

Lone Star Aero Club

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Note: THURSDAY APRIL 6TH — NEXT MEETING

AT ERNIE'S SEAFOOD

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



Dwayne Williams with a Bell UH-1 "Huey" in Vietnam



Dwayne with a Bell Agusta BA609

Time: 7:00 PM

Date: THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH, 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](#). **New link, please.**

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

Dwayne Williams, our April presenter, was an Army helicopter gunship pilot in South Vietnam and then for 2 years an instructor pilot at Fort Wolters, Texas until 1969. He supported oil operations in the Gulf of Mexico for PHI until 1974. Until 1979 he was Chief Pilot, Advanced Flight Training for Bell Helicopter International in Isfahan, Iran.

After the shah fell, Dwayne transferred to Bell Helicopter Textron, served as experimental test pilot; and became Chief Pilot in 2000 before retiring in 2005. From there he went to Heritage Aviation, which was subsequently sold to MD Helicopters, where he was Chief Pilot and Director of Flight Operations until 2012. He is currently an associate

of AeroDynamix, Inc. serving as Flight Test Pilot for development of Night Vision Goggle-compatible cockpits.

Career highlights, too numerous to mention here, include accumulating more than 18,000 flight hours, being an FAA DER Flight Test Pilot since 1992, performing aerobatics in Bell 220/680 helicopters, and accomplishing first flights in numerous Bell aircraft, including the BA609. For more, read Dwayne's book, *Cottonfields to Copters*.

The subject of his presentation will be the battle of Easter Sunday, 1967, near Vinh Long and Soc Tran, Vietnam, augmented by information on Huey helicopters. Don't miss it.

THANKS FOR MARCH 2ND PROGRAM:

Mike Montefusco gave us a stellar presentation on gyrocopters. It encompassed a brief history of the craft, general operational principles, plus the design features and assembly process for his own kit gyrocopter. Many thanks, Mike.

THURSDAY MAY 4TH PROGRAM:

Marc Liebman will fill us in on a Korean dogfight in which an American pilot in an F9F Panther shot down four of seven Russian MiG-15s that engaged him. The feat was kept top-secret until Russia released the details over 50 years later.

Hope to see everyone and their guests at the **THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH MEETING** – Fletcher

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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AVIATION EXPERIENCE: _____

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).

AERO CLUB E-MAIL LIST: Club members are urged to submit their respective E-mail addresses to Buck Allbright at afccm43@icloud.com. Members can also submit their names and E-mail addresses at all meetings, whenever normal meetings resume. Note that E-mailed addresses are less prone to transcription errors and typos.

WHENEVER THERE IS A DOUBT ABOUT ANY COMING AERO CLUB MEETING – ALWAYS CHECK OUR 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). A list of available past meetings is on the Club Web site at www.lonestaraeroclub.org.

Here are links provided by Club member Rob Krone: [A97](#), [A98](#), [B00](#), [B01](#), [B02](#), [B03](#), [B04](#), [B05](#), [B06](#), [B07](#), [B08](#), [B09](#), [B10](#), [B11](#), [B12](#), [B13](#), [B14](#), [B15](#), [B16](#). No room for titles here; just click and if you don't like one, move on to the next. Thanks for these offerings, 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 with meeting ID: 812 3155 3046 and passcode: 794230.

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