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EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX
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January 2017

**EAA Chap 958 Monthly Get Together
At Redbird Skyport
San Marcos Regional Airport**

Program:

**VFR - Using What You've Already
Paid For!**

**Presented by: Roy Good – San Marcos IMC
Coordinator**

**Also – Please be there for election of officers
and dues collection for 2017**

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Prez Sez

Greetings chapter 958

Greetings for the year hoping all made it thru the close of the year with no permanent damage. Our first meeting of the year will be this coming Saturday, 21st of January. Officer elections will be at top of the list, the chapter is in need of someone to step into the secretary position this year as Will Hartsell will be leaving the chapter come the last of May. After the chapter business is concluded Mr. Roy Good will be giving a brief on using IFR for VFR flight. Next Month we are going to have an open house and with the help of EAA national and will be sending invitations to all EAA members within our geographical area. Please come on out and enjoy the meeting and help install the officer core for the new year. See you all Saturday.

Phill Steele

Editors notes

Wow! Happy New Year everyone. Hope its been a great start of the year for everybody and everyone is on track to have a great flying/building year. The chapter had a nifty Christmas party at Kent Blacks BBQ in San Marcos complete with good food and a band next door. There was a white elephant gift exchange, and with the help of Steve's wife Carol, Phillip got the toy R/C helicopter he wanted. Way to go. Service Awards were presented to the various office holders and the Chapter presented Phillip, Guy and Mike with plaques for their many years of service to the chapter. Thanks for all your work fellas.

Starting the new year for the chapter we have several things in the works, first and foremost are the chapter elections. We should have several positions available including President, Vice President, and Secretary, so don't be shy step up, a little help goes a long way. A couple positions have changes and they are: John Brecher has volunteered to coordinate the Young Eagles program while Terry Ross will remain on to work with the Eagles program. Steve Sewell will remain on as Treasurer and Stan Timmerman will continue to keep our website (<http://958.eaachapter.org/>) updated.

January is also time for 2017 chapter dues so don't forget to bring your checkbook. Remember its one of the few bargains you find at only \$20 or \$25 for new members. And its the time to update your personal information so the chapter has an accurate tally of who's who and what they're building/flying. This is helpful when prospective builders want to see what the building process actually looks like. And this month we have Mr. Roy Good Coordinator for the local IMC Club, doing a presentation on IFR principles that can be applied to VFR flying.

We're contemplating a "Chapter Open House" for the month of February, with a mass e-mail send out to EAA members around the area, inviting them to stop by. We will have a special presentation by Brian Lloyd, a local pilot planning to do a "round the world flight" in his Mooney. He hopes to have the plane available for view after the presentation. Please bring any additional ideas you might have for the open house so we can make it a big success.

Please note elsewhere in this issue a couple milestones for FAA and General Aviation, the newly released General Aviation Medical Rule and Airmans Certification Standards. Both help bring FAA regulations for general aviation into the 21st century.

Chapter shirts: Phillip has passed on the website for shirts with EAA and Chapter logos: <http://www.shopmdi.com/ea/default.aspx?p=viewcat&showpage=3>. Please peruse them and decide what would be most appropriate for you and we can get a count of desired colors and type. I believe the pocketed tee and polo were discussed at the meeting. I don't happen to have the price breaks but that can be discussed.

And last, just a note to remind everyone to try to take advantage of some of the free safety seminars and webinars that are available to us as embers of EAA and AOPA. I had the opportunity to ride with Clell Bond the the AOPA Sponsored meeting discussing Non-Towered airports and methods of coping with the traffic associated with them. There was good info and a good discussion by Pat Brown, AOPA Regional Rep.

Till Saturday, blue skies and favorable winds,
Russ

Chapter at Kent Blacks BBQ in San Marcos for Christmas Meeting



Phillip Steel awarded for Service
As Chapter President



Guy Bowen receives award for
Years of service as
Vice President



Mike Short served as
Young Eagles Coordinator
For over 8 years

Christmas Meeting (cont.)



Phillip enjoys some of that good Texas BBQ at Kent Blacks



Chapter 958 had a good turnout For the Christmas get together



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FAA Issues General Aviation Medical Rule

January 10, 2017 By [Piper Owner Society](#)

January 10, 2017 The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) today issued a [final rule](#) (PDF) that allows general aviation pilots to fly without holding an FAA medical certificate as long as they meet certain requirements outlined in Congressional legislation.

“The United States has the world’s most robust general aviation community, and we’re committed to continuing to make it safer and more efficient to become a private pilot,” said FAA Administrator Michael Huerta. “The BasicMed rule will keep our pilots safe but will simplify our regulations and keep general aviation flying affordable.”

Until now, the FAA has required private, recreational, and student pilots, as well as flight instructors, to meet the requirements of and hold a third class medical certificate. They are required to complete an online application and undergo a physical examination with an FAA-designated Aviation Medical Examiner. A medical certificate is valid for five years for pilots under age 40 and two years for pilots age 40 and over.

Beginning on May 1, pilots may take advantage of the regulatory relief in the BasicMed rule or opt to continue to use their FAA medical certificate. Under [BasicMed](#), a pilot will be required to complete a medical education course, undergo a medical examination every four years, and comply with aircraft and operating restrictions. For example, pilots using BasicMed cannot operate an aircraft with more than six people onboard and the aircraft must not weigh more than 6,000 pounds. A pilot flying under the BasicMed rule must:

possess a valid driver’s license;

- have held a medical certificate at any time after July 15, 2006;
 - have not had the most recently held medical certificate revoked, suspended, or withdrawn;
 - have not had the most recent application for airman medical certification completed and denied;
 - have taken a medical education course within the past 24 calendar months;
 - have completed a comprehensive medical examination with a physician within the past 48 months;
 - be under the care of a physician for certain medical conditions;
 - have been found eligible for special issuance of a medical certificate for certain specified mental health, neurological, or cardiovascular conditions, when applicable;
 - consent to a National Driver Register check;
 - fly only certain small aircraft, at a limited altitude and speed, and only within the United States;
- and
- not fly for compensation or hire.

The July 15, 2016 FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 directed the FAA to issue or revise regulations by January 10, 2017, to ensure that an individual may operate as pilot in command of a certain aircraft without having to undergo the medical certification process under Part 67 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, if the pilot and aircraft meet certain prescribed conditions outlined in the Act. The FAA and the general aviation community have a strong track record of collaboration. The agency is working with nonprofit organizations and the not-for-profit general aviation stakeholder groups to develop online medical courses that meet the requirements of the Act.

Safety Corner

EAA Webinars

Date	Time	Presentation	Presenter
1/18/17	7 p.m. CST	Non-Builder Homebuilt Aircraft Ownership Qualifies for FAA Wings Credit.	Tim Hoversten
1/25/17	7 p.m. CST	10 Things Every iPad Pilot Should Know Qualifies for FAA Wings Credit	Brett Koebbe, Sportys.
2/1/17	8 p.m. CST	GA and Big Data (Part 1) Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
2/8/17	7 p.m. CST	Exploring the Zenith 750 Cruiser Design in SOLIDWORKS Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Sebastien Heintz, Zenith Aircraft Co
2/22/17	7 p.m. CST	Introduction to Modern Gyroplane Flying Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Robert Snyder, AutoGyro USA
3/15/17	7 p.m. CDT	Risk Management and the Traffic Pattern Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Wanda Zuege

