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Light Sport Repairman Inspection Course

By Wes Huff

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION ★ CHAPTER 168 ★ DALLAS

EAA Chapter 168 hosted Rainbow Aviation's 2 Day Light Sport Repairman Inspection Course on February 21st and 22nd. There was good interest in our Chapter 168 membership, but not enough to fill the class of 20 so we opened up registration to EAA chapters around the North Texas area. This brought enough interest to fill the class roster and create a wait list. We only had three people drop out after the initial sign up and we filled those spots quickly. One of them the week prior to the class start. This happens with every class so be sure and get on the wait list if you want to take this course.

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Important Chapter Stuff

By Michael Stephan

It has been an unseasonably warm February making it a good time to do some flying. Which I did.

But the weather was not the only thing heating up. We had several events that happened recently.

The Build and fly event at Rising Aviation High School was enjoyed by the kids as well as the adults. Also at Rising Aviation was the Rainbow Aviation Light Sport Repairman Inspection course that was full and had several of our members attending.

We also had Claire, a Ray Aviation Scholar, complete her checkride on Feb 16th to become our newest Private Pilot.

February has been fantastic.

Now looking forward to what we have in March.

It starts with the Chapter Meeting on the 3rd featuring Joe Migis and the continuing restoration of the Rearwin Speedster that he acquired last fall. If you attended the gathering at his house you have idea of how amazing this project is that has spanned nearly 70 years.

Then Greg has arranged for us to take a tour of the Legend Cub Factory in Sulphur Springs in our first fly-out of the year. That is happening on Wednesday March 18th. Needed to be during week since they are not open on the weekend. But for those on Spring Break or retired, it should be fun visit.

On March 7th, there are several events to choose from. Airplanes and Coffee is in Durant OK, The McKinney Chapter is having their monthly coffee and donuts and Chapter meeting. For us in the southern portion of the metroplex we have a fly-in event at Stephenville (SEP).

Then Sun-N-Fun is a little over a month away, which means the fly-in season has begun.

At the Christmas party I had dinner with a very enthusiastic future pilot, Alessandro, and his parents. Since then I gave them a tour of the GPM control tower and some of the projects and planes in the hangars. I asked him if he would write something for the newsletter, and in this issue is the first of hopefully many articles of his adventures.



We recently were invited to Klaus Truemper's Memorial Service at UTD. I could not make it, but I was glad to hear that many of our members were able to attend and celebrate Klaus' life.

Chapter 168 Board of Directors Election

By Jim Canniff

At the March regular we will have the election of the Board of Directors for 2026.

The current slate of candidates is:

Ann Asberry, Brad Roberts, Chris Siggins, Joe Migis, and Christopher Jolly

Per the Chapter Bylaws, a nominee for the Board of Directors must be a voting Regular member (not a Student member) in good standing.

The Board meets via ZOOM on the Monday that follows the Chapter meeting from 7pm - 8pm.

Membership Update for March

By Sam Cooper

We had two new EAA Chapter 168 memberships in February. We had Nigel and Lincoln join as new Student Members of the Chapter. Nigel and Lincoln are exploring their strong aviation interests. Welcome aboard Nigel and Lincoln. Let us know how we can help you on your aviation journey and adventures.

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March 3rd Chapter Meeting

The February Chapter meeting will be on **Tues. March 3rd. 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.

This month's presentation will feature Joe Migis providing an update on his ongoing restoration of a vintage, type-certificated aircraft. He will highlight the key considerations and regulatory requirements that restorers must navigate to return an aircraft to airworthy condition. Joe will also share specific insights and progress from his own project. The restoration of a classic 1938 Rearwin Speedster.



March 9th Board Meeting

The March BOD meeting will be an online meeting on Monday March 9th at 7 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 Feb BOD meeting recorded by Jim Canniff are as follows:

Meeting called to order by Pete Miller at 19:02. Minutes from the previous meeting approved as emailed.

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

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Mar. 3: Rene Dugas – Tail Wheel Training
Apr 7: Rod Blake – Citabria restoration
May 5: Russ Keith - Disaster relief flights

Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug 4, Sep 1, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10, Sep 8, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 7

TREASURER REPORT

Sam discussed the Treasurer's Report. We had 3 new members yielding a membership of 91. Currently there are 10 student members.

YOUNG EAGLES / EAGLE FLIGHTS

Christopher Jolly will update list of youth seeking Young Eagles flight. "One on One" flights may be done by any pilot that has completed background check. A small group event may be scheduled for April or May.

CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

March 18 – Flyout to Legend Aero facility at Sulphur Springs (SLR) for tour. Needs to be on week day as facility is not open on weekends.

Possible visit to CAF museum at Dallas Executive Airport (RBD). Date TBD due to aircraft schedules.

Chapter picnic discussed. Location and date TBD.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Claire - Checkride scheduled for Feb 17.

2026 Applications:

Joe has contacted by 4 possible candidates. He will advise by email of requirements and request a short note asking why they should be considered for Ray scholarship. An interview of about 15 minutes will be conducted of each possible candidate at the march BoD meeting. After interviews the candidates will be excused and the board will discuss and make the selection of two Ray scholars.

NEW BUSINESS

Build and Fly Event went well – Seven aircraft worked on. Gliders are best for builds as they are easy and inexpensive. Will partner with Richardson club for flying day at their RC airport.

Two new members have met all requirements for student membership. Both received nomination from Pete Miller and Sam Cooper and were approved by the Board.

Our Student Ambassador, Zen Walters' future educational pursuits may necessitate move form Dallas area and limit chapter involvement. He also reported that Garrett Moore has completed his instrument rating.

Pete Miller discussed the upcoming Board elections for the March Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:10

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Our instructor was Jim Scott from Harrisburg Pennsylvania. Jim is well known in the light sport aviation community and has taught this class for Rainbow Aviation many times.

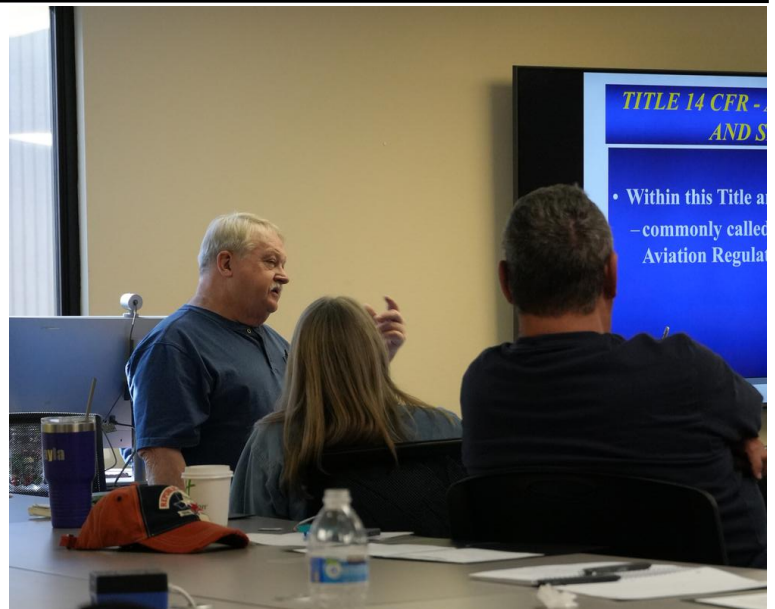
The class was two full days of great information on the how the MOSAIC rule changes have changed the requirements on who can sign off on condition inspections for Light Sport and Amateur-built aircraft, and, a high-level review on what to look for in performing an inspection. Much of the information was presented through many pictures and references to AC 43.13.

The new regulations, and changes that come along with it, are confusing and not well understood by most of us at this point in the process. However, I think a little time and good effort on our part will resolve most of the confusion and these changes will promote a greater good and tremendous advantage for aviation in general.

This would have not happened without the support of Pete Miller and Rising Aviation High School. The school allowed us to use their facilities at no charge and Pete agreed to be at the school for two weekend days that he would not have otherwise needed to be there. The relationship between Chapter 168 and the school continues to provide mutual benefits.

Jim Scott and I were able to interact with some of the students and listen to a presentation made by Garret Moore on Friday afternoon. I was impressed by this group of young aspiring aviation enthusiast and Jim Scott commented several times in the class how encouraged he was to interact with these young people who want to pursue aviation as a career.

Many Thanks to everyone who made this possible and participated.



Chapter Fly-Out to Sulphur Springs

Wednesday March 18th

By Greg Kochersperger

Springtime is coming soon and it's time to dust the frost off the wings and get in the air! EAA 168 is going to have a fly-out event to visit Legend Aero's facility in Sulphur Springs on **Wednesday, March 18th**. Legend Aero is the producer of Legend Cubs, one of the country's premier line classic cubs and super cubs. They produce kits, run a build assist program, and they factory build LSA cubs at their facility in Sulphur Springs. They also do beautiful restorations on cubs as well as other certified aircraft. Whether you're into backcountry performance, STOL competition, or classic cub nostalgia, they have you covered. They have a state of the art facility, and I can't wait to see what they have going on. If the weather doesn't look good for flying on the 18th, we will hold the 19th as a back-up day.

We will fly out (or drive if you must) to KSLR and meet on the ramp at 11:00am. There is typically plenty of ramp space, and they have a nice FBO building. We'll walk across the street for lunch at the Redbarn Cafe, followed by a scheduled tour of Legend at 12:30pm. The Redbarn is one of the best fly-in dining spots in DFW, within very short walking distance of the airport. Please remember to **BRING CASH!** Redbarn doesn't take credit cards. If you want to skip lunch and just catch the tour, or vice-versa, that's fine.

Look for an email RSVP or just let me know if you're interested in joining us by going to the [Chapter website](#). There will be a link in the EVENTS section to RSVP.

So fuel up the plane and grab a friend. It should be fun. I realize this is during the week and some of us have day jobs, but Legend Cub is only open Mon-Thurs. A day of flying is always better than a day of working. If you need a note to get out of work, just let me know and I'm sure we can write you one.

Greg Kochersperger
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NEW PRIVATE PILOT

By Brad Roberts

On Feb 16th, Claire passed her check ride - FINALLY. I heard the DPE she flew with is pretty tough but her instructor said she did very very well and passed the first time. I just want to thank each of you for your support and encouragement of Claire. It means a lot to her and I'm sure she will express her gratitude in person.

She has been accepted at Aims College in Greeley, CO and will start in August. They have a program where she can get all her rating through multi-engine CFI in less than 2 years.

Project Updates

By Michael Stephan

I do have a short update on a project that has made some good progress recently.



Jay Pratt's Javron Cub project now has its wings covered. Not an easy task, but as Jay says, "It is much easier with the help of friends." The wing fixture was borrowed. Larry Vetterman did much of the covering in his shop in Abilene. Steve Pierce helped with the drawings and the inspection holes. "Without friends this build would not be this far along."



Chapter 168 Future Pilot



My name is Alessandro and I'm 14 years old and I'm a proud chapter student member. I have loved airplanes since I was about six years old. Before I ever flew or even touched an RC airplane, I was already building airplanes out of LEGO and using anything I could find—plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, and whatever else was around—to create my own airplanes.

It all started on my eighth birthday with an Amazon-style RC airplane. From there, I learned and progressed into my first true hobby-grade RC airplane, and that's when aviation became much more than just a hobby for me.

As my interest grew, my parents discovered the EAA organization and the Richardson RC Club, which led me to EAA Chapter 168. The youth RC build and fly event hosted by Chapter 168 last year was a turning point for me. That's when things really started happening, and I met many interesting and inspiring people who helped fuel my passion.

In June of 2025, thanks to Joe Migis and Christopher Jolly, I experienced my first flight during a Young Eagles event in a Cessna 182. After that flight, my parents arranged several discovery flights with local flight schools, including flights in a Cessna 172 and a Piper PA-28 Archer. I even had the chance to handle takeoffs and landings, which confirmed that flying is what I want to do.

I'm also very grateful to Michael Stephan for giving me a tour of the Grand Prairie Airport ATC tower and for showing me his airplanes and ongoing projects. It was an incredible experience.

Thanks to EAA Chapter 168, I gained access to Sporty's after my Young Eagles flight, and I'm almost finished with the program. I plan to go through it over and over until I'm old enough to begin flight school. I'm already studying and preparing to work toward my Private Pilot License, with the long-term goal of becoming an airline pilot.

I'm extremely thankful to everyone in EAA Chapter 168 for the opportunities, encouragement, and support. This chapter has played a huge role in my aviation journey, and I'm excited for what's ahead.



Build and Fly at Rising Aviation

We had a great time last month at Rising Aviation High School for our second Build and Fly session.

There was plenty of room in the build room to assemble the remote control airplane and helicopters, as well as the many foam gliders that were test flown in the foyer area.

We thank all of those who attended and those that assisted in making this a day full of fun. Especially, Rising Aviation, Pete Miller, Zen Walters, Greg Kochersperger, Chris Siggins, and Christopher Jolly. Also thank the members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics Club 623-Richardson Radio Control Club.



Sun N Fun 2026

By Jim Canniff

The Sun n Fun Aerospace Expo is on April 14 – 19 this year. There are some interesting changes that anyone attending might want to be aware of.

First there is a big change from the past decades for the Wednesday night airshow. Previous years had the normal arrivals and departures from 7:00 am to about 1:00 pm. Then there was the afternoon airshow from 1:00 to about 5:30 pm, followed by more air ops from 5:30 to 7:00, followed by a night airshow from 7 – 9:30. Whew, yes all these operation transitions could be a little tedious for GA arrivals and departures.

So this year on the Wednesday of the show there is only going to be one change over. Normal arrivals and departures will be from 7:00 am to about 5:00 pm and then there will be a combined Day, Evening and Night airshow. This will be a really great show. There will be various military jets including the USAF Thunderbirds, aerobatic performers and then the night show. The night show is aircraft aerobatics with pyrotechnics, a spectacular drone show ending with a great fireworks and pyro show. Having worked at Sun n Fun for 24 years the airshows are great but of limited interest by this point. But I do watch (and photo) the night shows.

Just a little caution from experience – by all means attend the show but do leave some more time margin than the 30 minutes they mention. This is especially true on departure. From experience I would say get to your plane about an hour before and be moving on the taxiway 45 minutes before the airport closing time.

The second change this year is that Homebuilt and Homebuilt Camping are a combined operation this year. From what was said it sounds like they will share all facilities and amenities. The actual areas are now next to each other. There is going to be forums in the Homebuilt area – this is something new. For times and subjects check the Activities, Daily Schedule section on the Sun n Fun website, flynf.org.

If you plan on camping I would recommend you please still put “HBC” on your parking request sign so the parking volunteer knows you need room for your tent.

The Homebuilt area is directly across taxiway Echo from what is called the “Inland”. This is a facility with food, showers, a general store and a Pilot Welcome Center. It is also a rideshare pick- drop-off and transportation point for the trams that will go to Florida Ave which is a restaurant/shopping area in Lakeland.

Over the past few years Sun n Fun has made a considerable effort to make the Fly-in experience a good one.

Hope to see you there!



Upcoming Events



AIRPLANES & COFFEE FLY-IN

DRONES & PARAMOTORS DAY

March 7 | KDUA – Durant, OK | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- ✈ Drones & Paramotors on Display
- 📺 Live Presentations & Q&A
- 📖 Learn how to get involved in drone and paramotors aviation
- ☕ Great Coffee & Great People

March 7 | KDUA – Durant, OK | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

✈ Open to pilots & the public | ✈ Free to attend ☂

Whether you're a pilot, aviation enthusiast, or just curious about drones and paramotors, this event is a perfect opportunity to **learn, connect, - get inspired.**




Saturday March 7th
9am - 2pm

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

WINGS, WHEELS, AND WONDERS!

Free Entry & All are Welcome

Various Aircraft Types | Farmer's & Artisan Market
Car Show | Art Exhibit | Complimentary Breakfast
| Coffee sponsored by Cold Smoke | Food Trucks

📍 **Stephenville Clark Regional Airport**



Saturday, March 7th - 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/>



2026 Tour

April 11 | KTRL – Terrell, TX | 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
✈ \$100 Hamburger Scholarship Fundraiser ✈ Fly-In Event

May 1–2 | Cedar Mills Marina & Resort | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
✈ Overnight Campout ✈ Dinner at Pelican's Landing

June 13 | KGLE – Gainesville, TX | 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
✈ Pancake Breakfast Scholarship Fundraiser ✈ Fly-In Event

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