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A Glastar First Flight

By Sam Cooper

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On December 20, 2024, Chapter Member David Nakonieczny's Glastar had a successful first flight. This past summer, David and his second son flew the Glastar to Oshkosh for AirVenture 2025. David commented that "It was a dream come true to fly the plane we built with my son into Oshkosh." David reports that they had a wonderful time and that the Glastar performed well on the longer legs to and from Wisconsin.

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Important Chapter Stuff

By Michael Stephan

The weather is starting to cool off and yield some very good flying conditions. Flying under a bubble canopy, a reprieve from the heat is welcomed.

We have a bunch of good news items to talk about this month. First is a late congratulations to David for his First Flight

I was excited when I heard that David Nakonieczny flew his beautiful Glastar. I remember weighing David's plane last November and enjoyed talking with him about the project that day at Denton Airport. Shortly afterwards, his plane was inspected and took it's first flight. I lost track of his progress and missed that incredible accomplishment.

I was glad to hear that not only was the plane flying, but he was able to take it to Oshkosh and put it in the show. Perfect.

Congratulations and well done David!

We also had another first flight last month. Ted Harrison flew his F4 Raider for the first time. A blocked fuel injector made that a short trip around the pattern, but after fixing it, he has made a second and third flight.

We will hear more about Ted's adventure in next month's issue. Stay Tuned.

We also Congratulate Zen Walter for his new Private Pilot's License. What a major accomplishment!

Now for some upcoming Chapter events:

On Saturday Nov 1, we have a visit to see Joe Migis' new project. A restoration of a 1938 Rearwin.

We planned to have Russ Keith of Operation Airdrop speak at the November meeting, but the aid needed Jamaica requires his time. So, we will reschedule him for next year.

Luckily, Casey Coker, President of the Women in Aviation North Texas Chapter, agreed to join us on short notice and we are excited about that. Should be very interesting.

Hope to see many of you there for that presentation.

Christopher Jolly is planning a Young Eagles event on November 15 at Sherman Muni (SWI) from 9am -12pm. He has a number of Young Eagles lined up and a few pilots to fly them. If you would like to chip in some help, contact Christopher and let him know. Contact him via [email](#).

Last reminder is the upcoming Christmas Party. Not too early to get on the reservation list. The party is on Tuesday this year December 2nd. That is not very long after Thanksgiving. So make plans now to attend.

The Christmas Party is one of our most fun events of the year. It is food, fun and friends. Worth the battle to make the trip to the Outback Steakhouse in Plano. With a great deal of magic, we were able to keep the ticket price the same as last year. Details on page 7.

There is a lot of good things happening in the Chapter this year, and this party is one of them.

Lastly, A few months back we had some visitors at our meeting that moved here and have a business of aircraft detailing. They seemed like fine gentleman, and I said I would give them a mention in the newsletter. Then I forgot about it last month, but here is there information.

The Business is Real Clean and they do complete aircraft detailing. Clayton Daniels is the base manager in the Dallas Metro area. His number is 214 550 7945.

They also have a website for more information at:

realcleanaircraft.com



Membership Update for November

By Sam Cooper

We had a number of new Chapter memberships in October. James Buckler is a young pilot progressing through his ratings. Doug Bryan has rejoined and he owns both a Long-EZ and a Defiant. Former Student Member David Pyke has joined as a Regular member as he progresses through his ratings. We also had two new Student Members join the Chapter. Both Elijah and Leopold are exploring their strong aviation interests. Welcome aboard James, Doug, David, Elijah and Leopold. Let us know how we can help you on your aviation journey and adventures.

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Pete Miller's RV-7 smilinpete.com/wp/

Jim Novak's RV-8 www.mykitlog.com/izzybear

Greg Schroeder's Sportsman www.mykitlog.com/schroeder1

November 4th Chapter Meeting

The November Chapter meeting will be on **Tues, November 4th. at 7pm**

We will meet in the big foyer area at Rising Aviation High School at Addison Airport, which is at 15506 Wright Brothers Dr., Addison TX 75001.

There will be a short organizational session at 7:00 PM. The program will begin at the conclusion of that business and finish by 9:00 p.m.

Our speaker this month is Casey Coker, President of the [Women in Aviation North Texas Chapter](#). She is also the Sales Manager at ACES Recruiting and Staffing, where she is dedicated to advancing aviation careers.



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November 10th Board Meeting

The November BOD meeting will be an online meeting on Monday November 10th at 6 pm. Any member is able to sit in on the board meeting. If you wish to do that, email smilinpete@gmail.com and he will send you a ZOOM invite. A summary of the minutes from the Oct BOD meeting recorded by Jim Canniff are as follows:

Meeting called to order by Brad Roberts at 18:04. Minutes from the previous meeting approved as emailed.

Officers/Directors in Attendance: Officers/Directors in Attendance: Brad Roberts, Pete Miller, Jim Canniff, Sam Cooper, Ann Asberry, Joe Migis and Christopher Jolly. Also present: Michael Stephan and Mel Asberry.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

November 4: Russ Keith Manager for Operation Airdrop
December 2: Christmas Party

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Nov 10, Dec 8

TREASURER REPORT

Sam discussed the Treasurer's Report. We had one new member and 6 renewals yielding a membership of 81. Currently there are 6 student members.

YOUNG EAGLES / EAGLE FLIGHTS

Additional YE supplies received from EAA.

Current list is 10 youth requesting flights.

A possible arrangement is a flight event to be held at Sherman Municipal Airport.

Build and Fly – Christopher Jolly is targeting Feb 7, 2026 at RAHS. Event to include ARF airplane build.

CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Nov 1 - Project visit on, Joe M's Rearwin Speedster project.

Dec 2 - Christmas Party Games - Ann A and Michael S to collaborate on games for the party. Door prizes will given away at the party. Charity Donations - Donations will be added to the scholarship funds for student pilots.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Claire - Soloed on Sept. 6. Now in cross country flight training.

Garrett - Passed checkride.

NEW BUSINESS

Two YEs have met all requirements for student membership which includes EAA student membership and a Young Eagles flight. They were nominated and accepted for chapter student membership.

Elijah Ngari.

Leo Young.

First Flights

David Nakonieczny – Glastar build.

Ted Harrison – F4 Raider

Ann Asberry reported they will move the Summer Picnic to the weekend before Fathers Day – June 13th

Pete Miller reported Wes Huff is organizing a LSA Repairman Inspection course by Rainbow Aviation. Tentative date of Feb 21-22 at Rising Aviation HS.

Sam Cooper gave a brief summary on the chapter budget for Q4 of 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:30



Joe Migis' 1938 Rearwin Speedster Project Vist Nov 1

By Michael Stephan

In the August issue, we learned that Joe and Milissa Migis traveled to Cheyenne, Wyoming to purchase a rare Rearwin Speedster from the daughter of Ralph Luther. Ralph purchased it in 1948 and flew it until 1949, when he began a restoration.

Joe picked up that project a month ago and has generously agreed to share it with us.

He and Milissa are hosting a chapter project visit at their home in Hidden Valley Airpark on **SAT NOV 1** from **9am to noon**. Joe says burgers will be ready at 11:30.

If you plan on flying in give Joe a call at 214-448-8964 to get instructions on where to park.

His address is:
[33 Hidden Valley Airpark](#)
 Shady Shores, TX 76208

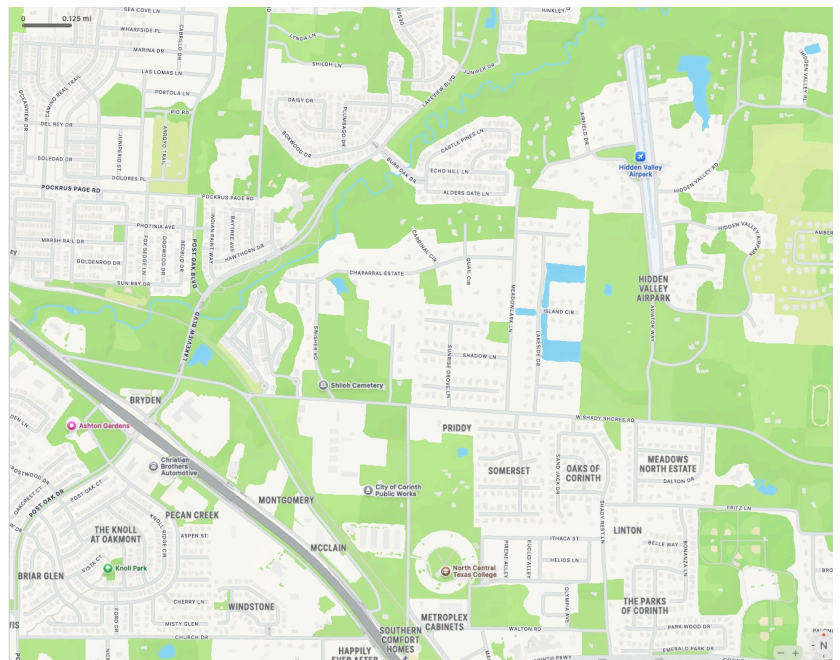
From Joe Migis:

The Rearwin Speedster 6000M is a piece of aviation history. A true gem of 1930s aviation, the 6000M embodies the spirit of innovation and elegance from the Golden Age of flight.

Designed as a high-performance sport aircraft, the Speedster was Rearwin Aircraft's bold entry into the competitive lightplane market—offering both speed and style in a sleek, tandem two-seater package.

Powered by a 125-horsepower Menasco C-4 inline engine, the 6000M boasted an impressive top speed of 160 mph—fast for its class at the time.

Only 11 production aircraft were produced—making the Rearwin Speedster a rare and coveted aircraft today



Zen Walter - Private Pilot

By Michael Stephan

One of the benefits of associating with Rising Aviation High School is connecting with some really good students. One of those is Zen Walter, who recently passed his Private Pilot Checkride. Zen has been assisting the chapter as an ambassador to the youth that have taken an interest in aviation and our chapter. We are excited to have him on board.

Congratulations Zen and here is his thoughts on his new PPL:

"On the afternoon of October 13th in Georgetown, TX, I successfully passed my Private Pilot Checkride and earned my license!

As far as aspirations go, when I was a little kid, I didn't think I would have predicted obtaining such a privilege at the age of 17. Through lots of sweat (thankfully mitigated by in-plane air conditioning, yes, I am spoiled) and effort, that has built up over the past year or so, I'm proud to call myself a Private Pilot.

Thank you to everyone who gave me words of encouragement, and thank you to this chapter for fostering such a fantastic environment for kids and adults to bond over this wonderful thing we call aviation. I'm looking forward to the sky and to the future opportunities this license gives me!"

- Zen Walter



Zen in front of the Piper Archer



David Nakonieczny's beautiful Glastar at Airventure 2025



Chapter Christmas Party

By Jim Canniff

Time once again for the EAA 168 Christmas Party.

Date & Time:

Tuesday, Dec 2, 2025 (This our regular meeting date)
5:30 - 9:00 pm

Location:

Outback Steakhouse
1509 N Central Expressway
Plano, TX 75075

This is on the NW corner of 15th St and the South bound Central Expressway (Rt 75) frontage road.

There will be games, door prizes and a lot of catching up to do. Come early and chat. The party is always a good time. The folks at the Outback have promised to make our event really nice.

Price: \$26 per person

Menu:

Outback Special:

6 oz Sirloin seasoned and seared on our flat top grill to lock in the flavor.

Chicken on the Barbie:

8 oz Grilled Chicken breast seasoned and cooked on our wood fire grill.

Perfectly Grilled Salmon:

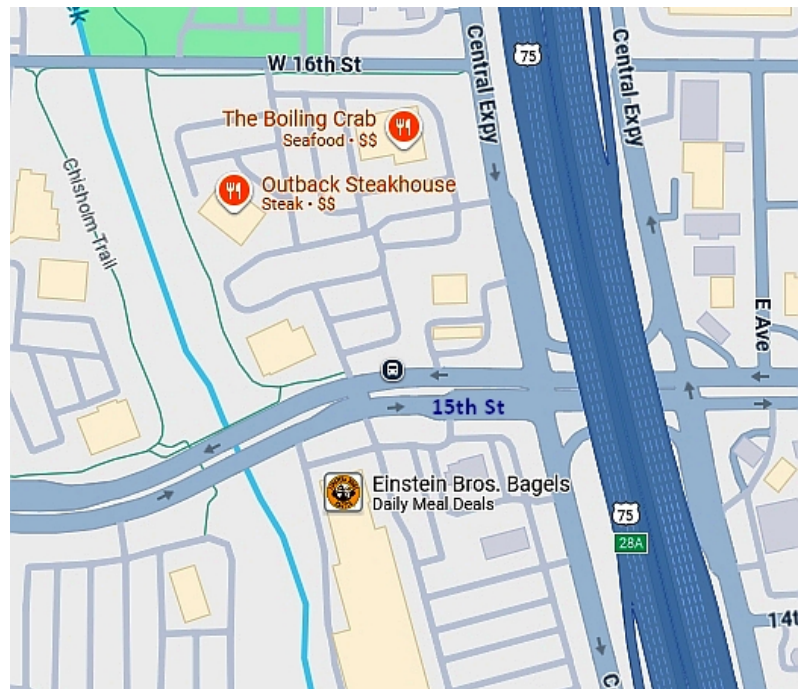
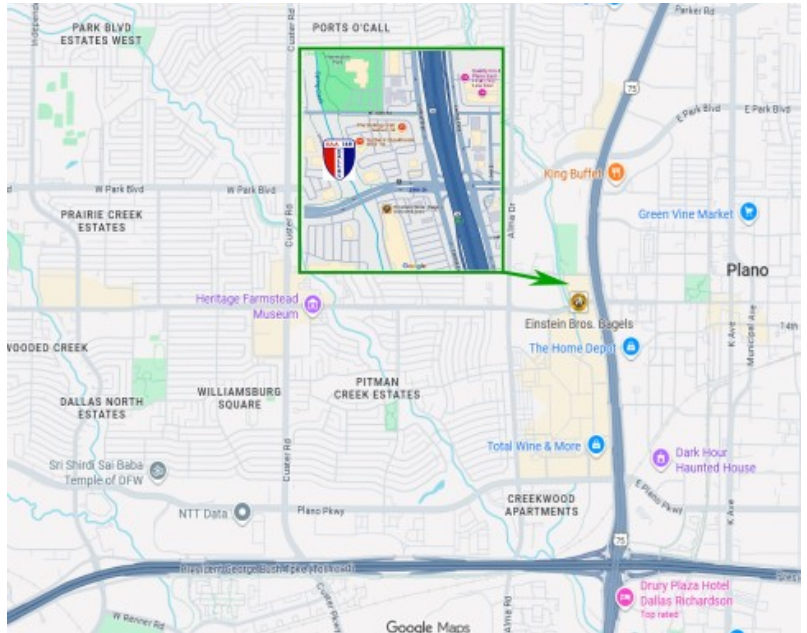
8 oz Filet of Salmon seasoned and cooked on our wood fire grill.

Each Entree is served with one freshly made side and a House or Caesar salad.

Sides:

- Baked Potato - Butter, Sour Cream, Cheese, Bacon, Chives
- Sweet Potato
- Homestyle Mashed Potatoes
- Veggies
- Green Beans

Salads - Caesar Salad or House Salad with choice of dressing



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Racing in Roswell

By Christopher Jolly

As you know, Reno racing relocated to Roswell. I went to the inaugural event in September and had an absolute ball. Roswell is a fun place in its own right. But add an air race and now it's a party ;). Oh, and amazing Mexican food!

The flight track is much better for viewing than the Reno track. With Roswell providing full viewing all away around, no valley of speed, except for



when the planes pass BELOW the height of the hangar shown where the planes temporarily disappear from viewing.

The event had STOL, jet, biplane, T6 racing to name a few events. Unlimited is expected to participate next year. I took a picture of the broadcaster and YouTuber Juan Browne "Blancolorio".

If you want to go in 2026 get a hotel now, the city is small and hotels sell out like Oshkosh.



Rain and Shine at 2025 Splash In

By Michael Stephan

Fall weather can sometime be unpredictable, and that was the case with the Cedar Mills Splash In/Safety Seminar. Most years we have beautiful weather and other years it just doesn't cooperate. This year we had a little of both. The weekend started on Friday with a beautiful but somewhat warm afternoon and evening. The Dinner in the Hangar was delicious, as always. But the low pressure was bringing some instability on Saturday. The day started with flyable weather, but turned quickly to low ceilings and rain, which lasted for most of the morning and into the afternoon.

With my coach in the shop. I opted to fly the fastback and tent camp with other chapter members. Greg Kochersperger was the first to arrive on Friday in a Nice Bonanza. and later that evening David Brown bracketed me in with his super nice RV-10.

In the campground, Bruce and Mary Ann Fuller brought the coach and set up our gathering area. Parked beside was Carl Walker and Jay Pratt and Carol were also nearby in their RV trailer.

Even with the wet weather, our Chapter lunch prepared by Bruce and Mary Ann was incredibly delicious. We had hot dogs and Bruce's award winning Chili. I could have eaten that all day. But I did save some room for the Octoberfest themed dinner in the restaurant that evening.

Saturday afternoon the weather cleared out yielding an afternoon of walking the flight line. Even though the weather kept many at bay, there were plenty of planes that came in early as well as a few the joined Saturday afternoon.

A nice aspect of this fly in is the variety of airplanes. It is a good mix of certified, experimental, tail wheel and seaplanes. This year a local Icon amphibious airplane attended that is owned by an instructor and is available for all kinds of flights out of Denton Airport.

The Badlands Traveller out of Decatur was there. It is a very beefy version of a big tire airplane with a metal wing. It has a [Youtube](#) video if you want more info.

All that walking around made us hungry, and



Chapter 168 airplane camping area



Local Icon Amphib



Badlands Traveller

dinner was ready in the Pelican Landing Restaurant. That dinner requires tickets, and is very good. The evening ends with nearly 30 door prizes; most being very valuable.

We had another pleasant night camping, although a bit cooler than the previous night. It was worth the stay because just up the runway in the hangar a pancake breakfast awaits. The Sherman Chapter hosts this meal and it is a great way to start a Sunday. Several big tire cubs flew in just for the morning festivities. The flight line was growing again.

After breakfast the only thing left was to break camp and head home.



Another fun event in the books. Thanks to all who came and joined in. A special thanks to Bruce and Mary Ann for that lunch.

Upcoming Events



Saturday, Nov 1ST - 1st Saturday Coffee/Donuts/Chapter Meeting, McKinney (KTKI)

We get together for our monthly Chapter meeting at the airport, for some great fellowship and fun. We have Free coffee and donuts for everyone at Pat Long's Hangar in the McKinney Hangar Owners Association. area at the McKinney National Airport (KTKI) in McKinney, TX. 9 AM - Noon. Non-members can be added to our notification list by emailing Treasurer@eaa1246.org. You don't have to be a pilot or a member to attend. Bring the family! See you there!

Website: <https://www.eaa1246.org/>



**Saturday, Nov 8, 2025
Airplanes and Coffee, Mount Pleasant, TX
Mount Pleasant Regional Airport (KOSA)**

Join the 501c3 Non-Profit Organization Airplanes and Coffee for a FREE day of fun.

What to expect:

- Many beautiful aircraft to view up close and personal
- Opportunity to learn about becoming a pilot or mechanic (as a career or hobby)
- Free short flights in small airplanes (limited availability/restrictions apply)
- Aviation safety presentations
- Games and entertainment
- Coffee and Donuts
- Food trucks and vendors
- And more!

Website: <https://airplanesandcoffee.com/>

Saturday, Nov 15, 2025
Lone Star 160 Air Race, Stephenville, TX
Stephenville, Tx ([SEP](#))

160 mile air race for all types of single engine aircraft. Classes by horse power The race will be LeMans style with staggered 3 minute starts. The course will be from Stephenville to Ennis to Hillsboro and back to Stephenville.



[Lone Star Air Racing](#)

Contact: [Mike Holcomb](#)
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For Sale: New unused sealed in original packaging Garmin GAP 26 unheated pitot probe Part number 010-01074-00 for sale. Asking 150.00

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Saturday, Dec 6, 2025
Airplanes and Coffee, Gainesville, TX
Gainesville Municipal Airport ([KGLE](#))

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