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EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX  
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**November 2018**

## Monthly Meeting

**November 17, 10:00 am**  
**At RedBird Skyport**  
**Conference room**

**VMC Club at 9:00 am**  
**Moderated by Terry Ross**

### Program:

**"A DIY CNC Machine for  
cutting you aircraft parts"**

**Presented by:**  
**Scott Ross**

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## Hangar Talk

Hi everyone. Well its been another eventful month here at Chapter 958 and there's still more to come.

**Chapter Elections:** We would like to remind everyone that November is **Chapter Election** month. Most of this years officers have volunteered to run for their office for next year, and I want to thank everyone for their help and cooperation this year. We still need someone to help develop programs for the monthly meeting and one or more to serve in the marketing capacity for the chapter (Community outreach).

**Chapter Dues:** We're also taking dues for 2019 at the November meeting or online to streamline our entry into 2019 in January.

**Scholarship Fund:** When paying your dues you also have an opportunity to make an additional donation to the scholarship fund. Please advise Steve Sewell as to the amount.

**Chapter Shirts:** Phillip Steele will have information on shirts available. More info at the meeting.

**Christmas meeting:** The Chapter Christmas Meeting will be held at Kent Blacks BBQ in San Marcos Saturday Dec.8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We're tryiong to put together a good program so bring your signifigant other, kids, grandkids or friends. In addition, we'll be hosting a White Elephant gift exchange so get your presents wrapped.

**Young Eagles:** The chapter had a very successful Young Eagles event on the 27<sup>th</sup> with 23 JrROTC cadets and walk in's flown. Many thanks to the pilots who gave their time, talent and resources to make the event a momorable one for these young folks. Weather permitting we will have another YE event after Saturday's regular chapter meeting. For Saturday we will need 2 or 3 members to help usher the students and assist with the registration during the event. (See page 3)

**October Meeting:** Many thanks to the folks at Elm Creek Air Park for hosting their annual fly-in and to Steve Sewell and Bernard Melendez for Hosting the chapter and previewing their current projects to chapteter members. An excellent seminar was provided by the San Antonio area Air Traffic Controllers on Taxiing Safety at airports. The folks at Elm Creek also provided a superb lunchen with grilled burgers and hotdogs and lots of home cooked fixens and desserts, YUM. (See photos next page)

**New Members:** Please welcome the following new members to the chapter; **Allen Coleman, Chris Hendricks, and William Garner**. We're glad to have you aboard, and hope you will enjoy being involved with the chapter.

## Hangar Talk (cont.)



The guys from the San Antonio Air Traffic Control Gave an excellent presentation on Taxiing safety



Stevens RV-14 has the engine hung and is getting its complement of avionics



Bernard Melendez's 30 year old Corby Starlet still looks brand new



Bernard's latest project, and Arion Lightning is taking shape – Great craftsmanship



The good folks at Elm Creek really know how to grill



Steve Sewell shows Matt Naylor some of the details on his RV-14



**Chapter Leaders Academy:** Mr. Chris Davis had an opportunity to attend the EAA Chapter Leaders Academy this past month and relates the following about the event.

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I recently had the chance to attend the Experimental Aircraft Association(EAA) Chapter Leadership Academy in Oshkosh Wisconsin. This is a two-day event that brings members from different chapters around the country together to learn new ideas to help their clubs be a bigger success. Most attendees were either club officers or members looking to become more involved.

I flew commercial into Milwaukee, then rented a car and drove the 80 miles north up to Wittman Regional airport in Oshkosh. The event was held at the EAA museum, where about 210 EAA employees work. For a hotel we stayed at the EAA lodge across the street near the Pioneer airport which is adjacent to Wittman. This was my first time driving to Oshkosh - my previous four visits were in a Piper Arrow as pilot in command. The normally green fields of Wisconsin had turned brown due to late fall. Wittman seemed quiet with the normal bustle of AirVenture missing, and the "World's Busiest Control Tower" was anything but.

With attendees arriving the first afternoon, a meal was served in the lodge and then later we rode in the EAA vans over to Sonix aircraft - a kitplane manufacturer based there on the field. The owner reported increased sales due to the economy and gave us a tour. He likes to hire people interested in aviation and several employees had just headed out through their decorated break-room/kitchen. It was decorated with a combination 50's burger bar/aviation theme.

The next day the sessions started at 8AM and ended at 5PM. Different EAA employees would give a powerpoint and then take questions. The sessions had topics such as "Chapters and Tax Status", "Sure Fire Ways to Improve Your Chapter", "Fundraising", "Hallmarks of Highly Successful Chapters", "Growing Chapter Membership", "Activities and Programs", "Perfecting Your Online Presence", "Pathways to Flight", "Media Best Practices", "Chapter Resources", and "Young Eagles Overview".

Some personal take-aways from me were tips on recruiting volunteers (ask individually, not to a group), things not to say to the media "we are not a bunch of guys strapping refrigerator boxes to a set of wings", separating the boring parts of a chapter (administration) from the monthly meeting, etc. The second evening we got an after-hours tour of the EAA museum and the chance to sit in a P51 cockpit. There was a new display there from the CAF with World War 2 nose-art panels. The next day started again at 8 with more presentations that ran until 12, when we departed.

One of the best things about the trip was talking to other attendees. Everyone was friendly and topics discussed were our aviation backgrounds, memorably flights, current projects, etc. Whether you are currently building, flying, retired from flying - there was someone there just like you, eager to discuss common issues.

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Regards,  
Chris Davis





## Young Eagles Event – October 27<sup>th</sup>

After being postponed several times due to weather, the Young Eagles event finally took place 10/27 with JrROTC students from Byron Steel and Lockhart high schools. We had great weather and a good variety of aircraft including a Cirrus, Mooney, Super Cub, Taylorcraft, RV-7, C-172 and C-182. We greatly appreciate all the pilots who so generously donated their time, talent and resources to make the event a success.



Cadets enjoyed their adventure with new member Chris Hendricks



Keith Uhls explains the instruments in his Super Cub



Another happy cadet with Greg Hughes



Bill Davoust show the ropes to flying his C-182



Students enjoyed the hombuilt experience in Larry New 's RV-7



These young ladies are now contemplating an aviation career



## **Safety Corner**

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### **EAA Webinars**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
11/13/18	7 p.m. CST	Ray Aviation Scholarship- A Flight Training Fund for Your Chapter	David Leiting, Chapter Outreach Specialist
11/14/18	7 p.m. CST	Charting Your Course: Deciphering the VFR Sectional Aeronautical Chart Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
11/21/18	7 p.m. CST	Tailwheel Flying Techniques Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Glen Oliphant
11/28/18	7 p.m. CST	ADS-B: A Practical Guide For Pilots Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	John Zimmerman
12/5/18	8 p.m. CST	Post-Maintenance Checklist Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
12/12/18	7 p.m. CST	Master the Transition: Earning Your Complex and High-Performance Endorsements Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.	Tom Turner
12/19/18	7 p.m. CST	Tail Wheels 101: Inspection and Maintenance Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.	Joe Norris



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