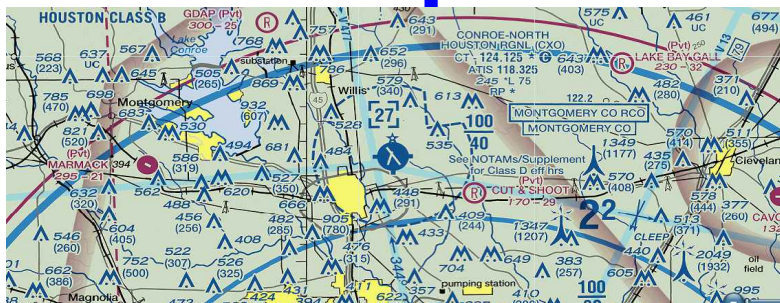


EAA Chapter 302



Newsletter



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MEETING NOTICE

July 11th, 2026, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
July 9th
7-8:30
Galaxy

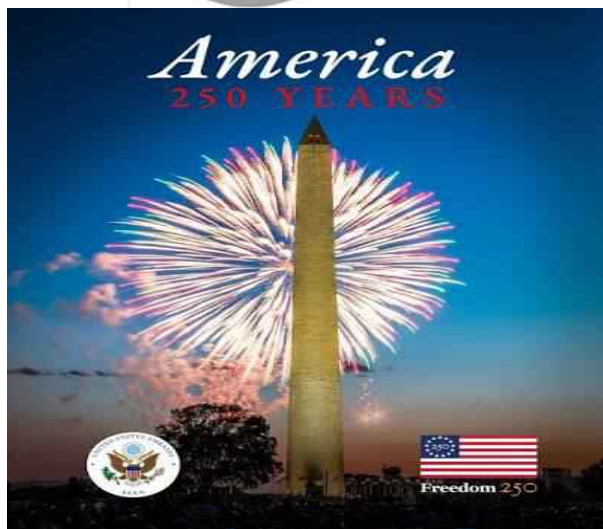


THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Aces for a Baby Ace

Stapling Wood



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June 13th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz welcomed 84 members and guests at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance: Joe Waltz led the pledge.

Welcome: *Visitors* - John & Brayden Cooper, Zack Spelz, Kyle Carlson, Bob & Kim Vdell, Ahren Fields, Grant Garrett, Garrett Elrod, John and Jarin Esparza. *New Members* - Molly Pospisil, Todd McQuwil, Philippe Heer, Bruce Ethel, Luz & Steve Collins

Treasurer's Report: Starting Balance May 1, 2026: \$15,835.16 + \$200 cash on hand. Ending balance May 31, 2026: \$16,059.57 - \$200 cash on hand. Highlights include: Swindle Income \$146. Rent Expense \$225.

Safety Minute: Phil Dixon from the FAA Safety Team's '57 Seconds to Safer Flying' says fatal general aviation accidents often result from inappropriate responses to component failures. Search YouTube: *Managing Component Failures in 57 Second*

Aviation Interest: This EAA story was about the Red Rockette originally known as a GB2 BeachCraft Staggerwing. Now it's known as a D17S somehow?? It was built in 1944 as part of the Lend-Lease Act of WWII and was used in military service by the UK during D-Day. Search YouTube: *Red Rockette / Cast. Biff Windssock's Staggering*

Project Updates: Jonathon Green / *Sling TSi* = After some delays building workshop at a new location. Rick Oliver / Zenith STOL 750 = Rigging rudder/elevator flight controls. Seats upholstered. Thomas Hammer / Highlander SuperSTOL = Discussed flight test program he is using. 15 hours completed Phase 1 flight testing. OBTW he is moving and is planning to sell the SuperSTOL and his property that includes an airport!.

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 are already seated for the classes that run from 8AM-5PM. Contact Bill Donahoe with questions.
- ==Sept 19th is our next Young Eagle event. Volunteers please plan your schedule. US Aviation has volunteered to host the event on their ramp adjacent to Avionics Unlimited.
- ==We awarded a scholarship to Air Academy Camp 2026. Eli Patterson is our awardee for the July 14-22 "Explorer Camp". Congratulations Eli!
- ==EAA Chapter 302 has chosen John Esparza, Jr. as our 2026 Ray Scholarship award winner. He receives a \$12,000 scholarship for his flight training. \$3,000 comes from Chapter 302 and \$9,000 comes from EAA's Ray Scholarship Foundation. He will train at Five By Five Aviation at KCXO.

Adjourn

- ==Fly out to Angelina County (KLFK) for lunch at the 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.

IT'S A "THREE-PEAT!"

President Joe Waltz hangs up a banner announcing EAA 302 has been awarded Gold Status for the third year--'24, '25 & 2026



ELI PATTERSON IS HEADED FOR AIRVENTURE CAMP

Joe awards EAA 302's selection to attend EAA's Air Academy to Eli Patterson. He will attend the "Explore Aviation" session while Airventure is in full operation in July.



EAA 302 AWARDS A RAY SCHOLARSHIP

Joe presents the Ray Scholarship award to John Esparza while his parents John Sr. and Jarin look on. This is a 25/75% scholarship with the first \$3000 coming from 302. This amount has already been sent to 5 X 5 Aviation, and John has already begun training. His instructor, Owen Deaver was in attendance as well.



In a humorous vein, John Jr was given a facsimile check for 302's part of the scholarship. He had to immediately turn around and give the check to 5X5's CFI Owen. "Easy come, easy go."



WEB EDITOR OF THE YEAR!



YEP!
That's our
Very own
Darryl
Foster!

Web Editor's Award for 2026 out of over 900 chapters worldwide—an admirable achievement. Your website keeps your data secure, enables you to shop the chapter store or pay dues, cruise the tool crib, includes contacts and has pictures—it's an incredibly active site. The actual award will be pre-sented at Oshkosh Airventure 2026 this month.

CONGRATULATIONS DARRYL!

JUNE 13TH FLYOUT TO LUFKIN



The flyout following the June 13th meeting was to Angelina County's Airport Cafe. (KLFK)

A total of 4 airplanes and 12 people braved the hot weather and took up half the cafe's tables.

Don't miss the next one. They're alotta fun.

THE USAF C-17 GLOBEMASTER AT KCXO

Pictures by Terry Klagmann



A C-17 Globemaster attached to the Anchorage USAF Reserves parks at General Air Services. With a maximum takeoff weight of 585,000 pounds, it can only use Runway 14 and Taxiway Bravo



The plane is making multiple trips to Conroe and bringing 2 Apache helicopters from various worldwide bases. These older version choppers will be disassembled into parts which can be used on newer models.

There will be three more arrivals if you want to see it in person:

July 9/13 arr 8:05 dep 10:50
July 15 arr 12:05 dep 1650

ANOTHER RATING



Do you remember Mason Engels? He took a Young Eagle ride with EAA 302 before he was a teen. He continued with aviation and achieved his Private Pilot Rating. To top it off, he “turned the tables” and participated with our Young Eagle Rallies, flying kids in his own airplane. Then it was off to Oklahoma State where he got his Instrument and Commercial. This week he announced that he got his Certified Flight Instructor. You might see him at our Regular meeting. Tell him “Congrats!”

RAY SCHOLAR PROGRESS



Our Ray Aviation Scholar is shown at a Galaxy hangar in front of one of the two Piper trainers that are used by 5 X 5 Flight School.

Instructor Owen Deaver and John Esparza have flown 6 flights as of this Newsletter. The goal is to be nearly finished before the new school year starts.

CFI Owen Deaver and John Esparza

IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, July 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: Many pilots find their ADS-B to be an invaluable tool for collision avoidance. Besides ADS-B, what are the best strategies for visually scanning for traffic, and is it still necessary to scan visually if you're using ADS-B?

Video Scenario:

The aircraft preflight reveals no obvious problems. The fuel tanks were visually checked and have more than 2 hours fuel on board. You board the airplane and complete a cockpit check.



Flight



4:27

VMC July 2026 - Gear Gone Wonky

IMC Question of the Month: You are approaching for landing on runway 32 at a large and busy airport that has inbound regional airline traffic landing on 36. While on final, the tower requests you to Land and Hold Short of runway 36 for landing traffic. This reduces your available landing distance on 32 to 2,000 feet. Are you required to accept the land and hold short request? Why should or shouldn't you accept, and what are the potential consequences of accepting or declining the request?

Video Scenario:

You complete your runup on the terminal ramp, set your GPS, verify your flight plan, and announce that you will taxi to runway 6. Listening to the CTAF and checking your ADS-B for traffic, you don't observe any traffic in the area.



Flight



4:57

IMC July 2026 - Chilling Choices



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) Mon. July 20th – Sun. July 26th EAA AirVenture (OSHKOSH) – please sign up on EAA302.org website.

5) 10:00am-?? August 3rd First Monday Donuts & Coffee (Hangar 17E - Taxiway D)

6) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. August 10th Conroe Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center)

7) 8:00am Sat. September 19th Young Eagles Rally (US Aviation Academy)

8) 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/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-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
7/10/26	11:00am-2:00pm Food Truck Friday!	KBMQ Burnet Municipal Airport/Kate Craddock Field Burnet, Texas, USA	148 nm	Facebook - Texas Pilots	Crosby Flying Services 512-756 - 6655 432-448 - 0228 bmq@crosbyflying.c
7/11/26	8:00am-1:00pm Air Salvage of Dallas Summer Fly-In Sale	KLNC Lancaster Regional Airport Lancaster, Texas, USA	149 nm	https://www.asod.com/	972-227-1111 lucky@asod.com timf@asod.com
7/11/26	9:00am-Noon Tex Hill Wing Annual Breakfast Fly-In or Drive-In	KSSF Stinson Municipal Airport San Antonio, Texas, USA	171 nm	https://commemorativeairforce.org/events/917	texhillwing.org lblock@cafhq.org
7/17/26	11:00am-2:00pm Food Truck Friday!	KBMQ Burnet Municipal Airport/Kate Craddock Field Burnet, Texas, USA	148 nm	Facebook - Texas Pilots	Crosby Flying Services 512-756 - 6655 432-448 - 0228 bmq@crosbyflying.c
7/18/26	10:00am-2:00pm 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
7/18/26	Rides Day - B25 Yellow Rose	11R Brenham Municipal Airport Brenham, Texas, USA	51 nm	https://commemorativeairforce.org/events/920	lblock@cafhq.org
7/24/26	11:00am-2:00pm Food Truck Friday!	KBMQ Burnet Municipal Airport/Kate Craddock Field Burnet, Texas, USA	148 nm	Facebook - Texas Pilots	Crosby Flying Services 512-756 - 6655 432-448 - 0228 bmq@crosbyflying.c
7/25/26	Breakfast Bash with EAA Chapter 165	KORK North Little Rock Municipal Airport North Little Rock, Arkansas, USA	312 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=28018	Marvin Homsley 419 360-7414 marvin@buckeye-access.com
7/31/26	11:00am-2:00pm Food Truck Friday!	KBMQ Burnet Municipal Airport/Kate Craddock Field Burnet, Texas, USA	148 nm	Facebook - Texas Pilots	Crosby Flying Services 512-756 - 6655 432-448 - 0228 bmq@crosbyflying.c
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.c

SATURDAY'S FLY OUT

Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport

If you want to get an early start, bring your aircraft to the meeting. We're heading for the Runway Cafe near Angleton and Brazoria.

Fuel is available—self serve--\$6.02 per gallon. Its a 75-ish nautical mile trip, but the reward is the freshest seafood in the Houston region. You don't even have to walk far to eat. The Cafe is right on the taxiway.

Its a 7000' runway-17/35, 17 is right traffic. CTAF is 123.0, AWOS 119.92. Just "skirt" around the Class B, and we'll see you there.



ANGLETON/LAKE JACKSON

TEXAS GULF COAST RGNL (LBX)(KLBX) 4 SW UTC-6(-5DT) N29°06.52' W95°27.73'

25 B Class IV, ARFF Index A NOTAM FILE LBX

RWY 17-35: H7000X100 (CONC-GRVD) S-60, D-95, 2S-120,

2D-120 MIRL

RWY 17: MALSR, PAPI(P4L)—GA 3.0° TCH 52'. Rgt t/c.

RWY 35: PAPI(P4L)—GA 3.0° TCH 40'.

RUNWAY DECLARED DISTANCE INFORMATION

RWY 17: TORA-7000 TODA-7000 ASDA-7000 LDA-7000

RWY 35: TORA-7000 TODA-7000 ASDA-7000 LDA-7000

SERVICE: S6 FUEL 100LL, JET A QX 4 L&T MIRL Rwy 17-35 preset low ints, to incr ints and ACTIVATE MALSR Rwy 17—CTAF. PAPI Rwy 17 and Rwy 35 opr continuously.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Attended Mon-Fri 1230-0030Z, Sat-Sun 1400-0030Z. 100LL fuel avbl 24 hrs self service. For Jet A fuel after hrs call 979-319-2740. Arpt located 4.6 NM NW of Lake Jackson. Air carrier ops involving acft with more than 30 passengers are not authorized in excess of 15 min before or after scheduled arrival or departure times without prior coordination with arpt manager and confirmation that ARFF svcs are avbl prior to ldg or txf.

AIRPORT MANAGER: 979-849-5755

WEATHER DATA SOURCES: ASOS 119.925 (979) 849-3319.

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNICOM 123.0

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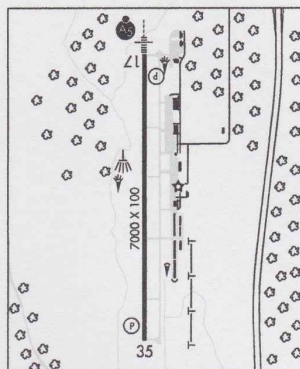
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FOR SALE—Just in time for Airventure 2026. Cabela's 4 person tent with vestibule for sale. \$75 Oshkosh proven survivor. New was \$299.

Call or Text Stephen Havemann
281-433-5182



FOR SALE—Air Gizmos Panel dock for Garmin 196/296/396/496. New in the box--\$20. Compare to new from Aircraft Spruce \$115.

This is a donation to EAA 302

Contact Denny Irvine
Text/phone 936-827-0091
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LOOKING FOR TWO PARTNERS

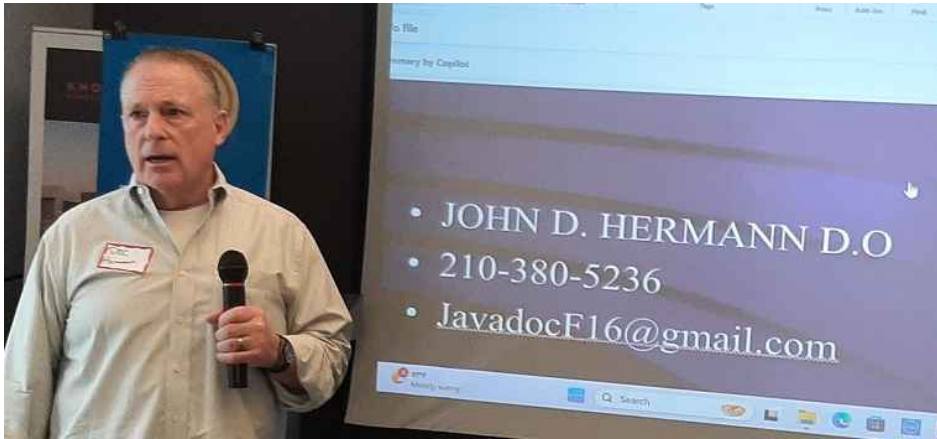
To share a Harmon Rocket! The required down payment is \$30,000 which split three ways would be \$10,000. A bargain basement investment to fly a Rocket. The aircraft is a Ted Rutherford built Harmon Rocket being sold for \$135,000. I work with Commercial Bank of Texas--the current interest rate on a 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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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.

