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EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX

May 2025 Issue

Where every day is a good flying day!

EAA Chapter 958 Meeting Saturday

May 17th, 10:00 (note special time) AM at the briefing room on the ground floor, NE corner of the CAF hangar

We will do Chapter business, including Chapter video, and discuss Chapter Recognition score. Jonathan Lee will give a briefing on "Flying Start". See details below Bring cash for the 50/50 raffle jar. One dollar buys you one ticket and if you win, you get half the money in the jar,

This event is planned in conjunction with the national program to pursue an interest in aviation. (see below)

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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:



[Chapters / Membership](#)

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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

April Meeting Minutes

We talked about planned activities for future meetings. We discussed strategies/programs to increase membership with a goal of 10 additional members. There was a discussion of the upcoming Kingsbury airdrome event and encouraged members to attend. Discussed plans for the Chapter flying start event. The meeting then dismissed and those who wanted to tour the airport tower gathered there and received a tour of the tower facility.



FLYING START: Opening the Skies to New Pilots

In the world of general aviation, few organizations are as synonymous with grassroots flying as the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Known for its vibrant community of aviation enthusiasts and builders, EAA continues to make transformative strides in introducing new people to flight. Among its most effective and inspirational outreach initiatives is the Flying Start program—a nationwide effort designed to help adults take their first steps toward becoming pilots.

Whether it's rekindling a childhood dream or exploring a long-held curiosity, Flying Start has become a powerful tool for welcoming newcomers into the cockpit and turning fascination into flight.

Launched in 2018 at the annual EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the Flying Start program was developed to engage adults aged 18 and older who are interested in learning to fly but haven't yet begun formal training. The goal: remove perceived barriers, demystify the flight training process, and connect people with the vibrant network of EAA chapters and flight schools in their area.

Unlike introductory youth programs such as Young Eagles, Flying Start is specifically tailored for adults, offering a structured, no-pressure, and information-rich experience.

Chapter 958 is looking forward to kicking off our event with refreshments and an informal meet-and-greet where attendees are introduced to local pilots, instructors, and fellow aviation enthusiasts. A presentation will follow discussing why people choose to fly, flight training requirements, aircraft types, costs, time commitments, and local training resources. Our chapter members will happily share their personal stories, and some of our Certified Flight Instructors (CFIs) will be there to cheer you on.

What makes Flying Start more than a one-day wonder is its commitment to follow-through. Chapters are here to partner with each participant as a mentor who can help guide them through the flight school selection process, prepare them for the FAA written exam, and even provide support in finding scholarships or financial aid.

The EAA Flying Start program is more than just an event—it's a movement that is helping to rebuild the pilot pipeline in America by offering access, mentorship, and momentum to those who may have thought aviation was beyond their reach.

By lowering barriers and providing a welcoming aviation community, Flying Start has helped hundreds of adults embark on their pilot journey and revitalized local chapters in the process.

We look forward to meeting you as you start your aviation journey.

Jonathan Lee

CFI, CFII, MEI, EAA Technical Counselor, and EAA Flight Advisor

BELOW IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THIS SATURDAYS EVENT

Attention all aviation enthusiasts!

San Marcos EAA Chapter 958 will be hosting a Flying Start event on May 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Commemorative Air Force (CAAF) hangar at the San Marcos Regional Airport (HYI). To register for Flying Start go to the Flying Start website at <https://flyingstart.org/>

We also invite you to join our chapter which meets at 10:30 am on the third Saturday of the month at the CAF hangar in the Briefing Room. For more information check our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea958>



EAA Flying Start

Ever Dream of Learning to Fly?

If you've ever dreamed about flying, this **free informational meeting** will help you get off to a Flying Start!

- Experience recreational aviation firsthand with a free introductory flight
- Get practical answers to your questions about learning to fly
- Discover what you can do with a pilot certificate
- Learn about your local EAA chapter, airport, and flight training options
- Meet other people who share and support your interest in aviation

Event Information
Hosted by EAA Chapter 958
When: Saturday, May 17, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Where: San Marcos Regional Airport
EAA Chapter 958 CAF Hangar
1841 Airport Drive | Building 2249
San Marcos, TX 78666

Attention aviation enthusiasts:

EAA Chapter 958, San Marcos, Texas, will be hosting a Fly-in event and tour of the aircraft of the Centex Wing of the Commemorative Air Force on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the San Marcos Regional Airport (HYI). If you plan to drive, the address of the CAF hangar is 1841 Airport Drive, Building #2249, San Marcos, TX.

The program begins at 10:30am with a brief presentation by the CAF staff. The aircraft currently housed at the CAF hangar include a B-25, the “Yellow Rose”, a P-39 Bell Airacobra undergoing restoration, a BT-13, C-45, and an AT-6 Texan. Rides may be available for a fee. The CAF also has a C-47 simulator that is used for training on the CAF C-47 “That’s All Brother.”

There is no charge for admission to the museum, however, donations are welcome and appreciated. We hope to see you in San Marcos on June 21, 2025!

Below is the website for the Central Texas Wing Museum:

[Www.centraltexaswing.org](http://www.centraltexaswing.org)



[Commemorative Air Force Central Texas Wing | WWII Era Hangar and Museum - Home of 'That's All Brother' and the Yellow Rose](http://www.centraltexaswing.org)

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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; text or message 512-289-9094

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



O-360 Engine and Stand



Example of a finished Marathon



**Most Rudder and Elevator Hard-
ware alodined and primed**



Young Eagles Rally, April 26

Dave Falleur, Young Eagles Coordinator

After several cancellations we were finally able to hold our first Young Eagles rally for 2025. We had two aircraft this time and Mike Rice and Ed Cooper flew our group of five kids. Our ground crew included Matt Naylor, David Olvera, Grant Lannon, Russ Ross, and Rick Cooper. Special thanks to Russ for taking photos.

Thanks as always to the Centex Wing of the Commemorative Air Force for allowing us to set up our rally at the CAF hangar and welcoming our kids and their parents.

If you would like to be an EAA Young Eagle Pilot or Volunteer, check out the Young Eagle website at <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/free-ye-flights> .To sign up go to <https://eaachapters.org/> and click on the Sign-Up tab. Our next rally will be in September.



Photos by Russell Ross



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