



THE TAILDRAGGER

MAY 2025

LAKE PALESTINE EAA CHAPTER 972

Presidents Corner

GREAT NEWS!!!

Thanks to everyone's effort and participation we made the SILVER Chapter award for the second time! This helps with all of our initiatives as far as Headquarters recognition and assistance.

We also had a successful gumbo in April bringing in almost \$300. Thank you Grif and Garnett for your help in cooking and Gayla and Griff with the prep work. I really appreciate your help with all the gumbo's.

For those of you that are thinking of going to Oshkosh this year and are planning on camping; I am organizing the chapter camping again this year. If you would like to camp with us, please get in touch with me. The cost is \$351.00 per site. You can move in the week before AirVenture begins or any time during.

Update on the hangar fund. We recently raised \$500 in donations from Lade Ford and Tatum Insurance, so the hangar fund account is now over \$2,000.00. If you know a business in the area that you think may be willing to donate to our hangar fund, please let me know so I can give you the donation forms that allows them to take a tax deduction. I am approaching the aviation suppliers for donations for an auction to be held later this year. I will provide updates on the fundraising progress each month.

Well, that is all for now. See you all at the chapter Dinner at Lucas & Diane's on May 8th.

Blue sky and fair winds.

John



Lake Palestine Tx

Saturday, April 5, 2025

April Board Meeting

John, Jean, Robbie, Gayla, Brenda present

Meeting started at 2:38

Discussed future presenters for May -October

October will be member meeting with business and new officer elections

Gumbo netted 226.89 after costs

Dave Mason memorial scholarship (1982.84) -Should we do two 500 dollar scholarships or one 1000 scholarship? Can be used for aviation related training. Anyone any age and is a member of the chapter is eligible.

Apache Aeros flight on April 19th will be rescheduled. Waiting to hear back from Karen.

June 14th is International YE day June 14th at Rusk county - we need pilots

June 21st is the Tyler YE event out of TYR. About 15 kids.

June 21st is also Ultralight fly in and gumbo. Les can lead a small committee to help organize the fly in. We will probably be unable to help at Tyler due to conflicting schedules.

Action item: Put out Chapter blast for Ultralight fly in.

We need a small committee to help organize meals for the monthly gatherings.

Brenda will bring up the need for a committee for meals and for ultralight fly in prep.

Les will lead ultralight fly in committee

Our next gumbo is April 19th.

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April Board Meeting—Continued

Need a committee for review of applications for Dave Mason scholarship (Oct at Reklaw)- 3 people Gayla will lead the committee We will announce the winner at our chapter gathering in October. The winning member needs to show up at Reklaw to receive the check.

Reviewed the chapter member survey - Do more Fly In pancake breakfasts? Fly outs? Maybe Legend Aircraft? Cedar Mills? YE are very important. Home building.

Discussed how to get more kids involved in the chapter. Career day? STEM?

Aeroeducate? Look for STEM events locally. Robbie and John will look for local events.

Action item: Robbie will follow up with Aeroeducate to try to get signage for YE events.

Action item: Need more outside presentations on building/restoring aircraft

Follow up item: Drop off brochures at local airports

We need more members involved to help with educating our community on general aviation

Tool Crib- need to be a member to borrow the tools. 20 dollars to join the chapter

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm



Eagle's Nest

Total Young Eagles Flown: 2,426,168 — Stats as of April 29, 2025



Hey Team,

June 14th is right around the corner. That's our International Young Eagles Rally at Rusk County. I really need to know who is going to be able to help. Pilots and ground. Since we don't have business discussion at our meeting anymore I would like to request a meeting May 24th at the Leary's hangar around 10:00am. That's a Saturday so if it doesn't work, let me know. I would like to have a discussion of who is going to do the checking in, paperwork, traffic control and a couple guiding the aircraft. Last time everything worked really well so I would love to have that again.

A little bad news. Jake is scheduled to show up at Embry-Riddle at the same time he was supposed to show up at Air Academy. I put feelers out to see if any of the other surrounding chapters had a young man that would be interested and have not had anyone at this time. I hated to give up the spot but looks like we will. I will contact Casey and let him know that we will be sponsoring only one student.

Eddie will go July 15 - 23, for 1650.00 This will leave only 865.00 left showing.

We will NOT be flying for the Hamm Museum at Tyler Pounds on June 21st. We simply do not have enough pilots to cook gumbo and fly at the same time. I will go help since I am not needed for Gumbo.

Gayla

www.eaa.org/eaayouth/youth-protection-policy-and-program

Side note:

I know you all remember Jill Shockley. She has been in the hospital for 5 weeks now. She has been in ICU and intubated 5 different times. It started with a ruptured ulcer that had been bleeding for a few weeks. It turned into a really bad infection in her cavity. She went through 7 different surgery's to clean that all out. She seems to have done well. A few days later she had a bad rebound and back in ICU. As of today April 29th, she is not responding to anything. She is back on the ventilator, a tube to regulate her blood pressure and after finding more fluid in her abdomen, she can no longer handle another surgery. They are draining via syringe. Please say a pray for Jill, Dave (her husband,) and Jay

Gayla

VMC CLUB CORNER



EAA VMC Club

Question of the Month

Question: You've just taxied to the hold short line of the active runway after completing runup and passenger safety briefing. What additional items should you now address as part of your pre-takeoff briefing.

EAA 972 VMC CLUB SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Robbie Culver

VMC Club Meeting Dates:

The next VMC club meeting will be on May 15th

May 15th

June 19th

July no meeting, Oshkosh

August 21st

September 18th

October 16th

November 20th.

December no meeting.



From the Right Seat

Robbie Culver

Vice President EAA 972

May 2025

Hi everyone

One of my other volunteer jobs with EAA is the Type Club Coalition (TCC) Chairman. <https://www.eaa.org/eaaviation-interests/type-club-coalition>

I got involved in the TCC when I was a co-founder of the Sonex Builders and Pilots Foundation - a type club - around 2013. Since then, I have been involved with the TCC and moved up to Chairman last summer at Oshkosh when long-time chair, Coyle Schwab, stepped down and asked me to take over. It's been an ongoing challenge, as the TCC is a ethereal focal point of information for type clubs, and a conduit for information from both the FAA and the NTSB.

As part of this, I pass safety information, service bulletins, AD's and airworthiness concerns along. In other words, I see a lot of information pass through my inbox. Last week, one particularly interesting one caught my eye from the General Aviation Joint Safety Committee (GAJSC) and I want to pass it along. Please see below.

Refocus Your Safety Preparedness

A Welcome Message from Mike Ginter, Senior Vice President of the AOPA Air Safety Institute and GAJSC Co-Chair

My name is Mike Ginter, and I am one of the Industry Co-Chairs of the GAJSC. I work closely with Sean Elliott (EAA), the other Industry Co-Chair, and Kim Pyle, Government Co-Chair and FAA Executive Director of Accident Investigation and Prevention (AVP). It is an honor to serve with the aviation safety professionals on the GAJSC and implement strategies that drive the GA accident rate lower.

General Aviation has enjoyed a declining accident rate for 30 years – thanks in no small part to the work of the GAJSC. But even with the fatal accident rate at record lows, GA pilots are continuing to make deadly decisions and mistakes, and the top 10 causes of fatal accidents have not changed appreciably over the years.

The time is right for the entire GA community to take a short break and refocus on safety. The AOPA Air Safety Institute is leading this industry-wide collaborative effort with the support of the

FAA and 24 other pilot associations to host the National Pause for General Aviation Safety, and we are asking EVERY GA pilot in America to participate.

The idea for a safety pause is borrowed from the military culture of safety standdowns. A ‘pause’ is obviously not about taking a break from safety – it’s about taking a short but dedicated break from flying – less than an hour – to personally reflect on how you fly and examine the risk in your personal flying. The National Pause for GA Safety website facilitates this individual focus on safety.

Participating in the National Pause for GA Safety is simple. Visit GAsafe.org, select one of 4 general types of GA flying that you enjoy, then pick and review at least one of dozens of curated safety content that best fits your flying style. You can earn FAA WINGS credit by passing a 15-question quiz, and you can download a digital badge for your social media or website indicating that you participated in the Pause for GA safety. By dedicating less than an hour to focus on your flying, you are instantly improving your safety culture. And by selecting the safety content that is most interesting to you, you’ll be expanding your understanding of the risk factors inherent in that type of flying.

If you are a chapter, club or association leader, or a FAASTeam leader, we encourage you to make the Pause for GA Safety a part of your next meeting.

Our goal is for every GA pilot in America to participate. The website will not ask for any personal information (like email address or credit card). Please take a few moments today to participate in the National Pause for GA Safety!

Stay sharp and stay safe!

Regardless of your experience or training, I urge you all to pause and take some time to review safety.

See you on the flight line!

Robbie

A promotional graphic for the National Pause for GA Safety. The background is light blue with a subtle pattern of small white dots. At the top, the text 'PARTICIPATE IN THE' is in black, followed by 'NATIONAL PAUSE FOR GA SAFETY' in large, bold, orange letters. Below this, the text 'Refocus Your Safety Preparedness' is in black. Underneath that, it says 'Scan the QR code or visit' in black, followed by 'GAsafe.org' in large, bold, orange letters. At the bottom center, there is a logo for the AOPA Air Safety Institute, which includes the text 'Powered by' above a stylized winged logo and 'AOPA AIR SAFETY INSTITUTE' below it. On the right side of the graphic is a large black and white QR code.

Mike Ginter – GAJSC Co-Chair

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Annymous \$500

Lots of room for more!



EAA Chapter 972 Store has been discussed for some time and now it is ready to live. The QR code will take you to the store. If no familiar with a QR code use you cell phone to make like you are taking a picture of the QR code and you will notice a website will come up on your screen , in this case storessimple.com by

clicking on this you will be taken to the new Chapter 972 Store. I might add if you want to go directly to the store on you computer you will need: <https://www.storessimple.com/jkspecialtyproducts/26205>

We will be adding a short cut on Chapter 972 Website that will show the product catalog and take you shopping.

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INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF AERO ESTATES T25:

Thanks to Tommy Boudreau we have some events from Aero Estates back in 1987. Hard to believe no trees, a fly inn and air races here. Additional videos have been added showing events from 2006 and 2012 and flights of various aircraft.

I copied the DVD to computer and the parts that had to do with Aero Estates have been added to You Tube:

Here is the You Tube link. I also added the long URL location below.

YouTube URL: <https://youtu.be/jPtaytmtBzs>

<https://youtu.be/2sxi8Oekt2Q>

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1987 air show and air races here at Aero Estates, entire event

<https://youtu.be/f7GAxUrx9Aw>

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YOUR Articles needed

This Newsletter is YOUR Newsletter. I put the articles in it, but you have to write them. Your Chapter needs your Contributions. Please share your experiences, skills, wisdoms, photos, humor and announcements with our membership. What may be common knowledge to you, may be priceless for a new pilot or builder. Even if you are not a Pulitzer level author — send me your words. Robbie or I will buff up the grammar if needed. Send input to homanles@yahoo.com.

NEXT Meeting will be at Lucas and Diane

Wagenaar's hanger, 24660 Chandelle Ln. Frankston.

Food will be Sandwiches, so we need sides, drinks and deserts.

Program will be Safety Update from Diane.

Brenda has put a link to the sign-up in the email that contains this newsletter



Lake Palestine Tx

***We have a
Chapter Website: The URL is:***

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea972>

We are working on updating and modifying the website to meet our chapter needs and persona. We need to add pictures of members projects, and projects they are working on, building and or flying as well as the aircraft we fly. The EAA makes this available to all EAA chapters and each chapter can then modify to make it what they need. We can use this to help announce YE flights, runway Gumbo, Poker run, Events and past news letters. By the way, if you have any old information, newsletters, ETC involving the chapter please

2025 UP COMING EVENTS

Meeting Dates:

May 8th

June 11th

June 21st, Ultralight Fly-in

July 10th

August 14th

September 11th

October 9th

November 13th

December 13th Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 13th starting at 4:30 PM.

It will be held at the Leary's House. The Address is:

11722 Pilot Point Lane

Frankston Texas, 75763

Please Bring a white Elephant Gift!

Brenda Culver

Secretary

Lake Palestine Chapter 972

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2025 RUNWAY GUMBO DATES

This year it will go back to 3rd Saturday of the month.

May 17th

June 21st and Ultralight Fly-in

September 20th

October 18th