

The Flightline



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

February 2017

Monthly Presentation

and

Open House

February 18, 10:00 am

At Redbird Skyport

San Marcos Regional Airport

Program:

**Round The World Flight
in a Mooney**

Presented by: Brian Lloyd

Coffee and donuts at 9:30 am

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Hangar Talk

Hi everybody. Hope this finds you in good spirits and looking forward to the upcoming Spring season. As you can see I'm making a minor change in our front page. The "Prez Sez" is being changed to "Hangar Talk" - not very original but descriptive of the intent. After all it's not about what the chapter president says, but what's happening with the Chapter and events it sponsors. With that in mind I welcome any feedback, corrections, news, project updates etc. and encourage everyone to participate in the newsletter as a chapter forum and information exchange.

OK. So here's whats happening.

PAYPAL

is now available for paying dues. Its finally a reality, anyone can now pay their dues and join the chapter using Paypal. It can be accessed from the Chapter website 958.eaachapter.org, and just follow the instructions at the top of the page. A special thanks goes to **Stan Timmerman** for getting this all done and for putting up with my ignorance of web programming. Thanks also to **Steve Sewell** for verifying the operation of Paypal in getting funds transferred to the chapter account. This should really help streamline getting folks signed up in the chapter and organize chapter data.

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Chapter Polo Shirts

that were ordered last meeting are due in on or about the 13th and we plan to have them available at the Feb. meeting. Thanks to **Phillip Steele** for getting this done, I think we all appreciate his work. Costs are: small up through XL - \$25.00, XXL is \$27.00 and XXXL is \$29.00. For those that would still like a shirt but have not had a chance to order, we need at least six units for polo shirts and 12 for tee shirts for additional orders. Now we can show our chapter colors at aviation functions.

Chapter 958 Young Eagles

now has a new coordinator who has successfully built similar programs at other chapters and we are fortunate to have him working with us. **John Brecher** is taking over the helm and is focused on making June 10, National Young Eagles day a superb event here in San Marcos. The chapter is working with airport administration to sponsor the program in an effort to improve media exposure of the event. If you would like to participate as a YE pilot be sure you take the short training course and background check available on the EAA website under the Young Eagles programs.

Chapter Leaders Academy

Chapter Vice President, **Clell Bond**, will be attending the Chapter Leaders Academy for two days in April. The Academy offers chapter officers and would be officers an opportunity to learn about the resources available from EAA to mobilize chapters and make them a local gathering spot for any individual young and old interested in aviation.

Updated Chapter Banner

Thanks to **Jon Sanders** the Chapter Banner has been updated to show San Marcos rather than that other city.

Help Wanted

The chapter is off to a good start for the year but as with any organization, its success depends on participation of the individuals involved. As seen above our guys are stepping up to the plate and as things develop we will be needing more. We do need immediately though, someone to **organize meeting programs** and a **picture taker**. The programs person would need to contact and set educational or entertaining programs for chapter meetings and would involve maybe an hour a month (often less) contacting perspective presenters and making sure they have necessary AV equipment. The picture taker (notice we don't require a professional photographer) merely needs to get photos during meetings and events and email them to me for the newsletter. So contact me if you can to help in either of these areas. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Keep an Eye on our Aviation Liberties

With a new administration in Washington its always a good idea to keep a close eye on their activities when it comes to aviation. The President has put a freeze on all federal regulations scheduled to be published in the Federal Register. See the article later in this issue. This also presents a worry about revisiting the possibility of Privatization of the FAA, as a new Congress looks at ways to trim funds from agencies. So it behooves us to stay vigilant to watch our aviation freedoms.

Next Month

we have Mike Keyworth, manager of the San Marcos Control Tower speaking to the chapter. He has asked for topics that we would be interested in hearing about concerning airport communications, ATC, etc. Send your suggestions or questions to me and I'll forward them to Mike.

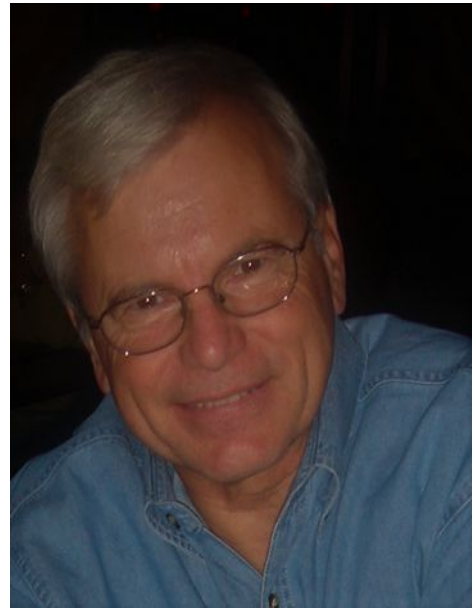
And Finally Many thanks to everyone who has helped this month. Remember, a successful chapter depends on everyone pitching in. Even a few minutes a month can help.

Blue Skys and Tailwinds,
Russ

EAA Chapter 958 2017 Officers



Russell Ross
President/Newsletter Editor
Fly's a Cherokee 160



Clell Bond
Vice President
Fly's a Mooney 205



Steve Sewell
Treasurer
Fly's a Cessne 172 &
Building an RV 14



Phillip Steele
Past president/
Interim Secretary

EAA Chapter 958 2017 Officers (cont.)



Stan Timmerman
Web Manager
Building a Bearhawk



Steve Dixon
Technical Adviser
Fly's a Bonanza



Terry Ross
Eagles Coordinator
Fly's a Grumman Cheetah



John Brecher
Young Eagles Coordinator/
Technical Adviser
Has built several aircraft
including a BD-4

Regulations on Hold – EAA Monitoring Impact on Medical Reform

January 26, 2017 By [Piper Owner Society](#)

January 26, 2017 – The incoming Trump administration put a freeze on new federal regulations last week, ordering that no new regulations be published in the Federal Register that serves as official notification of the nation’s regulations and policies from the executive branch of government. As part of that order, all regulations that have been issued but have yet to take effect have had their effective date delayed by 60 days.

Does that affect the [third-class medical reform](#) rule announced by the FAA on January 10 and, if so, how? EAA’s initial contact with the FAA brought no clear answer, as the agency was exploring whether the freeze would impact this and dozens of pending regulations. That also includes the recently finalized Part 23 small aircraft certification regulations.

“As the third-class medical reform regulation is drawn directly from a law passed by Congress and signed by the president, its existence cannot be negated by Executive Order,” said Sean Elliott, EAA’s vice president of advocacy and safety. “Such a freeze is not unprecedented when a new administration and party enters the White House, and it is intended to allow time to review regulations issued under a previous administration. Often the freeze is lifted after a short period of review to allow the workings of government to continue. That could very well occur well before the May 1 effective date for the third-class medical regulation, but only time will tell.”

Elliott adds that in a worst-case scenario, the effective date for the regulation would move to July 1. The law passed by Congress and signed by former President Barack Obama last July expressly stated that if the provisions of the law were not in place one year after the president’s signature, the law would automatically become effective. That means medical reform as passed by Congress will go into effect no later than July 15, 2017.

EAA will continue to follow this issue closely and is in contact with the FAA and congressional representatives urging that all possible measures be taken to allow the rule to go into effect on schedule. Check the EAA website and e-Hotline regularly for further updates.



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AIR SHOWS AND FLY-INS



Old Kingsbury Aerodrome
Our next Event will be Wings & Wheels 2017, coming up on Saturday, May 6!

Mark your calendar!

March 18-19, 2017, Heart of Texas Airshow, Waco / TSTC (KCNW). Only Thunderbirds appearance in central/north Texas in 2017, 112 nm north of KHYI. www.heartoftexasairshow.com

April 4-9, Sun'n Fun, Lakeland FL. Smaller version of Oshkosh, they will supposedly have over two dozen P51s in attendance along with the Blue Angels, 839 nm from KHYI. Alternately you can see the Blue Angels at Corpus Christi NAS April 1-2 or at Oshkosh.

April 29, 2017, Annual (Gulf Coast Regional) KLBX Fly-In. Angleton. Probably a car show as well along with a pancake breakfast, KLBX is about 130 nm from KHYI.

May 19-20, 2017, 7th Annual Armed Forces Weekend Celebration and Fly-In (Morgan Military Aviation Museum). Brady, Curtis Field (KBBD), 108 nm northwest of KHYI in a keyhole under the Brady MOA.

May 28, 2017, Breckenridge Airshow at KBKD, 178 nm from KHYI. Tora! Tora! Tora!

July 24-30, Oshkosh, 954nm from KHYI. The Big Kahuna.

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.

Rusty Pilots presented by AOPA Ambassador Pat Brown and Tempus Training and Black Hound Aviation – KHYI February 25, 2017 at 9:00 am

Life may have gotten in the way, but the dream of flight can be yours again. Returning to the skies is not as difficult as most rusty pilots think. We're inviting you back in the cockpit and will help you get there. Come and participate in this Rusty Pilots program with fellow lapsed pilots. We will help you understand what's changed in aviation since you last took the controls and brush up on your aviation knowledge. The Rusty Pilots program is developed by AOPA in partnership with local flight training providers in order to create the best environment for getting you back in the air and a part of the general aviation community.

It is easier than most people think – no FAA check ride or test

Might not even need a medical

Plus, by attending, you'll be getting two to three hours of free ground instruction towards your flight review!

Editors Note:

Redbird Aviation has been a close ally of the EAA for a while now and RedBird Skyport has been a strong supporter of Chapter 958 since its move to San Marcos. They have provided free meeting space for the chapter and supports our activities. Please support Redbird when you can by utilizing their fine services. Note they are now expanding services that many of us might utilize, see below.



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Safety Corner

EAA Webinars

Date	Time	Presentation	Presenter
2/21/17	12 p.m. CST	So You Want to Build an Airplane?	Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager
2/22/17	7 p.m. CST	Introduction to Modern Gyroplane Flying Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Robert Snyder, AutoGyro USA
3/1/17	8 p.m. CST	GA and Big Data (Part 2) Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
3/8/17	7 p.m. CST	Equipping for ADS-B 2020 - One Pilot's Odyssey Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
3/15/17	7 p.m. CDT	Risk Management and the Traffic Pattern Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Wanda Zuege

