

# Flightline



EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX

*March 2025 Issue*

*Where every day is a good flying day!*

## ***EAA Chapter 958 Meeting Saturday***

***March 15th, 10:30 AM at the briefing room on the ground floor, NE corner of the CAF hangar***

***A representative from the FAA will be presenting Steve Dixson with an achievement award (see details below). Rick Cooper, Dave Falleur and Dave Oliver will describe what they learned at the EAA Leadership Boot Camp at Conroe, Texas about building Chapter membership through new activities. Coffee and donuts will be available at the meeting.***

***We will be hosting a “Flying Start” in May. This event is planned in conjunction with the national program to pursue an interest in aviation. (see meeting minutes)***



## Important: Pay Chapter dues for this year!

**Pay Dues for 2024: You can pay Dave Olvera 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](mailto:imckhyi@gmail.com)) to be added to the newsletter.

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**Note:** VMC Club meets 6:30 PM KBAZ Administration building 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Contact Terry Ross at: [tkedpcross@gmail.com](mailto:tkedpcross@gmail.com)

## February Meeting Minutes

We watched the monthly Chapter video from Headquarters. Learn to Fly Day is coming up on May 17<sup>th</sup> and the Chapter decided to participate. To learn about the program, go to [eaa.org](http://eaa.org), put “learn to fly” in the search box. Once you are there, scroll down to “Learn to fly”, select that program and go to “learn to fly week” and you will see that Learn to fly day is at the end of the program and involves local Chapters.

Rich Ferguson gave a presentation on the Civil Air Patrol and activities at the local Squadron at San Marcos Airport (Texas 435). The CAP is a premier volunteer-driven, aviation-based nonprofit whose purpose is summed up in their mission statement: “Volunteers serving America’s communities, saving lives, and shaping futures.” The CAP is a Total Force Partner of the US Air Force, working at times to assist in missions that can be done with our members quite effectively, such as search and rescue, preservation of life and property, and assisting in the time of need during disasters such as hurricanes, flood, and earthquakes. The local unit here specializes in Aerospace Education for young people called “Cadet Wings.” It introduces young people to career opportunities in aerospace, cyberspace, and outer space. You can join as a volunteer member, patron member, or sponsor. The local unit has 50 adult members and 45 cadets. For more information go to [gocivilairpatrol.com](http://gocivilairpatrol.com).

Rick Cooper gave an update on Mosaic, a program to increase the number of Sport Pilots that can fly heavier aircraft. It appears that the Trump order to

eliminate Federal Regulations may put it in jeopardy. Go to [eaa.org](http://eaa.org), search for “Mosaic” and click on several presentations that explain it and give updates.

Dave Falleur gave an update on the Young Eagles program. See his update elsewhere in this issue also.

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### **Information from Steve Dixson and the awards he will receive**

I started my pilot journey with my first flight on 21 March 1965. I received my private license on 17 October 1965. I helped my father work on our airplane during this period and went to attend the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation obtaining my FAA Powerplant rating in June 1967. Here is information on the two awards.

#### **FAA Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award**

The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to persons certificated under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 65. This award, named after Charles Taylor, is to recognize individuals who have exhibited exemplary aviation expertise, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast commitment for at least 50 years or more of aviation maintenance experience. A distinctive certificate, and the airman’s Blue-Ribbon package is issued after application review and eligibility requirements have been met. Upon request, a lapel pin and/or plaque for the award recipient is available for purchase and a second lapel pin is also available for purchase for the award recipient’s spouse in recognition of his or her support to the recipient’s aviation career. Once the award has been issued, the recipient’s name, city and state will be added to a published “Roll of Honor,” located at <https://www.faasafety.gov/content/MasterMechanic/RecipientList.aspx> 5.

#### **FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award**

The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61. This award, named after the Wright Brothers, is to recognize individuals who have exhibited exemplary aviation expertise, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast commitment for at least 50 years of piloting experience or 50 or more years combined experience in both piloting and aircraft operations. A distinctive certificate and the airman’s Blue-Ribbon package are issued after application review and eligibility requirements have been met. Upon request, a lapel pin and/or plaque for the award recipient is available for purchase and a second lapel pin is also available to purchase for the award recipient’s spouse in recognition of his or her support to

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## Young Eagle Pilots Needed

Dave Falleur, Young Eagles Coordinator

We need pilot volunteers to support our Young Eagles program. We have had to cancel recent rallies due to a shortage of pilots from our chapter. Introducing young people to aviation is a great way to "pay it forward" to our next generation of aviators.

If you would like to be an EAA Young Eagle Pilot, check out the Young Eagle website at <https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/free-ye-flights>

To sign up as a pilot go to <https://eaachapters.org/> and click on the Sign Up tab. You will create a profile that will connect to your EAA account in the EAA database. This will allow us to contact and invite our volunteers.

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact me at [davef3500@gmail.com](mailto:davef3500@gmail.com) or 512-393-9178.



Young Eagle with EAA/CAF pilot, Grant Lannon



PICTURES FROM EAA LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP AT GALAXIE FBO IN CONROE, TEXAS



## Aircraft Project Available

Due to inability to obtain insurance for my aircraft due to age (80) I am offering my plans built Mirage Marathon project for sale. Although it is a plans built aircraft, It is now basically a kit, with the fuselage, horizontal and vertical stabilizer, framed and nearly ready for closure. Spar caps for the main wing spar are formed and ready to receive intercostals and skins. Rear wing spar is framed and will need to be paired to the main spar once the main spar has been installed on the fuselage. Most of the hardware for the elevator and rudder controls is finished, alodined and primed. Project includes RV7 canopy and hardware, Ray Allen trim servos, Matco Brake cylinders and a **Lycoming O-360 engine plus stand**. Will require engine mount and landing gear assemblies. Also included are construction Manual and plans (hard copy and on CD), Construction videos, general aircraft building books, EAA Flight Test Manual and Certification Guide and photo documentation of build to date plus many extras. The Marathon is a fixed gear version of the 1987 award winning Celerity.

See: <http://mirage-aircraft.net/celerity.html>

**Entire project, engine, parts and supplies only \$14,000**

**Contact R.H.Ross : [rhross44@yahoo.com](mailto:rhross44@yahoo.com); text or message 512-289-9094**

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**Fuselage framed and ready for controls and finish work**



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**Example of a finished Marathon**



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