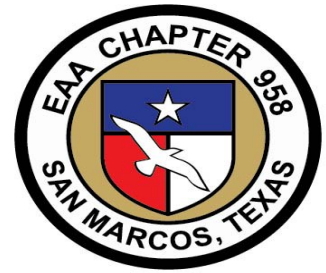


# Flightline

*EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX*

*Where everyday is a good flying day!*



## Hangar Talk



**March 2020**

### **March Cancellations**

Well this has been a rather eventful month, and we're now in a continually evolving situation with this Corona virus. As I write this, we have decided to err on the side of caution and cancel the March Chapter 958 meeting and monitor developments as we move toward our April meeting. Also cancelled are the VMC Club meeting for March 21<sup>st</sup> and the Young Eagles event scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. My apologies if this is any inconvenience and hope everyone stays safe as we ride out the storm.

During times like this, health care professionals are on the front lines trying to help stem the advancement of disease. If you know or are helped by a health care professional, be sure to thank them because they often put their lives on the line as they help others.

On a brighter side, with so many activities cancelled and some of us working from home, it may give us time to pause and take stock of everything we do have. Those of us with kids and grand kids may have more time to spend with family, if you own a plane maybe more time to fly and review your techniques, if you're working on a project – more time to build.

In Other aviation news the Sun 'n Fun Fly-in has been tentatively rescheduled for May 5-10 and its too early to know if the AOPA Fly-in to be held in San Marcos will remain viable.

### **Project Updates and Articles Needed**

As with everything else we're always looking for aviation articles and project updates for the newsletter. We hope if you see something interesting you will send it in so we can place it in the Newsletter for the rest of the members. Also, we want to see the progress of your projects. I know they sometimes move pretty slow, but remember others can learn from your mistakes as well as your victories.

### **Chapter Receives 89 Young Eagle Points**

EAA Chapter 958, has earned 89 credits for a total value of \$445.00. As in past years, the EAA strongly encourages chapters to pool their credits to help send young people to the EAA Air Academy summer camp in Oshkosh, WI. The chapter may also apply for cash reimbursement of costs directly associated with the promotion, enhancement, and execution of your local Young Eagles activities. Many thanks to Dave and Matt for their great service in working with these kids.

Russ



## New Project Started

Well it finally happened, yours truly finally bit the bullet and started an aircraft project. Not without much consternation mind you. With many aircraft types, styles and price ranges, the final decision was based on cost (of course) and the types of materials I felt most comfortable working with. The final choice was the Mirage Marathon, a wood framed composite skinned low wing with performance in the range of the RV-7 range. This is based on the early eighties "Celerity" designed by Larry Burton which was a retractable gear speedster that won several awards at the time. The Marathon is a plans built, fixed gear, stretched wing version of that plane.

The plane has a wood frame and is enclosed in a composite skin giving it a smooth and sleek appearance. (And I bleed too much when working with metal). That said, I have the tail feathers well underway and hope to have the fuselage frame in process by the end of April.



The first two Vertical Stabilizer formers being glued



1.5mm former skins scarfed and ready to apply



The Marathon will look something like this Celerity except with a fixed tri-gear.

# Safety Corner



## MARCH WEBINARS

### **ATC and You: Communicating With Confidence and Clarity**

**Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. CDT**

Presenters: Richard Kennington and Bob Obma | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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### **Chapter Chat: Donations and Contributions to Chapters**

**Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. CDT**

Presenter: Patti Arthur

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### **Medical Certification Q&A**

**Wednesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. CDT**

Presenters: Tom Charpentier and Dr. Stephen Leonard | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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## APRIL WEBINARS

### **Cylinder Work: Risky Business**

**Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. CST**

Presenter: Mike Busch | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.*

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### **You Just Got Your Pilot Certificate — Now What?**

**Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. CST**

Presenters: Jim Bourke and Marianne Fox | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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### **Healthy Pilot Technology**

**Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. CDT**

Presenter: Phil Lightstone | *Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.*

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