

Lone Star Aero Club

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Note: THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH — NEXT MEETING

AT ERNIE'S SEAFOOD

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



Boeing KC-135Q, Used to Refuel SR-71s



EC-135N Apollo / Range Instrumentation Aircraft

Time: 7:00 PM

Date: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 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:

- 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 Eules 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 Eules Rd. Ernie's is in 0.5 mi. on your right.
- From the east (121/183), take the Bedford Eules Rd. exit. Ernie's is on the left 0.2 mi. after the access road merges into Bedford Eules Rd.
- To attend virtually, [Click Here](#).

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 7TH

Robert S Hopkins, III, our December presenter, is a second-generation Strategic Air Command pilot. He was qualified in 17 types of EC-, KC-, and RC-135s. As an RC-135 pilot, he was part of SAC's elite strategic reconnaissance program verifying Soviet compliance with the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, and flew combat reconnaissance missions during Operation DESERT STORM.

In addition to appearances on multiple TV and radio programs, he has published extensively on Cold War strategic airpower and SAC's operational history. He earned a PhD in US and Soviet history from the University of Virginia.

For our program, Robert will share with us his knowledge—dated to the time when he was flying in the Air Force—of all the various EC-, KC-, and RC-135 airframes, of which he was qualified in 17 types. It's bound to be interesting. Make every effort to attend.

THANKS FOR OCTOBER 5TH PROGRAM:

Michael Hilgert gave us an outstanding presentation on the excellent Historic Aviation Memorial Museum (HAMM), located at the airport in Tyler, Texas. His program elicited from Club members at the meeting laudatory recommendations to attend HAMM. Thanks for the superb coverage, Michael.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1ST PROGRAM:

For new Club members who haven't heard, and not-so-new ones who might have forgotten, there's no January (or July) meeting due to conflict with the holiday schedule.

For the February meeting, we still have not located a presenter. At this point, there's no cause for panic. All the same, it seems that scarcity and/or availability of people qualified for presenting is on the rise. If any Club members have information on a hot prospect, please let Ted or Fletcher know at one of the numbers on the back of this newsletter.

Hope to see everyone and their guests at the **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH MEETING** – Fletch

LONE STAR AERO CLUB DUES FOR 2024 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO COVER NECESSARY OPERATING EXPENSES!!

LONE STAR AERO CLUB DUES FOR 2024 (\$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!!!

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ WORK PHONE: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ E-MAIL: _____
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. 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 to Web sites provided by Club member Rob Krone: [B88](#), [B89](#), [B90](#). 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: 851 8569 0599 and passcode: 579133.

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