

# Flightline



EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX  
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## September

### Hangar Talk

#### Greetings Everyone,

Well it's been an eventful month. While driving back from Minnesota, I received a call from the GM of RedBird indicating that the SkyPort would be closing its doors September 14th, so we would have to find another place for our meeting. He said that the deal had just been signed and he wanted to give us time to find another location. So thanks to the generosity of the CAF, the VMC Club and our regular meeting will be at the CAF hangar Saturday at our usual times.

We are currently talking with Chris Bagnall, GM of Berry Aviation, which will be taking over the former RedBird facility, about the possibility of meeting there once the transition is complete. Berry takes over the facility October 1st so hopefully we will know something after that.

#### Young Eagles

Dave and Matt have a great line up for the Young Eagles event on the 28th even with a helicopter as one of the aircraft. We will have 2 RedBird simulators available for the students to help round out the event.

Please help by volunteering for the event as we will need several more ground support folks to help maintain a safety perimeter between the Helicopter and the other aircraft.

#### Airport advisory Board Meeting

The Advisory board met Tuesday the 17th and covered a range of topics regarding the runways and maintenance at the airport. Young Eagles Co-Coordinator Dave Falleur, announced the Young Eagles event to the attendees. Many thanks to all the chapter members who showed, as the airport management appreciates their interest and input to the airport operations.

### EAA Chapter 958 Monthly Meeting

September 21, 2019, 10:00 a.m.  
CAF Hangar  
San Marcos Regional Airport

9:00 a.m.

VMC Club

**“The Go-Around and Dealing  
With an Anti-Authority**

**Attitude”**

moderated by  
**Terry Ross**

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10:00 a.m.

**“The Sikorsky S-38”**

presented by  
**R.H.Ross**

## Chapter Officers Meeting Minutes

Russell Ross called for a officers meeting on 31 August 2019. He had been contacted by Red Bird management and informed that of 14 September 2019, Red Bird F. B. O. will close its doors and no longer be in business. The chapter has been informed that the building has been sold to Berry Aviation, Inc. As Berry takes possession the building will undergo modifications to fit their proposed use for the facility. Although the chapter has started communication with Berry aviation, it is unknown at this time if the chapter will be able to continue meeting at the facility in the future. More news on this will be forthcoming at the chapter meeting.

Please make note: September's meeting on the 21st and the Young Eagles event on the 28th will take place at the CAF hanger on the San Marcos airport. There is a new procedure for the YE's we will be following for those working the event. All personnel working the event will have to be registered with EAA. This is in conjunction with having the EAA background check done and approved. This process includes pilots and all ground volunteers. Dave Falleur, Young Eagles co-coordinator can sign you up or you can register online in a few minutes. If you wish to participate see him at the meeting or before the event.

Greg Hughes has sent an e-mail to membership regarding the aero club. He is ready to start the process and is looking for members interested in joining. He has worked out the details and cost for buying in. It is a fantastic value for anyone. Those interested please contact Greg. E-mail: [rf4av8@aol.com](mailto:rf4av8@aol.com) (see following article)

A few other items were discussed regarding chapter finances. As we have not had any fund-raising events this year a number of chapter goals are in question. It has become apparent that some action be taken on these items very soon. With the funds for Little Angel now being in another 501C it has put us with limited funds. The chapter leadership asks all members to attend September's meeting so proposals can be discussed, and action taken to meet chapter needs and goals.

Last but not least; the latest chapter shirt order has arrived. I will have them available at the September meeting. The fabric has changed since our last order was placed; the new shirts are now 100% polyester. So, come and get them while there here. There are a few pocketed tee-shirts, no pocket polos, and a few pocket polos available from the last order.

Submitted by  
Phillip Steele  
Secretary

### PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS;

#### Pocketed tee-shirts:

Small thru Extra Large	\$15.00
2- Extra Large	\$17.00
3-Extra Large	\$19.00

#### Polos without pockets:

Small thru Extra Large	\$23.00
2- Extra Large	\$25.00
3- Extra Large	27.00

#### Pocketed Polos:

Small thru Extra Large	\$25.00
2- Extra Large	\$27.00
3- Extra large	\$29.00

## L'il Angel Flying Club

I've attached a spreadsheet which can be used as a reference for anyone wanting some info on the club. To summarize, I'm suggesting a minimum of 5 to a maximum of 8 members. At 5 members and a \$15000 purchase price, that would be \$3000/ member as the buy-in. I'd suggest monthly dues be set at \$100 to \$125 and \$25 per flying hour "dry." I'd also suggest that the "charter members" already have their PPL. We can discuss training at a later date. I'm guessing that using her as a trainer will seriously impact the insurance premium.

I've also attached an additional spreadsheet labeled flight experience, see attached. If you're interested in joining the club, please fill it out as best you can. I used my info as an example, for instance, I need your proper/legal name, address, email, best phone contact, etc. Fill it out, save it and return it to me ASAP. I know a lot of the spaces don't apply to most of you, so don't worry about them. We will need only basic info for insurance purposes.

Recent conversation with Ms. Patti Arthur, an aviation lawyer who donates time and advice to EAA and AOPA members, tells me that the Chapter CAN support the club aircraft with funds that have been donated. In other words, once the club is formed, the residual funds that I've collected with GoFundMe (about \$5000 right now) and the sale of the plane to the club (\$15000) + another \$5000 that a member of the Chapter has indicated that he is willing to donate, would bring the total to approximately \$25000. These funds will ultimately be turned over to the Chapter. That will cover her upkeep for a long time, even including an overhauled engine when the time comes. The caveat is that we must use the bird for "charity" rides as well as personal flying for currency issues. This news from Ms. Arthur is a game changer! Given this news there's no way on earth that one could join a club program with such monetary support.

If there are any further questions regarding club formation, please let me know.

Greg

(Eds. Note: contact myself or Greg for copies of the paperwork for the club.)



# EAA Launches New SkillScore Tracker

**July 18, 2019** - EAA, in cooperation with CloudAhoy, a leader in bringing technology to post-flight debriefing, is releasing at no charge to EAA members the first proficiency tracker for flying skills.

The EAA SkillScore Tracker is the first resource that allows pilots to measure flying proficiency on an EAA web portal or their mobile devices. Working through the CloudAhoy mobile app, pilots can track flying consistency and stability. Using this data, the EAA SkillScore Tracker will generate a comprehensive, personalized, and confidential SkillScore, confirming a pilot's overall strengths or need for additional work.

"The principles behind this feature are very similar to the fitness trackers millions of people use for exercise," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs. "Using this app with every flight measures flying skills in several categories to determine where a pilot stands. These scores are easy to track and establish a way for pilots to be more proficient in the sky."

The proprietary tracking and scoring system was developed by EAA in association with flight training community leaders Aleks Udrys and Colin Cutler of Boldmethod, along with Billy Winburn of Community Aviation and Karen Kalishek (CFI and FAA's 2019 Safety Representative of the Year). Some of the scoring measurements include:

- Quality of flight (stability of landing approach, maintaining altitude in straight-and-level flight and in turns, and quality of FAA-standard maneuvers such as steep turns)
- Number of takeoffs and landings within 90 days
- Number of flights with a flight instructor
- Time spent in the air

"Every flight is an opportunity for pilots to improve their skills, but we can track improvement only if we can measure it," said Mike Goulian, Red Bull Air Race champion, air show performer, and flight instructor, who participated in the project's development. "When coupled with CloudAhoy's standard app, EAA SkillScore Tracker is the best way to track your progress, without the time and expense of unnecessary effort, so you can continually build your abilities with every flight."

While the EAA SkillScore Tracker is free to all EAA members, CloudAhoy also offers more in-depth and detailed analysis for premium account holders.

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## Fundraising and Scholarships

As we roll into a new school year, the chapter would like to be able to present another scholarship to the Advanced Air Academy for some deserving student. We also need to generate additional revenues for the chapter for its activities and (hopefully) a chapter hangar.

In an effort to generate a few extra dollars for the chapter, we plan to initiate a 50/50 drawing program at the meetings. (tickets are purchased for a dollar and a drawing is held at the end of the meeting with proceeds being split 50/50 between the winner and the chapter.)

Once a permanent meeting place is determined, we will put in a bid for the tri-Motor or B-17 to come for a visit.

# Safety Corner

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## EAA Webinars

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9/18/19	7 P.M.	Inflight Weather Hazard Avoidance Strategies <b>Qualifies for FAA Wings Credit</b>	Scott Dennestaedt
9/25/19	7 P.M.	How to use EAA's SkillScore Tracker to Maintain Proficiency <b>Qualifies for FAA Wings Credit</b>	Radek Wyrzykowski
9/24/19	7 P.M.	EAA's New Online Builders Log	Don White & Charlie Becker
9/25/19	7 P.M.	How to Use EAA's Skill Score™ Tracker to Maintain Proficiency <b>Qualifies for FAA Wings Credit</b>	Radek Wyrzykowski
10/2/19	7 P.M.	FAA's Safety Continuum <b>Qualifies for FAA Wings And GMT Credit</b>	Mike Busch
10/9/19	7 P.M.	ADS-B Update: Equipping for 2020 and Reviewing the Latest Portable Receivers <b>Qualifies for FAA Wings Credit</b>	John Zimmerman

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