

The Flightline



EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX
Where every day is a good flying day!

January 2016 Issue

Prez Sez

Greetings 958

It is hoped that you all had a great holiday and a good new year. If you have not heard it from me all the best to you and yours in this new year. The chapter meeting this month will host Mr. Chris McCrank speaking on mountain flying followed by collection of 2016 dues officer elections and new business.

It was brought to my attention (just this last week) that several people showed up last month for a meeting on December 19th. Some I'm told are new perspective members, but others are current chapter members. We'll be more communicative about events and times in the future.

We have a number of chapter business issues to cover. Most important is the chapter election of officers which needs to be completed this month. This will then allow, for our chapter papers, insurance, chapter officers names and post, and mailing addresses to be confirmed and forwarded to Oshkosh. It is hoped that all members will attend and participate in chapter business. It looks as of this writing there are no new nominations for the officers positions. I've been in contact with those presently serving and all will remain if there are no further nominees. As for the meeting I do apologize to one and

all if it was not made clear that the chapter does not have a meeting in December, due to the close proximity of the third Saturday to Christmas. The chapter has elected in years past to not have same due to low membership turnout. We have just had a Christmas party the first week or so of December, forgoing the meeting. Speaking of The Christmas party the date and time for the 2016 party is as follows December 10th., 7:00 PM till 10:00 PM Kent Black's BBQ, San Marcos, Texas.

Last year was a good year for the chapter, membership continues to climb, we have now at least one date which the chapter can use as a fund raiser. this the spring fly-in hosted by Red Bird. We as a chapter will be working with Red Bird to enlarge and expand this event. Planning will start on this event soon and we will be looking for volunteers to help with this event. Chapter leadership is wanting to add one more fund raiser along with RedBirds. We have tried putting together programs that I hope are of interest to the membership. This year we hope to bring more programs that may include some hands on work experience to those looking to

Next Chapter Meeting
Redbird Skyport
San Marcos Airport
Saturday January 16, 2016,
10:00 am
Coffee and Donuts @ 9:30

IMPORTANT!! Please attend for the election of chapter officers and for of 2016 membership renewal

Program: Mountain Flying
By: Chris McCrank

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build an aircraft. We hope to increase the number of young eagles flown and the number of times the event is held, and possibly see if we can get some eagle flights done. Also there are a few members whom are interested in attending Oshkosh as a chapter. Those interested would attend Oshkosh and camp over the event and return after its completion. If there is membership support and interest we will start trying to put this together. Those looking into traveling to Oshkosh hope this to become a yearly event. We also would like to have support for adding a chapter membership fly-out day where chapter members fly or drive to a destination spend the day or the weekend and return. There are many ideas that we are working to help the chapter grow and be as entertaining and enjoyable as it can be. I look forward to the year and hope that you will invest some of your time, energy, and knowledge throughout the coming year to help us grow. Again Please turn out for the meeting on the 16th.

Your Prez
Phill Steele

Editors Note

Well the new year is upon us. Hope everyone has had a super and happy Christmas and New Year. And perhaps made a resolution to get more air time (as in flying) this year. The past year has been good to the chapter as we have seen an increase in membership and the good folks at Redbird have restated their support for the Chapter here at San Marcos. The Chapter made a profit selling burgers and brats at the Bluebonnet Fly-in; and the fly-in was reasonably successful in spite of flooding in San Marcos and Wimberly the preceding week. With all that behind us lets look forward to a new and prosperous year with a lot of aviation fun and education in the offering.

We do need to offer an apology to anyone who showed up at Redbird for a December meeting and found none. I'll have to take the blame for that, because I "assumed" everyone realized that the Chapter Christmas Dinner took place of the Regular 3rd Saturday meeting. And we all know what happens when you "ass-u-me". So we just want to offer our heartfelt apologies for the lack of communication regarding the meeting. We won't let it happen again.

With this newsletter, we're trying out a new banner for the newsletter, let me know if it looks acceptable and if there are any modifications you would like to see. We're also launching a semi regular column called " The \$100.00 Hamburger". With the help of members we'll present airports and their on premises restaurants (if they have one). Articles should provide name and location of the airport, what you liked about the airport and or restaurant, and things to be aware of when visiting the airport. I hope everyone currently flying will submit one or more of your favorites for the column. As always we are looking for input on members' projects, aircraft or aviation oriented topics, for the newsletter.

To help bolster the clubs treasury, we will be adding a little advertising to the news letter. We tentatively have one advertiser who will be appearing next month, and hope to have several more in the near future. Initially we plan to offer 1/8 to 1/4 page for \$25 for 12 months. Charges and space allocation may change based on the response.

And last, we're attaching a PDF file with the Membership renewal form in addition to the newsletter. Please print it out and fill it in prior to the meeting as this will save time during the meeting. Note that new membership application is \$25 (includes name tag) and the membership renewal is only \$20. An added item on the form is a request that you indicate on the form includes what skills you have that would benefit the chapter such as marketing, computer skills, building skills, management skills, electronics skills, flying skills, mechanical skills, etc. That way we can point members with a particular aviation problem to a potential resource person.

Blue Skies and Tailwinds,
Russ

Picture of the day:

Passing on the passion

January 5, 2016 by [General Aviation News Staff](#)

Eric Hummel, a CFI at the [East Hill Flying Club](#) at Ithaca-Tompkins Regional Airport (KITH) in Upstate N.Y., captured this photo one Saturday afternoon of a club member and his son sharing a little aviation bonding.

ED's note: Isn't this what we're all about!



FAA releases B4UFLY app

January 6, 2016 by [General Aviation News Staff](#)

The FAA has released the B4UFLY mobile application to the public following an initial beta testing period.

B4UFLY tells users about current or upcoming requirements and restrictions in areas of the National Airspace System (NAS) where they may want to operate their unmanned aircraft system (UAS). The app is now available for Apple devices and can be [downloaded from the App Store](#).

The FAA also is releasing a beta version of B4UFLY for Android devices, which can be [downloaded from Google](#).



The Hundred Dollar Hamburger

On a recent flight I had the opportunity to land at Texas Gulf Coast Regional Airport (KLBX) in Angleton. A nice attraction to the airport is the friendly restaurant operated by Mr. Yanara Ou. A pilot can park his or her plane in front of the Runway Cafe and grab a snack or a meal, while the fellows on the flight line refuel your plane. If on the premises, Mr. Ou provides a jovial conversation with pilots and while I was there, was making sure that his son was cooking my hamburger just as I had ordered. The fellows on the flight line were also courteous and brought the refueling ticket to me in the restaurant. By the way 100LL at that time was \$3.20/gal (Everyone was so friendly I wish I could have taken on more fuel).

When ready to leave (as well as when approaching) the airport, listen closely to the CTAF as there may be helicopter traffic landing or departing. All in all, a nice airport and restaurant.

Russ



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Sebring LSA Expo gears up

January 6, 2016 by [General Aviation News Staff](#)

In just two weeks, the [U.S. Sport Aviation Expo](#) will open its gates Jan. 20 for its 12th annual run.

With the [Expo NOTAM](#) released, pilots can begin their flight planning.

More than 140 exhibitors are expected to display a variety of aircraft and aviation supplies, while more than 60 educational forums offered during the four days of the show.

AOPA Ambassador Jamie Beckett — and General Aviation News columnist — will host two Rusty Pilot Seminars.

The new feature-length movie, “Flying Again,” will be presented on Thursday and Saturday at 12:30 p.m., immediately following the Rusty Pilot Seminars.

Kitplanes Editor Paul Dye and maintenance guru Mike Busch are headlining the daily Keynote Speaker slots on Wednesday and Friday, while an industry panel will discuss “The Present and Future of Personal Flying” on Thursday, and a “live” Uncontrolled Airspace Podcast is set for Saturday.

The second annual [Aircraft Sales Lot](#) will also be available, where private aircraft owners can display their aircraft for sale.

Also featured will be a new indoor drone exhibition and demonstration area, fabric covering and propeller balancing workshops, and a daily water survival demonstration.

Youth under the age of 18 will be admitted for free on Saturday, Jan. 23, when accompanied by an adult.

Safety Corner

EAA Webinars

January 13 - 7 p.m. CST

Navigating the FAA, IACRA
Website

FAA Wings Credit

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch

January 20 - 7 p.m. CST

The Apollo 13 Mission to
The Moon

Presenter: Chris Henry

January 27 - 7 p.m. CST

Synergy Aircraft Overview
Presenter: John McGinnis

February 3 - 8 p.m. CST

The (Lost) Art of Repair

FAA Wings & AMT Credit

Presenter: Mike Busch

February 10 - 7 p.m. CST

The Sky is the Limit: Job opportunities
In Aviation

Presenter: Kyle Ludwick

February 17 - 7 p.m. CST

Powered Parachutes: the Ultimate
Low and Slow Ride

Presenter: Roy Beisswenger

February 23 - 7 p.m. CST

Chapter Chat: Pilot Proficiency Programs
EAA Chapters

Presenter: Radek Wyrzykowski

February 24 - 7 p.m. CST

When Prop Balancing isn't enough:
Troubleshooting Complex Vibrations

FAA AMT Credit

Presenter: Matthew Dock

FAA Free Safety Seminars

“Emergency! Getting it Right When Things Go Wrong”

On Thursday January 14, 2016 at 19:00

Location: Omni Austin Hotel @ Southpark

4140 Governors Row

Austin TX 78744

Select Number:

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(Preregistration not required)