

EAA Chapter 302



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Newsletter

MEETING NOTICE

March 12, 2016 at 10:00am



Mark your
Calendars:
Young Eagles
April 23
Raindate Apr. 30

Remember, if you're a pilot, you need to complete the YPP training. It only takes 15-20 minutes, but it takes 10 days to get a certificate. Not a bad idea for ground crews too.

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

News from HQ

Ski-Plane Fly-In at OSH

Pearl Harbor P-40 Boys

Removing Canopy Scratches



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February 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting CTO by our leader Don Brewer with 85 in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: David MacDonald (building an RV-10), Ernest Payton (Larry Elliot's guest), Brett Cooke (Ron Cooke's son, owner of a PJ260 biplane), Mike Barnet (ModAero founder), John Hicks, and Richard Freilich.

New Members: Cassie Campbell and Courtlynn Czerwonka who are both pursuing an aviation career, Brian Columbus (ModAero founder), Al Waldo, and Tim Malloy.

Special Award: FAA Safety Team members Lance Little and Paul Downs presented Jay Blume with a Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizing over 50 years of safe operations, flying everything from Cessna 140s through F16Cs. Not bad Jay! Downs made us suffer through his "comedy" routine!

This Day in Aviation History: 8 February 1918: General Order 299 specified that all U.S. Army Air Service airplanes assigned to the AEF would be marked with a roundel of three concentric circles.

January Meeting Notes: LeKron and Donahoe motioned; approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Guice reported: Beginning balance \$8264, income \$630, expenses \$835, resulting in a balance of \$8059.

Young Eagles: "Drought Buster" LeKron scheduled events:

--Magnolia H.S. NROTC and Lifestyle Christian School April 23, rain date April 30

--Woodlands H.S. AFROTC May 20, rain date May 21

Homebuilder Hints: Control cable components.

Old Business: Suggestions solicited to change Date Night venue and/or month. Please make your suggestions for Board consideration.

New Business:

--EAA Youth Protection Policy was discussed in detail. Please see the documentation on the EAA.org website under Chapters/Young Eagles Volunteers for details. After much discussion, our Board has reversed its initial objections, and decided to continue our Young Eagle participation in conformance with this new policy. All volunteers should go through the YPP training and apply for a background check clearance. Training takes about 15 minutes, the background check about 10 days.

--Gerry White and Jim Pohoski were presented plaques recognizing the successful first flight of their Rans S-7 kit-built aircraft.

--Irvine (Saint Denny) reviewed routing for the fly-out lunch trip to Texas Gulf Coast Regional airport immediately following the meeting. Look out for the TCA!

--Croston described the first "ModAero Aviation Festival" to be held at CXO March 16-19, targeted at nextgen aviators. Shaun Tucker to be a speaker. See www.modaero.net for more information. Members have been asked to participate as volunteers. Contact Stacy Fennell (281-782-3246) or Vickie Croston (832-585-3886) for info. Perryman (281-222-6361) will be organizing a Chapter breakfast for those camping at the airport. Archer will teach breakdancing at the evening concerts.

Website: (www.eaa302.org)

-- The website contains information on Fly-outs, Board Meetings, Newsletters, pictures, Member Directory, etc. Please post a picture of yourself in the member directory.

Announcements: Bring your torque wrench to the next meeting. Tom Kreiner will calibrate.

Project Reports: (*Email Irvine large file pictures of your project before each meeting.*)

--Crabe (RV-14) Empennage tail cone construction

--Doug Malloy (Zenith 750 Cruiser) described fuselage and systems construction

--Bob Humes (Kitfox) showed off his cool new seats

--Kevin Southwick (Tailwind) finishing fabric and painting fuselage

--Steve Williams (Onex) Completed aft fuse, forward fuselage, joined components

Program: The Video Magazine reviewed a restored A-26.

Adjourned to fly to Texas Gulf or to drive to McKenzie's BBQ.

TEXAS GULF COAST REGIONAL FLYOUT--KLBX



Immediately following the February meeting, 302 launched 10 planes with 14 members to have lunch at the Brazoria (KLBX) Airport. They met with 10 members of EAA 12 with 6 aircraft for a combined flyout. New EAA 12 President Linda Street-Ely is below on the left. We plan on combining more of this type of joint meetings.

The new restaurant, "The Crosswind Cafe" is right on the runway and features seafood as well as American cuisine.



Jay Blume Receives the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award



Accompanied by his wife Trish, Jay receives the Wright Brothers Award from FAA representatives Lance Little and Paul Downs. The usual "Roast" was led by Paul, to the delight of the audience. Jay has flown a large number of military aircraft, and retired as a Major General. He has a partnership in an RV-8, which is in Hangar 44-A-7.

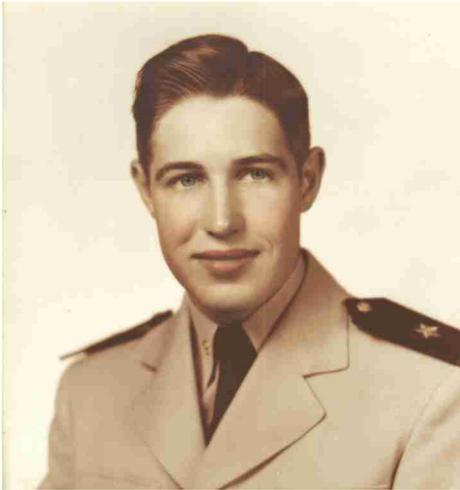
First Flight Plaques Awarded to Gerry White and Jim Pohoski



A Chapter tradition is to award plaques to builders who complete and successfully fly projects. In this case, a partnership completed a RAN's S-7, so plaques were given to both builders. The aircraft is hangared in Building 44-D-4 and already has over 100 hours on it. Feel free to stop by and look. They may even offer you a ride.

WHO'S WHO AT 302

Editor's Note: At the last meeting, we showed a restored A-26 at Oshkosh. When we finished, Ron Cooke related a story about when he flew the same planes. My thought—Here's a guy we ought to know more about. His story follows:



Ron Cooke is a retired Navy Commander who flew Corsairs off the USS Essex during the Korean War. After the war ended, he flew many different planes in a Utility Squadron before attending University of Michigan where he earned a Masters degree in Aeronautical engineering.

During his years in the Naval Reserve he went to Helicopter training at Pensacola, and flew these birds for 12 years, retiring in 1968 after 20 years.



He worked for Bendix Aerospace for 11 years, Warner Electric Brake & Clutch for 4 years, was Vice Pres. Engineering for E.Edelman & Co. Automotive products for 4 years, started a company called Motion Control with a partner, then became President of Nypro Illinois, a division of an international plastics injection molding company. Finally in 1981 he moved to Kingwood, TX where he bought a swimming pool construction franchise which he ran until his retirement in 1999.



Ron has been soaring and towing sailplanes in Quebec, Canada each summer for many years now. He was a member of this fledgling club back in the early 60's when he was assigned there for 5 years by Bendix as advisor to the US Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency. Ron learned French, and brought back his bride of 53 years, who is now more proficient in English than he is in French.



Ron built a Rotorway Exec in 1987, and flew it until it's unfortunate engine failure in 2002 over Lake Conroe. Ron was a member of our Chapter until this time.

Two years ago Ron's son Brett bought a Sr. Aerosport D-260 biplane which he hangared at CXO. Ron then rejoined our Illustrious Club, and began upgrading this famous old Houston Airshow Bird. The work is nearly complete, and the Father /Son team expects to have it flying in March.

302 Sponsors Student to EAA Air Academy



Over the past year, you have seen our Chapter's finances continue to increase. Further, you have watched Chapter leadership debate what we should do with excess funds. They have polled the membership, and it was decided that helping young individuals in aviation was the preferred way to proceed. That led to selecting a student, Stacy Wethington (left), from the Junior ROTC program. 302 offered to pay her tuition of \$1385 to this summer's Air Academy and provide \$250 toward her airfare.

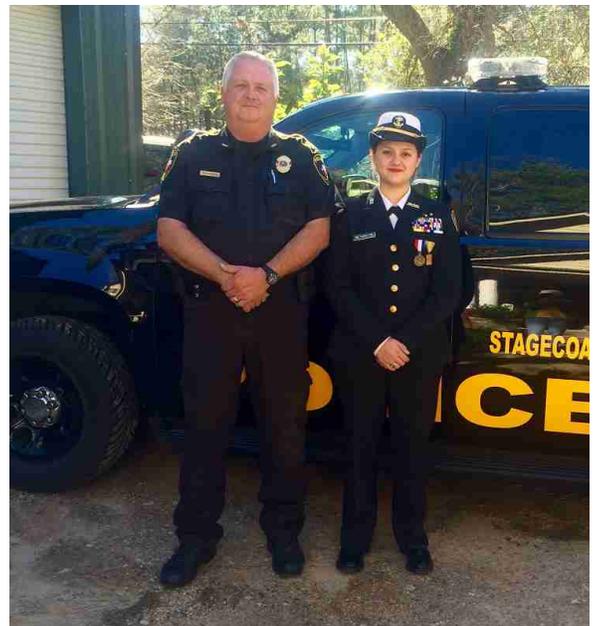
Chuck LeKron explained the program to her and her parents. If you have ever wondered what the value of Young Eagles is to these families, please read the following reply from Stacy's Dad:

"Thank you for your time explaining what was needed to get Stacy to Oshkosh. I believe Stacy is a little reserved in asking dad here for money because she knows I work a lot of extra jobs to keep her flying. I always manage to keep her in the air and make her save all she makes at her flight school job to eventually buy her own plane. My dream is she realizes her dream of being a commercial pilot. Thanks to people like your group, and I hope y'all are aware that the small spark your program creates is what drives these young people to become the future of our society. There are no pilots in my family so Stacy will be the first. I also will say the flight Stacy took with the local young eagles program (thanks to them and her J.R.O.T.C Commander at her High school) was the day she came home and said, "Dad I got to fly". She has known since she was 8 she wanted to be a pilot. Once again thank you all for the time and caring you give to these young people!!"

Chief Michael C. Wethington, Stagecoach Police Dept.

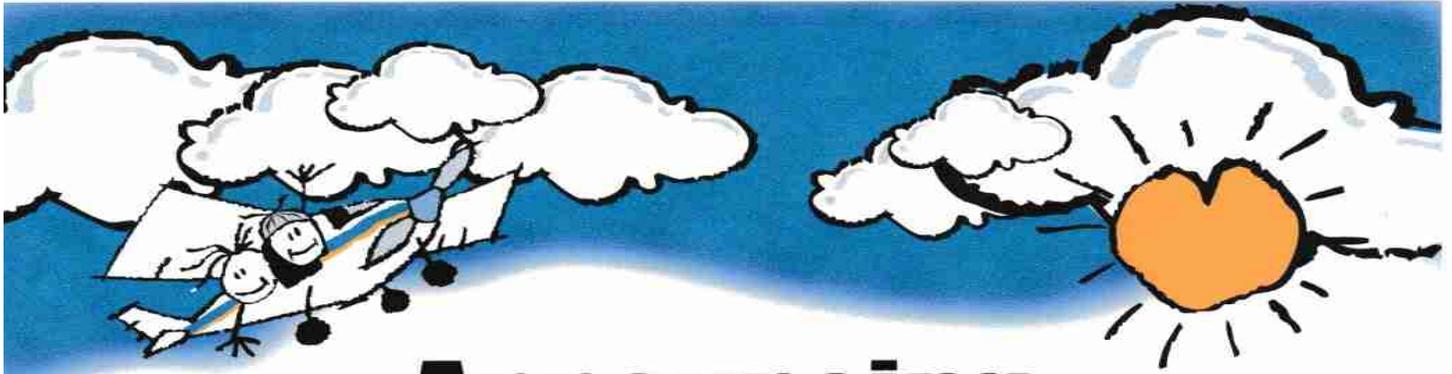
This is Stacy and her Dad to the right. These are not wealthy people, just an average working family. When the Chapter Officers saw the amount of appreciation in their response, they began asking why we didn't just pay for the whole airfare (\$501). Seeing as how that amount is over the By-law restriction of \$250 without a vote of the membership, the Officers began the process of including that in the next meeting.

In the meantime, Chuck thanked Chief Wethington for his kind words, and mentioned that the Chapter would be trying to cover the whole cost. You can read his response below. If you had any doubt about the Young Eagle Program, please be assured that it will be a core program of Chapter 302 for well into the future.



"Mr. Lekron I appreciate the thought but do me a favor and use that money for the next "Young Eagle". It is a wonderful gesture and I appreciate it. {Really I do!}. There are so many young people out there that need your assistance. I have no problem with y'all using the letter. Hopefully it will make the people that volunteer their time feel better! And they should!! You're always welcome to drop by our police department. I work mornings till 2 pm."

PILOTS, 4-PLACE AIRCRAFT, GROUND CREW NEEDED



Announcing Challenge Air Fly Day

Saturday, April 2, 2016

**Lone Star Executive Airport
Texas Air Shuttle**

10013 Military Drive, Conroe, TX 77303

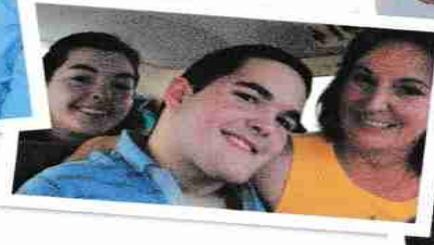
Free for all children and youth with special needs!

Challenge Air for Kids & Friends, a national children's nonprofit organization, is recruiting volunteers, pilots and special needs children between the ages of 7-21 for its "Fly Day" event. Highlights of the day include: an educational ground school, a 30-minute flight, face painting, clowns, cool static aircraft, lunch, service animals and much more! To register as a day-of volunteer, volunteer pilot or as a participant (*first come, first served and free for all children with special needs*) log on to: www.challengeair.org.

For more information contact Juliet Siddons at (214) 351-3353 or email: events@challengeair.org.

Challenge Air builds self-esteem and confidence of children and youth with specials needs, through the experience of flight.

Register Online @ www.challengeair.org



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Calendar of Events

Call before you go

1st Saturday, Fly-in Lunch, Leesville, LA (L39)
EAA Chapter 1356

1st Saturday, Fly-in Breakfast, 8-11 am, Tyler TX
Pounds Field (KTYR)

1st Saturday EAA Chapter 614 Pancake Breakfast
7:30-10:30am Pineville Municipal LA (2LO)

3rd Saturday, Fish-fry Lunch, Discount Fuel
Jasper TX (KJAS)

3rd Saturday, Lufkin TX "The Cook's Choice" Fly-in
Angelina County (KLFK) Apr/Jun/Aug/October

4th Saturday Fly-in Lunch 11-2 DeRidder LA
Beauregard Regional Airport (KDRI)

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