

Lone Star Aero Club

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Note: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1ST — NEXT MEETING

AT ERNIE'S SEAFOOD

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



CzechMate Modified Russian YAK



Voodoo Modified North American P-51 Mustang

Time: 7:00 PM

Date: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024

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 FEBRUARY 1ST

The February presenter, our own Fletcher Sharp, graduated from Rutland High School in Rutland, VT, joining the Air Force in October, 1963. After C-130A crew chief training, he was attached to the 1607th Air Transport Wing at Dover AFB, Dover, DE. He was responsible for landing gear and flight controls on C-124Cs and C-133As, and for a few months, also C-141As. In March 1966 he headed to Naha AB in Okinawa as a C-130A crew chief, and subsequently was honorably discharged.

Fletch attended Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (PIA) from 1968 thru early 1970, graduating with his A&P licenses and an associate degree. During his time at PIA, he also joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard where he was trained as a Flight Engineer on the C-121G Constellation.

His first aviation job was with Bar Harbor Airlines in Maine, maintaining Cessna 401s, 402Bs, and Beech 99s, before moving to Air North in Burlington, VT. He was the Lead Foreman on night shift, maintaining DHC-6 Twin Otters and SH-330s, before joining up with Pratt & Whitney for 27 years as a Senior Field Representative. While in Burlington, he also earned his Commercial Pilots SEL license. While working for P&W, he was based in Chicago; Sao Paulo, Brazil; and Farnborough/ Guildford, England before ending up in Dallas. He still does part-time training work for Covington Aircraft in Okmulgee, OK.

THANKS FOR DECEMBER 7TH PROGRAM:

The program by Robert Hopkins was phenomenal on several counts. Knowledge of the subject was immense, covering the many EC-, KC-, and RC-135 models, often to the detail level of having the tail numbers of particular aircraft involved in certain projects or incidents on the top of his head. Add to that excellent presentation skills and an unbeatable sense of humor, and it made for a most memorable evening. Many thanks, Robert.

THURSDAY MARCH 7TH PROGRAM:

Wally Scott, a member of a sailplane club, is our March presenter. He and his father, also a Wally, were both among the first 10 to earn a badge for sailing over 1000 km. Come to this meeting to learn all you can about sailplanes and sailing.

Hope to see everyone and their guests at the **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 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: [B91](#), [B92](#), [B93](#), [B94](#), [B95](#), [B93](#), [B94](#), [B95](#). 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: 880 4454 2472 and passcode: 859211.

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