

The Flightline



EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX
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Monthly Presentation
August 19 10:00 am
At Redbird Skyport Conference Room
San Marcos Regional Airport
Program:
“Marshaling Aircraft”
Presented by: Phillip Steele

Coffee and Donuts at 9:30 am

Hangar Talk

Hi Everyone,
Hope this finds you having a superb summer and getting lots of flying and/or building in. The Chapter had an excellent turnout of members coming to Airventure. I believe we had about 12 to 14 members which is probably a record for the chapter. Most of the members were able to congregate for a photo shoot at the S.O.S. Brothers tent for a bit of elixer and plane talk. Terry Ross and Frank Pisz attended the lifetime members dinner, and Clell and myself had an opportunity to attend the Presidents reception at the Ford pavillion where Edsel Ford III addressed the crowd and presented door prizes. All in all, a good time. Check out the photos in the newsletter and I'll try to get some for the website.

We also want to thank Mike Rice for his excellent presentation on aircraft restoration at July's meeting. Things are looking good for a very active Fall season for the Chapter. Of course this week we'll be learning about “marshaiing” aircraft, which we hope we'll use for the next Young Eagles program.



Mike describing restoration methods

Mike describing the in and outs of the restoration process on his Cessna 310.



Young Eagles

John Brecher has been busy working to get the word out about the Young Eagles program. A couple Individual Young Eagles flights were given this past month thanks to Greg Hughes and Ted Ecker and Becky Steen from the LaGrange Chapter. These pilots found out about us through the good folks at RedBird. (See also Greg Hughes' story later in this issue)

The chapter is attempting to reach out to the school districts of Hays, South Travis and North Comal counties. Anyone who might have connections in these school districts please contact myself or John Brecher so we may set up contacts for the Young Eagles Program.

Fly-Out

Another item being considered for the September meeting is a fly-out after the meeting (weather permitting). We'll be polling members at this meeting for a list of interested individuals.

VFR Club

Terry Ross is now certified as a VFR Club instructor. The introductory Club meeting will be held after this month's Chapter 958 regular meeting at Redbird. This will be a perfect opportunity to look at honing our VFR Flying Skills. We appreciate Terry's hard work in making this available to the chapter.

Help Wanted

As we continue to get more things going with the chapter, we are looking for help with a variety of issues. Help is needed in the following areas:

1. Coffee and donuts – basically need help with donuts, we may use RedBird as a source for coffee (we will reimburse them of course)
2. Elections team – need one or two individuals to poll membership to fill positions in the chapter for elections.
3. Christmas team – Need one or two individuals to investigate location time and date for the 2017 Christmas meeting/party.

Secretarys' Notes

One or two things as a reminder for chapter members; At the June chapter meeting a motion was made to help Mr. Greg Huges with his restoration of the Cessna 150 by collecting aluminum cans. Last month several members brought in cans to get this started. We hope to continue with this as an on-going project to help get the aircraft in the air. So Please bring any cans or other scrap metal to support this project. Also if anyone is interested I have a few chapter shirts left. what is available is as follows. color- Navy- 1ea.- 2 extra large, color- Lime Green- 1ea.- 3 extra large and 2 ea.- extra large. I'll have the shirts at the meeting if interested let me know. Thanks, see you at meeting.

Phillip Steele

Chapter 958 Members at Oshkosh



Chapter members taking a break at the SOS Bros. Rest Stop, enjoying a cool elixer at the end of the afternoon: Members include Larry New and his lovely wife Paula, Clell Bond, Kermit Krickhahn, Russell Ross, Mike Rice, Greg Hughes, Keith Watson, Ed Cooper, Gerald Champagne and John Brecher.



Larry and Paula New made themselves at home in the Hombuilt Camping Area



Clell Bond arrived early and had a front row seat when Warbirds arrived as he camped in the General Aviation camp area.

An Oshkosh Story

By Greg Hughes

Dear friends, family, and fellow aviators,

This story/event made my week two weeks while at Oshkosh. I've rarely been so touched:

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Some of you may know that I spent last week in Oshkosh attending the BIG airshow. On Tuesday afternoon, I boarded a shuttle bus from the main airshow site to the area where I had parked our Mooney. I took a seat next to a young man whom I figured was 13 or 14. We struck up a conversation during which I learned that he was from Oshkosh. He knew the airshow area layout like the back of his hand, and knew way more about the airshow performers than I.



I was wearing a cap which identified me as a retired Air Force "Phantom Driver." He mentioned that he had a miniature-scale model of the F-4 at home. At that point I told him that I was hoping that the Collins Foundation Phantom or one from Tyndall air force base (manned drone) would show up, but that I didn't think they would.

On Wednesday I received a text from an unknown individual. It read: "Sir, I'm the kid who sat next to you on the bus yesterday. I left my model of the F-4 on your wing, so the F-4 did make the show". I'm getting goose bumps here. See pics below.

Locating me only by knowing where I had gotten off the bus Tuesday, he showed up at our Mooney parking/camping area Wednesday and got my phone number from another pilot who was parked near me. He began asking people which Mooney belonged the F-4 pilot. At this time, I happened to be out on the other side of the airport taking in the airshow. Other members of our group took him under their wing, showing him their planes and allowing him to sit in them, etc. When I returned to the camp site, the leader of our group rushed up to me and told me what had happened and that the young man was still hanging around. We sought him out and I met him - again.

At this point, the group was lining up for a BBQ dinner which was offered to the members for a \$25 "donation" fee. I had purchased two tickets in advance, but the other person for whom I purchased the second ticket could not make the dinner so I offered the ticket to my new buddy (Cameron), as he obviously didn't have one. Funny how things like this work out!!

Bottom line: don't give up on our youth! They are being brought up in extremely difficult, challenging times! This event fuels my passion more than ever to "give back" a portion of what I've been so blessed with as an aviator, and, as y'all know, I never pass up an opportunity to reach out to my friends and fellow aviators with a request to help me restore the Cessna 150 which will be used specifically to offer flights to such young, deserving kids.

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-us-restore-this-little-bird>

My grandson is two merit badges away from Eagle Scout. Though the aviation badge is not part of the basic Eagle path, I hope to give him the first flight in the plane once restored, aiding him in obtaining the aviation badge.

More Scenes from Oshkosh



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AIR SHOWS AND FLY-INS

Flight Museum opens in Houston in September

On behalf of the NEW Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Airport in Houston, Texas, I would like to cordially extend the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapters, around Texas, an invitation to participate in our Grand Opening on Saturday, September 2, 2017 as part of our flying experience for the many young people attending! We will offer a youth fly-in with short aircraft rides in general aviation aircraft and for many it will be the first time being up close and personal with an aircraft.

AOPA Fly-In Norman, Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma Westheimer Airport (OUN) September 8 and 9

September 29-October 1, 2017, **STOL Roundup, Hondo TX**. KHDO 76nm from KHYI. They claim they had nearly 300 visiting planes at its former location in Llano, KHDO has much more ramp space.

Safety Corner

EAA Webinars

Date	Time	Presentation	Presenter
8/23/17	12 p.m. CDT	Look Before You Leap: Are You and Your Aircraft Insurable?	Bob Mackey
8/30/17	7 p.m. CDT	Modeling the Spirit of St. Louis in SOLIDWORKS	Stephen Endersby
9/13/17	7 p.m. CDT	ADS-B Revisited: The 2020 Odyssey Continues Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
9/6/17	8 p.m. CDT	Maintenance "By The Book"? Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
9/13/17	7 p.m. CDT	ADS-B Revisited: The 2020 Odyssey Continues Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
9/20/17	12 p.m. CDT	Flying Aircraft You Don't Own	Bob Mackey
10/4/17	8 p.m. CDT	Second Annual General Aviation Engine Summit Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch