



"SAY AGAIN" Newsletter Spring 2026



AVIATION TRIVIA

Who was the first Air Traffic Controller?

- a. Bill Kindersley
- b. Jeffrey Myers
- c. Archie League

Answer on last page

AIRPORT INFORMATION

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

- **Eastside taxiway (M4-M6):** Construction is anticipated to begin soon. Please use caution as equipment and vehicles will be operating on the ramp.
- **Turf Runway seeding** will begin soon which will result in temporary closures. Check NOTAMs for updates.
- **Runway/Taxiway Rehab:** Currently under design and slated for construction towards the end of the 2026 calendar year.

FROM AIRPORT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Hangar Storage

To ensure hangars remain available for their intended aeronautical purpose, tenants must limit the storage of non-aeronautical items to no more than 15% of the total hangar space.

All stored items must not obstruct or compromise the safe storage, operation, or maintenance of aircraft, in compliance with FAA and TxDOT Aviation requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Airport Operations—we're here to help.

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Have a maintenance issue?

Just scan the QR code!



Questions? Please call 817-392-5433



SPINKS AIRPORT

We are in the process of placing new maintenance QR codes (pictured above) in hangars for maintenance requests.

Airport users are encouraged to report concerns or ask questions regarding Spinks Airport.

Please limit the operation of bi-fold doors during high winds to protect cables and insulation from damage.

Escort Protocols

Consistent adherence to escort protocols is essential to maintaining the safety and efficiency of airfield operations here at Spinks.

Properly escorting vehicles **ON AND OFF** the airport ensures drivers remain clear of active runways and taxiways, maintains situational awareness, and helps prevent potentially dangerous conflicts with aircraft.

We appreciate your assistance in keeping our Airport safe!

From the ATCT

The 2026 Local Runway Safety Action Team (LRSAT) Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026 from 1300-1500 in the Spinks Administrative Conference Room.

We hope to see you all there!

SPINKS AIRPORT TEAM

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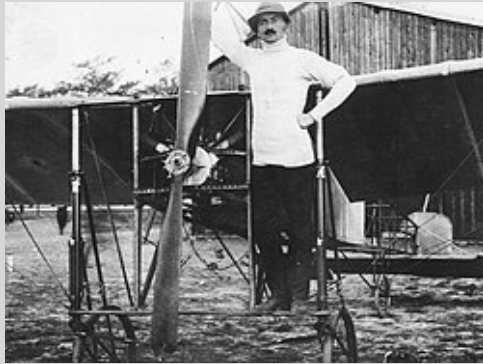
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Fun Facts

The first World Pilots Day was celebrated on April 26, 2014 - the anniversary of when a young Turkish pilot named Fesa Evrensev took to the skies for the first time in 1912.

The significance of the holiday is to celebrate the professional, highly trained aviators who manage complex, high-pressure environments, often focusing on safety initiatives like having two pilots in the cockpit.



DID YOU KNOW??



Every year on the second Saturday in June, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) organizes **International Young Eagles Day**. This day encourages young people to become interested in aviation.

In addition, members of the EAA (who are licensed pilots) offer free flights to children who have never flown in an airplane. The EAA began the Young Eagles program in 1992. Since then, the organization has provided over 2 million free plane rides to young people.

Our local EAA, Chapter 280, meets here at Spinks on the second Saturday of every month at 1200 at Hangar 28 on the east side.

**If you see something,
say something.**

Trivia answer: c

Looking Ahead

April 26 - World Pilots Day

May 12 - KFWS - ATCT - RSAT Meeting

May 13 - Spinks Tenant Meeting

May 24 - Aviation Maintenance Technician Day

May 25 - Memorial Day - FWS Admin. Office closed