

EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX

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Where every day is a good flying day!

EAA Chapter 958 Meeting Saturday April 20th, 10:30 AM at briefing room on the ground floor, NE corner of the CAF hangar

The Program for April will be an update on the "MOSAIC project - a plan that could increase piloting opportunities" by Tim McKenny

Pay Dues for 2024: You can pay Chris Davis in person at the next meeting or go to the link below. Thanks.

You can Join for \$25 or renew for just \$20 at this link:

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KHYI INSTRUMENT METEOROLOGICAL CLUB

IMC meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the KHYI admin Building.

Follow their Facebook page for more information or email Gary White (imckhyi@gmail.com) to be added to the newsletter.

Note: VMC Club meets 6:30 PM KBAZ Administration building 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact Terry Ross at: tkedpcross@gmail.com

Secretary's Report

EAA Chapter 958 Meeting Secretary's Report

March Meeting Minutes

The EAA Chapter 958 March meeting was held in the NOAA weather station located in the Northeast corner of the New Braunfels Airport on March 16, 2024, at

10:30 am. Weatherman Brandon Gale gave an excellent presentation regarding weather patterns and the effect on aviation with an invite to members to reach out if they have questions pertaining to the weather.

Submitted R. Ross Secretary

Chapter Growth

Noting the loss of our former members, its time for the chapter to get its collective boots on the ground, grow the chapter and promote itself and the spirit of aviation to the community. With no other chapter between West San Antonio on the south, Georgetown on the north, Spicewood, Fredericksburg and Lago Vista on the West and Lagrange on the East, there is a huge hole in Central Texas' booming growth corridor that is void of any EAA chapter presence other than Chapter 958. Look at the map, there is an opportunity for a progressive chapter to sell the benefits of aviation, not only to kids, but to adults who have had the dream but didn't know where to start. And now that the chapter has a permanent meeting place this can be done. Please talk up the chapter, bring a friend and let's get things moving again. The chapter currently has funds to cover the tuition and possibly travel to the 2025 EAA Air camps for a deserving young person as well as travel for interested members to an EAA Leadership Academy or Boot Camp. Selection criteria for the student camps needs to be developed, and we need members to step up and take advantage of the Leadership Academy. As Rosie the Riveter said "We Can Do It"

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EAA Young Eagles Rally, April 27th

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Dave Falleur, Young Eagles Coordinator

On Saturday, April 27, we will have a Young Eagles rally in San Marcos at the San Marcos Regional Airport. We will set up at 8:30 and plan to finish by 12:30. Check-in will be at our tent near the hangar door. Pre and post-flight will be in the Briefing Room. Fingers crossed that we will have good weather on the 27th.

Right now, we have 6 kids registered, however, we don't have any pilots confirmed. If you would like to be an EAA Young Eagle Pilot, check out the Young Eagle website at https://www.eaa.org/eaa/youth/free-ye-flights

To sign up as a pilot, go to https://youngeaglesday.org/ and click on the Sign-Up tab.

Here's a YouTube video that shows what the Young Eagles flights are all about.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuqA9n5GnR0



Members gone West.

The chapter has recently lost 2 former members and officers in Steve Sewell and Jack Fairchild. They each contributed to the success of the chapter and held various positions in the chapter. They will be sorely missed.

Remembering Steve Sewell

The chapter lost a friend and long-time supporter of the Young Eagles. Steve had been a long-time member, supporter and officer of EAA

Chapter 958 and was in the process of completing an RV-14. A former USMC pilot and commercial pilot, he took pride in introducing youngsters in the Young Eagles program to the adventure of flying in his Cessna 172. Thank you for your service, Steve.



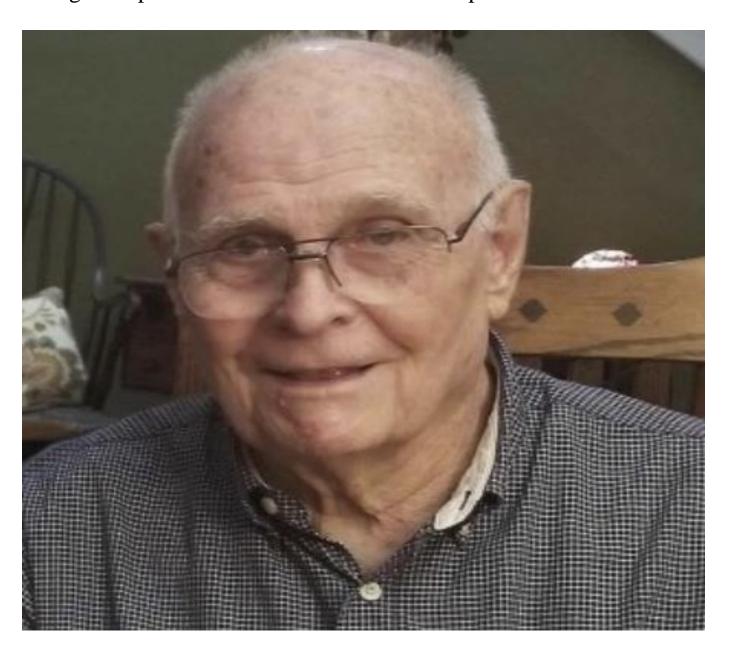
Steve Sewell

Remembering Jack Fairchild

Jack was a US Navy veteran. He flew nearly 90 combat missions in the Korean War and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and multiple

Air Medals. After his military service, Jack met his wife, Marie and they were happily married for 65 years.

Jack obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering at UT, a Master's Degree at USC, and a PhD at OU. He was a Professor of Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Texas Arlington where he was a founding member of the department and taught for 25 years. He was a long-time pilot and member of the EAA Chapter 958.



Jack Fairchild



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