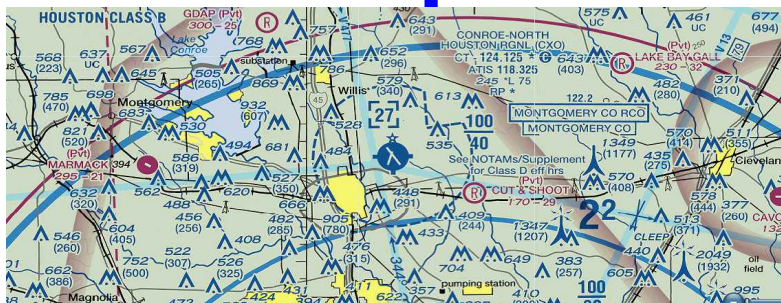


EAA Chapter 302



Newsletter



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MEETING NOTICE

October 10th, 2026, 10:00 AM

See the last page for a map to the meeting

IMC/VMC MEETING



Thursday.
Oct 8th
7-8:30
Galaxy



FALL IS COMING

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Program: The Moose

Hints: Working with Adel
Clamps

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September 12th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Joe Waltz welcomed 76 members and guests at 10 AM in the Galaxy FBO meeting room.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Joe himself

Welcome: **Kevin Williams** from The Woodlands, **Ryen Smith** and son **Rowen** from Montgomery, Jonas Graff of Houston, and Victor Chan all the way from Sealy.

Safety Minute: A video of control surface positioning as you taxi, keeping in mind where the wind is at all times. Remember "Climb into a quartering headwind and dive away from a tailwind." The ailerons keep the wind from tipping a wing, and the elevator/stabilator keep it from getting under the tail and tipping up.

Treasurers Report: Bill Donahoe "emailed in" a report from a fishing trip. August beginning balance was \$14,255.85. There were only minor income and expenses leaving a final balance of \$14,269.32.

Congratulations: Joe announced Ray Scholar **John Esparza's** initial solo and John related how the first time by himself was an amazing experience. Then Joe recognized our 2025 Ray Scholar **Jake Reynolds** attained his Instrument Pilot rating at US Aviation.

Program: A video was shown of a de Havilland DHC-2 "Beaver"--named "Billie". It was restored from a "barn find" of multiple airframes and won accolades at Air Venture 2026.

Projects: **Alan Arrow** had some free time away from his short wing Piper and showed a replica he built of a Cub Firewall Forward display for a museum. **Casey Briscoe** showed his first two kits for a Van's RV-15 and how he was etching/alodining before painting. **Thomas Hammer** described all the documentation he did on his Just Super STOL XL and reiterated that the plane and his airport home are now for sale.

Hints for Homebuilders: Mike Dooley presented a class at the Hints Studio in Oshkosh about how you can check wiring through D-Sub Connectors. Its important that you know that each wire is in the correct pin connection. He showed several accessories that will help.

Events: Keith Pache reviewed several upcoming flyout opportunities and led the after-meeting flyout to Brenham for a BurgerBurn. Don't forget the Christmas Party coming December 12th.

New/Old Business: Dean Marcott described the new location for the September 19th Young Eagle Rally. We'll be at the US Aviation flight school. Volunteers show up at 0800 for briefings and kids start showing up in 3 groups at 9, 10 & 11.

Miles Demster reminded that the National Championship Air Races will be held at the Roswell Air Center in Roswell, New Mexico on September 16-20th. There should be over 120 participating aircraft including the USAF Thunderbirds.

Adjourn: Members meet in the FBO lobby to participate in the flyout to Brenham 11R.
--Those not doing the flyout can choose to meet at McKenzie's BBQ for lunch at 1200.

SEPT 19TH YOUNG EAGLE RALLY

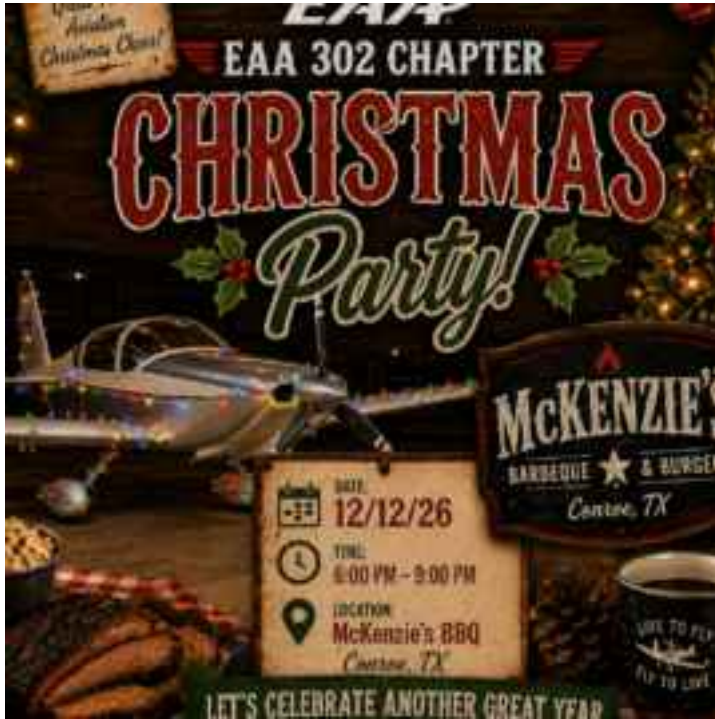
Pictures by Becky Lutte

Thank you for helping make our rally a great success! We flew 27 kids of which 20 were first timers. All were either chapter members or friends or family of chapter members. I never opened registration to National EAA. You are appreciated for all you do. Please consider volunteering for the November 21 rally which I will be setting up in a few weeks.

Dean Marcott YE Coordinator



CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS ON SALE



Here it is, right out of our award winning website. Christmas Party tickets are now on sale. All you have to do is go to:

eaa302.org/shop/

You don't even have to log in! And the AI mashup picture says it all: Airplanes, BBQ, fun right down to the coffee cup that says "live to fly, fly to live."

But don't wait too long. The room size limits us to 60 people. Get your tickets now.

AIR ACADEMY SLOT NOW AVAILABLE

EAA 302 has snagged another slot for a teen to attend camp at Airventure 2027. This is for EAA Air Academy, Explore Camp, Ages 16-17, Session 3, July 20-28.

This is the session that overlaps the beginning of Air Venture which is a bonus for the kids. Start thinking about who can apply.



LET'S DO ANOTHER BURGER BURN



Instead of another flyout, let's enjoy Fall weather and do a BurgerBurn on the "Hill" immediately after the meeting. Go to the Dorbandt Gate, Bldg. 44-E4.



RAY SCHOLAR UPDATE



Show to the left is a picture of John Esparza on a dual cross country flight and flying through a airborne rainbow. In his own words, "The experience was really cool."

Next comes solo cross country which should happen near this month's Regular Meeting. After that there'll be a lot of Checkride preparation. Hopefully, before 2027 we will have another Private Pilot.

John should be at Saturday's meeting and will let you know.

IMC/VMC Club

(2nd Thursday each month)

Please join us 7:00pm Thursday, October 8th (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: Filing a VFR flight plan (and activating it!) can be important in terms of safety, but why and how can we make position reports throughout our flight to update our progress? What is the benefit of doing so?

The aircraft preflight reveals no obvious problems. The fuel was visually checked with both wing tanks having been topped off. Seeing no problems, you board the airplane, complete a cockpit check, and start the engine.



Flight



3:56

VMC October 2026 - Final Conflict

IMC Question of the Month: You are flying on an IFR flight plan in IMC and suffer a complete electrical failure. Having no other way to communicate (i.e., no handheld radio) can you use your cell phone to contact ATC for assistance?

Video Scenario:

Climbing through 3,000 feet AGL, you contact Wilkes-Barre departure and request flight following and a climb to 7,500 MSL.



Flight



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IMC October 2026 - Last Minute Switch



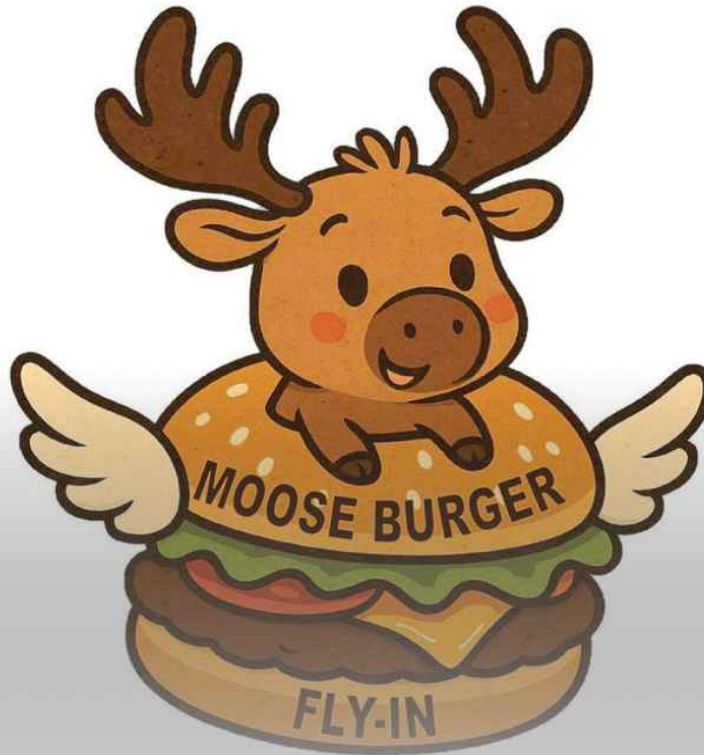
EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Keith Pache

- 1) 7:00-8:45pm Thu. October 8th IMC/VMC Club Meeting at Galaxy FBO (see newsletter for details).
- 2) 10:00-11:15am Sat. October 10th Chapter Meeting (Galaxy FBO).
- 3) 11:15am-?? Sat. October 10th Flyout to Moose Burger Fly-In at Sport Flyers Airport (27XS). See newsletter for details.
- 4) 4:30-5:30pm Mon. October 12th Conroe Airport Advisory Board Meeting (Lone Star Convention Center)
- 5) 10:00am-?? November 2nd First Monday 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.faa.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
10/9-11/26	Rose City AirFest 2026	KTYR Tyler Pounds Regional Airport	120 nm	https://www.rosecityairfest.com/	None
10/10/26	EAA Chapter 1475 "Chilly Dog" Fly-In	3F9 Mineola Airport-Wisener Field Mineola, Texas, USA	139 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	Lupita Wisener
10/10/26	Cotton Fest Fly-In	KRBO Nueces County Airport Robstown, Texas, USA	195 nm	Facebook - Texas Aviation Event Calendar	None
10/10/26	8:30am-12:30pm Airplanes and Coffee - Pancake Breakfast & Costume	KADM Ardmore Municipal Airport Ardmore, Oklahoma, USA	250 nm	https://airplanesandcoffee.com/events/	214-817-4367 info@airplanesandcoffee.com
10/16-18/26	Cedar Mills 25th Annual Fly/Splash-In Safety Seminars	3T0Cedar Mills Airport Gordonville, Texas, USA	221 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=28	Shamarie Hull 903-523-4222 shull@cedarmills.co
10/17/26	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
10/17/26	Ghost Run Air Race	KJAS Jasper County Airport-Bell Field Jasper, Texas, USA	78 nm	https://www.sportairrace.org/events/ghost-run-air-race/	Ryan Boyette 409-201-5561
10/17/26	11:00am-1:00pm EAA 972 Lakeside Gumbo	T25 Aero Estates Airport Frankston, Texas, USA	104 nm	https://www.eaa.org/ea/event/sonex1517eaa-972-lakeside-	Robbie Culver 630-730-7144 eaa.chapter.972@g
10/17/26	2026 Corsicana Airsho	KCRS C David Campbell Field-Corsicana Municipal Airport	112 nm	https://commemorativeairforce.org/events/865	lblock@cafhq.org
10/17/26	4:00-7:00pm Hallo-WING	KGTU Georgetown Executive Airport Georgetown, Texas, USA	119 nm	https://www.facebook.com/events/1086096250526370/	austinhillcountry99s@gmail.com
10/22-25/25	Reklaw 41st Annual Flying M Ranch Fly-In & Campout	7TA7 Flying M Ranch Airport Reklaw, Texas, USA	92 nm	http://reklawflyin.org	Mason Family 936-369-4362 stinsoner@airmail
10/24/26	Breakfast Bash with EAA Chapter 165	KORK North Little Rock Municipal Airport North Little Rock, Arkansas	312 nm	https://www.funplacestofly.com/aviation-event-details.asp?EventID=28	Marvin Homsley 419 360-7414 marvin@buckeye-
10/30-31/26	Lonestar STOL	KSLR Sulphur Springs Municipal Airport Sulphur Springs, Texas, USA	168 nm	www.socialflight.com	None
10/31/26	10:00am-3:00pm 12th Annual The Great Pumpkin Fly-In & BBQ	34R Hallettsville Municipal Airport Hallettsville, Texas, USA	99 nm	Facebook - Texas Barnstorming Museum	None

SPORT FLYERS (27XS) 3rd Annual



OCTOBER 10, 2026 from 11-3

Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 11AM

3rd Annual SPORT FLYERS (27XS) Moose Burger Fly-In | October 10, 2026 | 11:00am-3pm Central Time

Public • Event by Sarah FullThrottle and Kayla
Perez

Its on... Mark your calendars. Same great BBQ and Ice Cream. Pumpkin drop, Antique Airplane Rides,... more



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NOVEMBER 14TH
2026
10AM-2PM



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Wanted - A&P Mechanic interested in helping me instruct future A&P Mechanics. Part or full time positions available at Chennault Field, 10 minute drive east of KCXO. Let me know if you're interested.

Keith Pache
713-412-7010



FOR SALE--SuperSTOL XL: Brand new, just finished Phase1; 35 hrs; Rotax 915iS; MT Constant Speed Propeller with RS Flight Systems single lever prop control SCU; Full Garmin VFR Suite with 10" G3X Touch Display, G5, Radio, ADSB In and Out, GPS, Pitch&Roll AP, AOA; Back-up Battery; Vertical Power; CO-Detector; LED Strobe, NAV, Taxi, Landing, Cockpit Lights. **\$195,000**

Text Thomas Hammer
713-409-7207

SELLING AIRPORT PROPERTY



TS75 - Hammer Airfield, Grass/STOL; Hangar 54x40, fully insulated with AC; Home 3037 sq ft with inground pool; Horse Barn 36x36; Riding Arena 60x100 with 60X25 extension; Turnkey Dog Boarding - strong income; 15 Acres - Ag Exempt Hay. \$2,350,000

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FOR SALE—Ameri-King AK-450 ELT with mounting tray, aerial, wiring, remote panel mount and external aircraft antenna

SOLD

This is a generous donation by EAA member Alan Arrow, and proceeds will go to the Chapter for expenses. \$450

Contact Denny Irvine
936-827-0091



https://youtu.be/A9o__lGc790is=Roy4deKAN1_BjRAU

FOR SALE--Lancair 235/O-320 project Needs avionics, interior and paint. Firewall forward is 95% done. New Catto prop, spinner and extension still in boxes. Mr. Catto says this prop/engine/airframe combination will get 200 mph, and likely use about 8 gph. Located in Richmond, Texas \$42,500 OBO. Jeffrey.w.foltz@gmail.com



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
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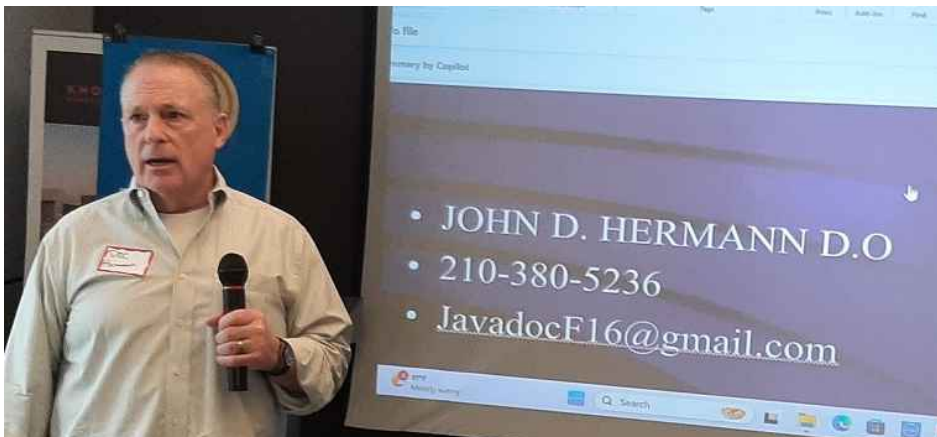
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Looking for 2 partners--\$50k each in upgraded 2021 RV12is 236 hrs - full FADEC, dual Garmin G3X with autopilot & GTN650 IFR capability. Hangared at KCXO, maintained by owner - LSRI Certified.

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ForSale—PowerTowThunderVolt Electric Aircraft Tug. \$1200. Rated to move up to 6000lbs. (see www.powertow.com) Excellent condition, with adapters for a Piper Arrow. New battery in 2023, and complete documentation.

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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.

