

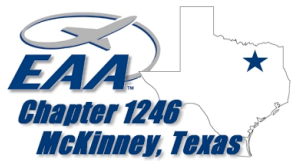


Chapter 1246

McKinney, Texas

March 2011

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A view from inside the new
Collin County Regional Airport
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Upcoming Events:

March 10, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

March 14-16, 2001 – [Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour](#) of WWII Vintage Aircraft at Collin County Regional Airport.

March 17, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

March 26, 2011 – Flyout to Gladewater, TX. Gladewater Municipal ([07F](#)). Runway Gumbo Lunch Fly-In. EAA Chapter 972 members are hosting a "Runway Gumbo" lunch from 1100 to 1300. Liquid / Fix-ins included. Walking close expanded ramp parking. On Airport. Chatter and lies expected. Donations welcome. Contact Bob Tippens, 903-574-3641. [Email Website](#)

April 2, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

April 14, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

April 21, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

April 23, 2011 – EAA Chapter Annual Fish Fry in the McKinney Hangars Association Area at Collin County Regional Airport.

May 7, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

May 12, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

May 19, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

June 4, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

June 9, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

June 16, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

July 2, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

July 14, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

July 21, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

August 6, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

August 11, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

August 18, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

September 3, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

September 8, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

September 15, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

October 1, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

October 13, 2011 – [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

October 20, 2011 – Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

November 5, 2011 – First Saturday Coffee & Donuts - 9:00 am at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney HOA.

November 10, 2011- [Monthly Chapter Meeting](#) at Collin County Community College.

November 17, 2011- Officers Meeting at Cutter Aviation (KTKI) – 7:30 pm.

• **Chapter Meetings** are held at 7 pm in [Conference Center Room D 106, Section A](#) on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a pilot or a member to attend.

• **Officers Meetings** are held at 7:30 pm at the [Cutter Aviation](#) Conference Room at Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney Texas. Members are welcome to attend.

• **First Saturday Coffee and Donuts** at [Chuck Roberts Hangar \(#2520\)](#) in the McKinney Hangars Association area. Let's get together for fellowship and fun. Free coffee and donuts for everyone. Fly or Drive in. Everyone is welcome! You don't have to be a member to attend.

Chapter News...

EAA Chapter 1246 Monthly Meeting for March 10th, 2011

Risk Management Presentation – PLUS Information on the The Redbird FMX 1000 Advanced Training Device



Ray Heyde, President & Founder of the Aviation Training & Resource Center's (ATRC) in Carrollton, TX, is going to give us a talk on Risk Management in Aviation, plus an introduction to the Redbird FMX 1000 Advanced Training Device in Aviation Training & Resource Center, which is located in Carrollton, Texas, only 1.5 miles northwest of the Addison Airport (KADS)..

Here's what Ray has to say about the Redbird FMX 1000. "With all of its capabilities, the FMX is truly worthy of the FAA Approval status as an "Advanced Aviation Training Device" (AATD). The model of aircraft represented can literally be changed from one model to another in just a couple of minutes. "

"This advancement is huge for students since it allows them to fly a product like they are using in the real aircraft. In addition, we can blend the old steam gauge six pack technology of many training aircraft to the "glass cockpit" of the future."



Be sure and buy your Raffle Tickets!

We have a drawing for prizes at the end of every Monthly Chapter Meeting. You can purchase your tickets before the meeting or during our break before the night's main presentation.



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Meetings are held in Conference Room D106A on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM

Directions: North on Central Expressway (Highway 75) to McKinney, TX.

Left on Highway 380 (W. University Drive)

Turn right at Collin County Community College entrance.

March 5th First Saturday Coffee and Donuts Get Together.

What a nice turnout! We had 40 people at the March 2011 First Saturday Coffee and Donuts. A big THANKS to Chuck and Shirley Roberts for being our gracious host and letting us use their hangar. Maybe next month the winds will be less than 20-30 mph and we can have some folks fly in! Click [HERE](#) for a slideshow of the event **AND** a tour of our new tower.



Items of Interest:

Weather Transition - by Dick Stephens



Spring is not far off. This is a beautiful time of year as well as a very dangerous season for pilots. As we make the transition from cold wintery blasts to the rapidly changing patterns of spring weather, shifting jet streams, and pop up thunderstorms, we need to keep a "Weather Eye" out and understand what can happen.

Twenty seven % of all aircraft accidents are weather related and 90% of those are pilot related. Thirty per cent of weather related aircraft accidents are fatal. We all need to stay updated on our weather knowledge. I find it helpful to get information from several sources. I watch two TV weather broadcasts every day to stay current on the "Big Picture" of national as well as local weather. My favorite is Steve McCauley on channel 8. I also use "aviationweather.gov" because they have number of products to help understand what is happening. DUATS or DUAT is another good source for weather briefing.

If things seem a bit confusing I call FSS and talk to a weather briefer to help me interpret the data and make sure I haven't missed something. I encourage everyone to go to faasafety.gov click on "hot topics" then "Videos on Demand" for a number of very good refresher videos. There are 2 there on weather that are very informative. The site has a total of 6 video topics for safety training. They are Weather, Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM), Loss of Control, Controlled Flight into Terrain, Survivability, and Runway Incursion. If you are an AOPA member, go to their web site and take an interactive course on thunderstorms. Take the quiz and get wings credit. It is an excellent program. Remember weather really changes quickly in the spring.

February 26th Flyout-Flyin to Mt. Vernon



Well, not quite. It was pure IFR all the way. BUT, never-the-less, we had a nice group of folks manage to make their way in. We all had a good time and told many tall tales.

We'll have to try this again. We now have stockpile of sausage and weenies for the next grand adventure! [Check out these pictures](#) and the surprise B-24 Liberator flyby back at the McKinney airport.

Did you know?



New FAR 47.40
Requires re-registration of
aircraft from 2011 to 2013?

Re-registration each three
years there after.
Cost is \$5.00 to \$10.00 per
aircraft. Which will most
likely increase.

Click [HERE](#) for more
information.

Coming in April! Getting your Airplane Painted.

At our April 14th EAA Chapter 1246 Monthly Meeting, we will have great presentation on what's involved in getting a new paint job for your airplane.

If your paint needs a redo, this is a great opportunity to learn more about the process of getting it done.



Have you paid your Chapter Dues?

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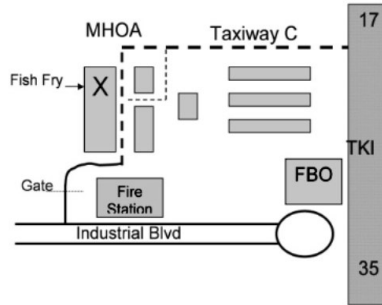
EAA Chapter 1246 Annual Fish Fry – April 23, 2011

The best Fish YOU ever tasted!



It is time for our Annual Fish Fry! Garry and Janne Ackerman are mixing up the tasty breading spices and sparking up the oil to fry up some 1st rate fish. So come on out, rain or sunshine, to this fun event and bring your family and friends.

As always, our events are open to all. The fish will be ready for serving at 11 am at TKI (Collin County Regional Airport) in the MHOA located on the west/north side of the field behind the fire station. There will be signs set up to show you the way to where all the fun is. If you like to bring a dessert or have any questions about the event, feel free to call 214-906-7701 or e-mail info@eaa1246.org



Chapter 1246 Fly-out to Gladewater, TX - March 26, 2011

Gladewater, TX. Gladewater Municipal (07F). Runway Gumbo Lunch Fly-In. EAA Chapter 972 members are hosting a "Runway Gumbo" lunch from 1100 to 1300. Liquid / Fix-ins included. Walking close expanded ramp parking. On Airport. Chatter and lies expected. Donations welcome. Contact Bob Tippens, 903-574-3641. [Email Website](#)



1st Saturday Coffee and Donuts!



Let's get together for some fellowship and fun. There will be hot (Free) coffee and donuts for everyone on the first Saturday of every month at Chuck Roberts Hangar (#2520) in the McKinney Hangars Association area.

Gathering time will be around 9:00 am. Drive, fly, hitchhike or walk in. You don't have to be a member to attend. See you there!

We had 40 people for our March 5th event and everyone had a great time. Don't miss our next Coffee and Donuts get together on April 2nd.

The Collings Foundation – Wings of Freedom Tour

At Collin County Regional Airport - March 14-16, 2011



The [Collings Foundation](#) Wings of Freedom Tour Announcement of the WWII Vintage Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Consolidated B-24 Liberator, North American P-51 Mustang and Bell UH-1E "Huey" helicopter. A Unique Display in McKinney at the Collin County Regional Airport at McKinney from March 14 to March 16, 2011.



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In The News...

The Latest News From EAA - Experimental Aircraft Association:

['Holy Grail' of Warbirds Found Off San Diego](#)

The National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida, announced last week plans to raise a pre-World War II Douglas TBD Devastator torpedo bomber located off the coast of San Diego, California.

[Doubts Cast on Earhart Wreckage Sighting](#)

On the day it was announced that the latest DNA tests on a bone fragment thought to be that of Amelia Earhart were "inconclusive," a group on the South Pacific island of Bougainville has claimed to have discovered her lost aircraft.

[Cirrus to be Acquired by Chinese Aviation Company](#)

Cirrus Industries, Inc., and China Aviation Industry General Aircraft Co., Ltd. (CAIGA) have entered into a definitive merger agreement, with CAIGA acquiring Cirrus, the companies announced jointly on Monday. **The Latest News From AOPA - Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association:**

[Liability bill could open airstrip access in Kansas](#)

The Kansas House of Representatives has passed a liability protection bill that could greatly increase access to private airstrips in the state.

[Members briefed on safety, advocacy at Northwest conference](#)

AOPA was on the scene once again at the Northwest Aviation Conference Feb. 26 and 27 in Puyallup, Wash., with AOPA President Craig Fuller urging pilots in his keynote address to "Rally GA," and members taking opportunities to attend safety presentations and advocacy updates on issues of local, regional, and national interest.

[Support for nixing complex time for commercial restated](#)

Removing the requirement to log 10 hours of complex airplane time to earn a commercial pilot certificate would save money and improve safety, AOPA told the FAA March 2. **The Latest News From Aero-News Network:**

[ANN Guest Editorial: A Follow-Up On EAA's Young Eagle Data](#)

Does EAA's Recent Young Eagles' Data Add Up? By ANN Guest Columnist Rich Davidson The time has come for aviation to embrace a cold soul searching willingness to challenge everything we've been told or believe about our sport. Instead though, aviation's leaders continue to shore up reputations, seek out quantity over quality, and treat us like mushrooms. The (most recent) example comes from EAA.

[Phoenix Heliparts Customizes 1981 MD500D](#)

Low-Time D Model Sprouts E Model Nose, Digital Avionics A 1981 MD500D model has been customized with an 'E' nose, air conditioning and a complete Aerodynamix NVG package following a full restoration by Phoenix Heliparts of Phoenix, AZ. The company says this 30-year-old aircraft is now truly state of the art.

[Garmin Says New GMA 350 Audio Panel Makes Flying Easy](#)

Features Include Voice Recognition, 3D Sound, Advanced Auto Squelch Garmin has rolled out its new GMA 350 and GMA 350H audio panels. Designed for fixed wing and rotorcraft, respectively, the GMA 350 and 350H have industry-first features like voice recognition, 3D spatial audio processing, advanced auto squelch, and ambient noise based volume adjustment.

The Latest News From AVweb:

[Video: Bell 407AH Helicopter Unveiled](#)

Bell Helicopters bypassed the usual military procurement procedure and adapted a 407 for "law enforcement and paramilitary" use. With a 3,000-round-per-minute machine gun, a rocket launcher and FLIR, it's a potent adaptation of a proven airframe that's already attracting attention.

[Big Rotary UAV Planned](#)

The U.S. Marine Corps has approved development of an "unmanned aerial truck" that is an adaptation of the Kaman Helicopters' K-MAX heavy-lift helicopter. The K-MAX has interlocking twin rotors that eliminate the need for a tail rotor and give the aircraft impressive lifting ability. In its UAV form, the aircraft will be able to lift external loads of 6,000 pounds, which is more than 1,000 pounds greater than the aircraft's empty weight. It's partnering with Lockheed Martin on the project.

[Aviation Hiring Rebounding](#)

It may be a good time to refresh that resume as a report released at Heli-Expo in Orlando on Sunday suggests most aviation companies will be hiring in the coming year. The report, by Fort Worth-based JSfirm LLC, is based on a survey of 325 companies of all sizes. "We are certainly encouraged by the fact that nearly 90 percent of companies surveyed expect to hire in 2011," said JSfirm's managing partner Sam Scanlon.

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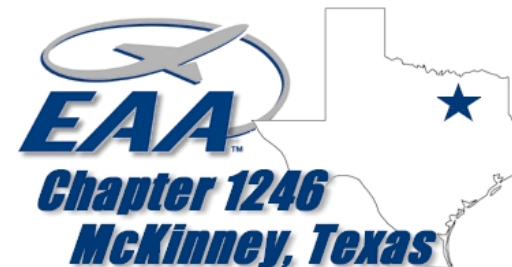
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