

# The Flightline



EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX  
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## November 2017

### **\*New\***

**VMC Culb @ 9:00 am**  
Moderated by  
**Terry Ross**  
RedBird Conference Room

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**Monthly Meeting**  
**November 18, 10:00 am**  
At Redbird Skyport Conference  
Room  
**San Marcos Regional Airport**

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**Program:**  
"Tips and Tricks for Interior  
Cockpit Repair"  
**Presented by: JD Casteel**  
Of Southwest Texas Aviation  
in Smithville

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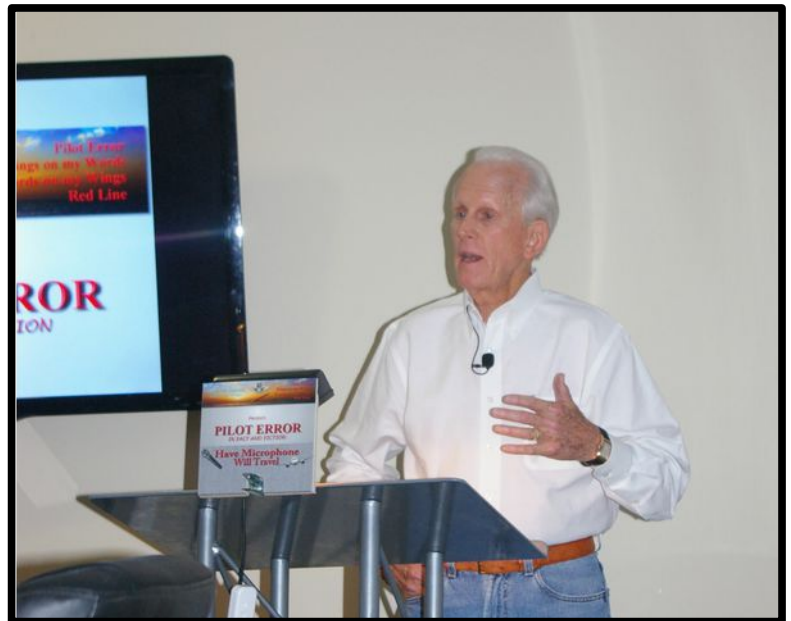
**Coffee and Donuts at 9:30 am**

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**Young Eagles Flights at 12:00 pm**

## Hangar Talk

Hi there EAA Chapter 958,  
Hope this finds everyone well and looking forward to Thanksgiving. First a big thank you to Tosh McIntosh for his very provocative presentation on pilot error.



We have a number of things going on in the next few weeks that affects the chapter; first prior to our regular meeting we have the VMC Club meeting at 9:00 am discussing a variety of topics related to VFR flying.

## Chapter Elections

November is also election month so come out and vote for the folks you want to serve your chapter this coming year. We still have several positions open including: Assistant Newsletter Editor, Programs Manager and Marketing Manager. Please make every effort to attend the meeting and vote for your 2018 slate of officers.

# Hangar Talk (cont)

## Chapter Tax/Non-Profit status

We're working on the paperwork to get the chapters non-profit and Tax exempt status re-instated. Clell Bond has taken the lead on this issue to bring the chapter in good standing with the powers that be so we can take receivership of Greg Hughes C-150 until it's completed. From that point the plane will be moved into a flying club with its own legal charter.

## Christmas Party

The chapter Christmas Party is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kent Blacks BBQ in San Marcos, 510 Hull Street. Plan on coming and sharing some Christmas Cheer and good times. More at the meeting.

## Young Eagles

The Young Eagles program is starting to gain momentum after a minor snafu last month. We are starting to get students from the San Antonio Big Brothers Big Sisters, the AirForce ROTC in Cibolo's Byron P. Steel High School, and San Marcos High School, we've made contacts at the Lehman high school in Kyle, the Boy Scouts and we are just beginning talks with Dripping Springs ISD. With a little organizational effort we may have a constant flow of YE prospects through the year.

Our last group of YE's went up this past Saturday with, I believe, 11 students. Many thanks to the pilots who participated, your support for the program is sincerely appreciated. We are anticipating another group of YE's after Saturdays meeting around 12:00 pm, We don't have a head count yet but if you have the time, please help whether its as a pilot or ground crew.

A new aspect of the Young Eagles being worked on by the EAA is an on line sign up for YE's. It will provide the opportunity for prospects to sign up with available pilots, and can be set to allow a maximum number of students at sny givn time/date. This may provide great opportunity for pilots to sign up and know who they will be flying in advance as well as allowing students to know who they will be flying with. Stay tuned for its release.



# The Plane Camper

By Stan Timmerman

This year my wife and I took a trip to the Flying M Ranch Fly-In and Camp-out. For those that have not heard of the Flying M Ranch Fly-In I encourage you to google or watch youtube videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK9zsGYHi7I>.

She has not been camping before. As we were arriving it became clear that she was confused, asking about the “unicorn” that would be at the event. I explained to her that they had a unicom. She was disappointed and thought that they might have had a special hat with a horn on it or something like that.

I have always thought Hollywood damages the reputation of aviation. A common theme is the tower is unmanned and all planes everywhere are unable to land. Flying M Ranch communications are different from Oshkosh. At Oshkosh pilots maintain radio silence and follow the directions of a ground observer. At Flying M Ranch the pilots do all the talking. I listened to the unicom and I was impressed. The pilots are constantly coordinating their approaches and taking turns. At Oshkosh they separate the faster traffic. At Flying M Ranch you can see pipers and twins sharing the same approach without any problems. Someone is taking off, landing, or doing a low approach every minute. If nothing else, you will be adept with radio communication by the time you finish flying there.

My wife is not as fascinated with airplanes as I am. She went back to camp site to take a nap. She called me away from flight line to deal with an attack on the tent. I researched it after we got home. It was a venomous *Megalopyge opercularis*.



Puss caterpillar, *Megalopyge opercularis*

**inch-long larva ✓**  
**generously coated in long hair ✓**  
**charcoal gray ✓**  
**body tapers to a tail ✓**  
**hair disheveled ✓**

**The fur of the larva contains venomous spines ????**  
**I did not check- I squashed it so I could go back to the flight line.**

I spoke with the gentlemen that made this RV-7. My picture does not do the paint job justice. To get the metallic green color requires undercoats of silver. My wife thought I should paint my airplane like this one. That is not going to happen. I was researching spray guns. I spoke to him about the spray gun I was thinking about. The gun I was looking at was over \$300. I did not want to spend \$300. He thought that gun would only be useful to put the primer on and I would have to sand the primer afterward. So much for me painting like his RV. I am now researching latex paint and paint rollers.





I once got caught at Oshkosh during the summer when the temperature at night dropped into the thirties. I vowed not to make that mistake again. I came up with this contraption. It is a Mr. Heater affixed to a router base – bolted to a brake rotor. I have discovered that if you use a wood router to cut aluminum, it tends to destroy the router. When this happens, you can convert the router into a heater. I thought it would be completely safe in our tent.

My heat source did not work out. During the night my wife threw a blanket over the heater. I saw it smoking and put it out. She never knew that it happened. I was going to keep that part a secret from her but when we got home she saw the blanket. She was concerned that an animal had bored into it. Now I am in a quandary. Do I assure her that no animal got into the tent or do I tell her that she set the bedding on fire?



p.s. I took the family dog with us. The dog did not cause me any trouble.

p.p.s. My wife fact checked this article and tells me that she did think it was an animal in the tent. She thought maybe I set the sleeping bag on fire



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## Picture of the day: The secret to staying young

November 12, 2017 by General Aviation News Staff

Lee Beery sent in this photo of him flying upside down in his Corby Starlet.

He says: "I think this is an interesting photo of a very old man, 86, having fun flying his Corby Starlet over Clear Lake in California. You will find him out over the lake having fun several times a week. That is the secret of staying young."



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## Pictures of the day: DeLand workshops



November 9, 2017 by General Aviation News Staff

**John Brecher** sent in these photos of the EAA SportAir Workshops, held at the 2017 DeLand Sport Aviation Showcase in Florida.

# **Safety Corner**

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## **EAA Webinars**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
11/15/17	7 p.m. CST	Fly the Easy Way Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Larry Bothe
11/21/17	7 p.m. CST	Add "Certified SOLIDWORKS Professional" to Your Resume	Mike Puckett
11/29/17	7 p.m. CST	Secondhand Homebuilt Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Earl Downs
12/6/17	8 p.m. CST	Grand Theft Propeller? Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
12/13/17	7 p.m. CST	3-D Scanning and SOLIDWORKS Modeling Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Stefan Hokuf
12/20/17	7 p.m. CST	The Experimental Experience: Building, Flying, and Maintaining	Dick Socash
1/3/18	8 p.m. CST	Liticaphobia (fear of being sued) Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
2/7/18	8 p.m. CST	What? No smoking gun? Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch

