

# Lone Star Aero Club

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**Note: THURSDAY MARCH 2ND – NEXT MEETING**

**AT ERNIE'S SEAFOOD**

**8206 BEDFORD EULESS RD., NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 76180-7214**



The First Autogiro, January 1923



Mike's AutoGyro, January 2023

**Time: 7:00 PM**

**Date: THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2023**

**Place: ERNIE'S SEAFOOD, 8206 BEDFORD EULESS RD., NORTH RICHLAND HILLS**

**THE MEETING COMMENCES AT 7:00. IF YOU WANT TO EAT AT ERNIE'S, COME EARLY (5:30 TO 6:00) AND SELECT SOMETHING FROM THEIR MENU.**

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Click Here • From the west, take exit 22A from NE Loop 820. Turn left off the access road onto Grapevine Hwy, go 0.1 mi, then turn onto Bedford Euless Rd. Ernie's is in 0.5 mi. on your right.

• From the south, take exit 22B, keep left at the split, and turn right onto 26, Grapevine Hwy. In 300 ft., turn onto Bedford Euless Rd. Ernie's is in 0.5 mi. on your right.

• From the east (121/183), take the Bedford Euless Rd. exit. Ernie's is on the left 0.2 mi. after the access road merges into Bedford Euless Rd.

• To attend virtually, [Click Here](#).

## **NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND**

An autogiro (original spelling), also known as a gyroplane or gyrocopter, is a type of rotorcraft that uses an unpowered rotor in free autorotation to develop lift. Forward thrust is provided independently, by an engine-driven propeller.

The first part of this presentation will take a brief look at the history and evolution of gyrocopters. The second part will briefly review the building of a modern gyrocopter.

Our presenter is Mike Montefusco. Mike's aviation involvement began in the late 1960s as a Flight Test Engineer on R&D test and evaluation programs (F-4E, A-7D, F-5E, F-15, UH-1N, AWACS, C-5A, Short Brothers "Skyvan", and NASA Lifting Body) (while also occasionally instructing on Inertial Guidance Systems

at the USAF Test Pilot School) at the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, CA.

After Edwards, Mike was in the USAF air-to-air Weapons System Evaluation Program at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. After that, he did a HQ tour at Andrews, then was a program manager with several USAF space programs in Los Angeles and finally was a manager on the NATO AWACS program in the Netherlands. After leaving the military, Mike was a program manager with L-3 (formerly E-Systems) in Greenville, TX and was an MD-80 instructor with American Airlines.

Mike built his gyrocopter in early 2019. His was developed by the AutoGyro company and it is one of 3 models they currently produce.

## **THANKS FOR FEBRUARY 2ND PROGRAM:**

Our scheduled February presenter was unprepared for a Zoom meeting and prevented from attending in person by the weather. Bruce Hutter pulled a rabbit out of the hat by converting the DVD from a previous excellent LSAC meeting into a Zoom-compatible format. Three cheers, Bruce!

## **THURSDAY APRIL 6TH PROGRAM:**

Dwane Williams intends to give us a low-down on the battle of, Easter Sunday, 1967, near Vinh Long and Soc Tran, augmented by information on Huey helicopters. Engorge your cranium with splendor.

Hope to see everyone and their guests at the **THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND MEETING – Fletch**

LONE STAR AERO CLUB DUES FOR 2023 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO COVER NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES!!

LONE STAR AERO CLUB DUES FOR 2023 (\$25 per YEAR) ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED BY TED BLACK, 1005 CAMBRIDGE CT., WYLIE, TX 75098-5215. Our expenses are buying program DVDs (one for presenter and one for archives), stamps, some printing, dinners for presenters and key helpers, occasional hotel rooms for presenters, and miscellaneous supplies. The Club's bank account has dwindled mainly because of reduced membership numbers. LET'S NOT ALLOW FINANCES TO END THE LONE STAR AERO CLUB and its aviation history-gathering legacy!!!

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All information is confidential.

Send annual dues of \$25.00 to help cover Club and guest speaker expenses to  
Lone Star Aero Club, c/o Ted Black, 1005 Cambridge Ct., Wylie, TX 75098-5215 (Questions/Info call 682-365-0161).

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WHENEVER THERE IS A DOUBT ABOUT ANY COMING AERO CLUB MEETING – ALWAYS CHECK OUR [www.lonestaraeroclub.org](http://www.lonestaraeroclub.org) WEBSITE! (if you don't have Internet access, call a friend or grandchild to check for you). As a LAST RESORT call Ted Black @ 682-365-0161, or Fletcher Sharp @ 214-766-1212.

We video record all lectures and make DVD copies available at \$20.00 each. To obtain a copy, contact our videographer, Bruce Hutter (817-903-1283 or [bhutter@mac.com](mailto:bhutter@mac.com)). A list of available past meetings is on the Club Web site at [www.lonestaraeroclub.org](http://www.lonestaraeroclub.org).

Here is a link to an article provided by Club member Rob Krone: [Here's how a wildly outgunned US Navy pilot outfoxed one of the Soviet Union's best jets, scoring a string of kills in a legendary dogfight \(msn.com\)](#). Thanks for this one, Rob.

Although the meeting is at Ernie's Seafood, it will be available via Zoom for those unable to attend in-person. To join the meeting, click the link in the DIRECTIONS box on the front page. If you have problems with the link, join the meeting at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) with meeting ID: 857 2470 7249 and passcode: 969190.

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