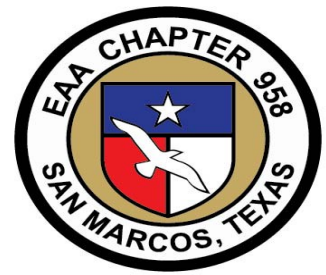


# Flightline

EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX

Where everyday is a good flying day!



## Hangar Talk



April 2020

Hi everybody. This is turning into what will probably be a very memorable year for everyone as a result of COVID-19 and the loss of the ability to mingle with others. My hope is that everyone is staying safe, taking appropriate precautions and has not suffered from the loss of any employment. And while we're at it, please don't forget to thank the wonderful medical personnel who are on the front lines with this nasty disease and all the first responders, grocery workers and truck drivers who are working to keep things as workable as possible.

EAA Chapter 958  
Monthly Meeting

CANCELLED

On the bright side, it gives us an opportunity to focus on things we may not be able to when things are "normal". Read that book you've been putting off, take an aviation refresher on-line, fly your plane, work on your project and of course the all important "honey do's".

In this month's newsletter, two of our members are capitalizing on these strange times. Larry New and his Lovely wife Paula decided to keep a lot of separation between themselves and others by flying out to Big Bend country, while Randy VanStory is making lots of progress on his RV-10 so be sure to check them out.



## May Chapter 958 Meeting

Because everything remains uncertain regarding the social restrictions that may be in play during May, we'll have to wait until the late in the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> to make a decision about whether to have a chapter meeting .

## Young Eagles

Young Eagles will most likely not resume until Fall or after schools resume, and after we have a go ahead from the affiliated JrROTC programs. We will also look to National for guidance on continuing the program in a safe and appropriate manor for both our students and our pilots.

VMC CLUB

CANCELLED

I'm also sad to announce that Matt Naylor has had to leave his position as co-coordinator for the Young Eagles due to work obligations. He will be greatly missed as he is a strong proponent of the program.

As a result of the good work Matt, David, the pilots and other YE volunteers put forth, the chapter has earned \$445 worth of EAA Credits for use this year. Please consider how the chapter can best use these credits, as they must be used by the end of the year.

We could consider a scholarship to the Advanced Air Academy; however, this year's academy has been cancelled and those accepted have the option to attend next year. Please think about this over the interval between now and our next meeting, as we don't want to waste these credits.

## Go Wheels UP Airshow/AOPA Fly-In

As most of you are aware, the airshow/fly-in in May has been cancelled. No word if it will be rescheduled yet



## Assistance from Members

While in this lull, it may be an opportune time for members to take stock of their current stockpiles to see if there are some things that could be used by the chapter.

For Young Eagles –

1. Unused computers that are capable of, or could be upgraded to run Simulator software
2. Flight Simulator Software

## Volunteers Needed

We will need a new co-coordinator for the Young Eagles once we can resume activities. This position will be very important for the chapter because of the growing number of JrROTC students we are beginning to reach, and the increased visibility of the program in the area. Please consider volunteering, and of course we always need volunteers during these events. Thank you.

Have a great Day!

---

## Larry New and Wife Paula Expand Social Distancing

On Saturday, we wanted to get out of the house making sure we were social distancing plus get some exercise. We flew to Big Bend Ranch State Park and landed at the park's airport, 3T9. This is in the State Park, not the National Park. Some say the State Park, which was formed in 1991, is like Big Bend National Park was in the "good ol' days". The ranch and airport were owned by a succession of businesses and owners including Julian Sprague, hence the rusty sign.

The flight was a little over 300 miles each way, so it was going to be a good trip for me just getting to fly. There were gusty winds for landing with a serious West to East wind. We saw 54Kts tailwind on the return at 11.5K! Since there is no gas at 3T9, we planned a fuel stop on the way to allow us to continue to Big Bend and return home without a fuel stop. Almost throwing a wrench in our plans, the self-serve fuel pumps at both Sonora (KSOA) and Ozona (KOZA) were inop due to network connection issues. Luckily, Mr. McCleary the FBO owner in Ozona, met us at the pump (at a safe distance) and bypassed the payment system and gave us an invoice. You can be sure I'll have a check in the mail tomorrow morning! Love small town hospitality and airplane folk.

I had called ahead to the Park office to make sure they were open. They were but just for day trips. No overnight camping and all the facilities were closed including bathrooms. They sounded genuinely excited that someone was coming and especially to the airport. I suspect their funding is related to traffic like many municipal airports. We bought day passes online at the Texas Parks and Wildlife website for \$5 each and attached them to the airplane much like Oshkosh.

The best I can describe the runway is tar and gravel. You see that on rural roads, but the gravel usually gets forced into the tar by auto and truck traffic. It's still pretty loose on the runway but no problem landing and I made sure I slowly added power on takeoff to avoid picking up any of the gravel with the prop. There are tiedown rings but no ropes. The tiedowns are kind of random so you have to find the best orientation to get three points close together.

The closest trail to the airport that we wanted to see was the Cinco Tinajas Trail. It is about a 2.5 mile walk from the airport to the trailhead, so we did a little more hiking than we planned by the time we made it back to the airplane. Be sure and take a lot of water. We didn't see any other hikers, only a park ranger. He checked on us from a safe distance in his pickup as we were walking back to the airport. I'm sure he was just making sure we weren't planning to spend the night and had enough water but our daughter said he probably wanted to say, "y'all git".

The Cinco Tinajas (5 ponds) Trail has water filled basins in a water carved arroyo and a beautiful overlook high on a bluff. There is a short route and a longer route. We took the short route due to time but plan to go back and take the long route. We got a late start due to weather in New Braunfels and wanted to be back at the airplane well before sunset. We didn't get to go down to the Tinajas but they are easily accessible from a branch on the trail.

Even the walk along the dirt roads was interesting. We saw a small herd of Longhorn cattle making their way along a trail not far from the road. Initially, we made noises to get them to look our way to take their pictures but then had the shocking realization that there was no fence, no place to hide and they were wild animals with really big horns!

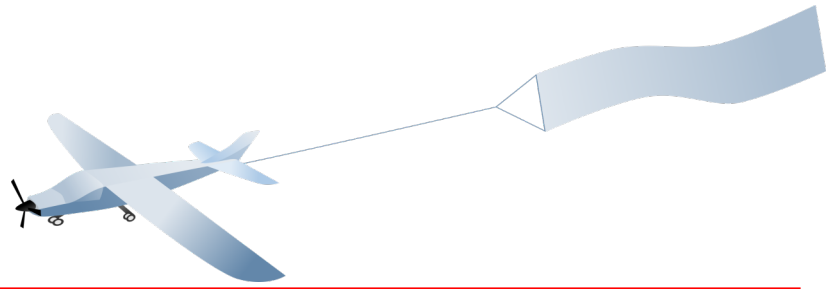
We also saw this lucky horseshoe hanging from a huisache tree in the middle of dang nowhere. Wonder what the story is behind that?

---





This Way  
to  
the  
FUN



Here's some pics of my build showing my RV-10 project.

Randy

Current status



Engine in (Aerosport built IO-540)



# Cowl fitted



# Baffling started



## Paint scheme designed



## Interior upholstery designed (seats at upholster shop now)



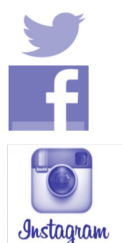


## WEBINARS

# Safety Corner



Date	Time	Title	Presenter(s)
4/15/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Healthy Pilot Technology <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Phil Lightstone
4/16/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Choosing Wheels & Brakes <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.</b>	George Happ
4/21/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Coaches and Camps for Aerobatic Competition <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Johnny Ostmeyer
4/22/2020	12 p.m. CDT	Flying Clubs - Growing Participation in Aviation	David Leiting, Chapter Field Representative II
4/22/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Five Weather Planning Tips to Get Ready for Summertime Flying <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Scott Dennstaedt
4/23/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Choosing and Using Tools for Your RV Build <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.</b>	Greg Hughes and Mike Lauritsen
4/28/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Fly the Easy Way <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Larry Bothe
4/29/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Float Flying: Freedom to Explore <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Amy Gesch
4/30/2020	7 p.m. CDT	What's Involved in Kit Building <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Charlie Becker
5/5/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Flight Testing 101 <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Paul Dye
5/6/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Is it Legal to Install? <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.</b>	Mike Busch
5/7/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Critical RV Flying Skills <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Rian Johnson and Mike Seager
5/13/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Operation at Towered Airports <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
5/19/2020	7 p.m. CDT	Understanding Hypoxia in Aviation <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Steve Martin



@958Eaa

Facebook.com/EAA958

@eaa958

