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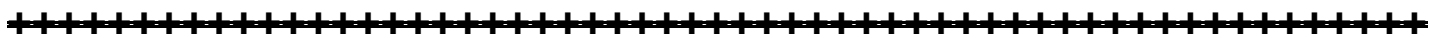


EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX

December 2023 Issue

Where every day is a good flying day!

**There will be no Chapter meeting this month. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.
See You January 2024**



If you have not paid \$20 Dues for this year: You can pay Chris Davis in person at the next meeting or go to Chapters.eaa.org/ea958 and there is a link to pay dues. Thanks.

Don't forget to renew your chapter membership as the year comes to a close. So far in 2023 the following people have renewed:

Fred Magare
Stanley Timmerman
Chris Davis
Robert Lannon
David Olvera
William Day
Clell Bond
Dave Falleur
Frank Pisz

Guy Bowen
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Larry New
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Terry Ross
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KHYI INSTRUMENT METEOROLOGICAL CLUB

IMC meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the KHYI admin Building.

Follow their [Facebook](#) page for more information or email Gary White (imckhyi@gmail.com) to be added to the newsletter.

Note: VMC Club meets 6:30 PM KBAZ Administration building 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact Terry Ross at: tkedpcross@gmail.com

Minutes from last EAA 958 meeting

November 18, 2023
Meeting Minutes
EAA Chapter 958

Secretary's Report

The chapter meeting was held in the Pilot Briefing room at the San Marcos CAF hanger November 18, 2023. Russell Ross gave a presentation about the construction process of his plans built, wood framed, composite covered homebuilt, the Mirage Marathon.



Student Member, Jacob Halmos announced that he had recently passed his flight evaluation, and is now a private pilot and had been accepted into an

Aviation Training program for next year. (See Jacobs story below)

Congratulations Jacob.

The Chapter has obtained an agreement with the CAF to hold monthly chapter meetings at the CAF hangar and the chapter will donate \$1200.00 to the CAF in exchange.

Note: The possibility of cancelling the December meeting was brought up at the meeting and during the Young Eagles event on December 2nd present members agreed that due to holiday activities occupying many members time it would be best to cancel the December meeting.

Russell Ross
EAA Chapter 958
Secretary

EAA Young Eagles Rally, December 2

Dave Falleur, Young Eagles Co-coordinator

On December 2 we held our 4th Young Eagle rally of the year and flew 10 kids. This was the first flight for most of these kids and a memorable experience for all of them! Unfortunately, we had IFR conditions which delayed our start. While we waited for the weather to improve Bill Davoust stepped up and gave the kids a preflight on his aircraft and an overview of the Young Eagles program and the benefits of being a member of EAA

We had 3 aircraft this time and pilots Peggy Jones, Bill Davoust, and Grant Lannon flew multiple times. Our ground crew included David Olvera, Rick Cooper, Tim McKenny, and Jacob Halmos. Russ Ross took some great photos (see next page).

Thanks to all of our volunteers! Thanks as always to the CAF for allowing us to use their Briefing Room for checking in and filling out paperwork.

Our next rally will be in February. We are also planning a Young Eagles workshop and will be contacting members to help out.

If you would like to be an EAA Young Eagle Pilot or Volunteer, check out the Young Eagle website at <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/free-ye-flights>

To sign up, go to <https://youngeaglesday.org/> and click on the Sign-Up tab.



EAA Young Eagles Rally, December 2





Chapter Officers needed for 2024

The CAF has agreed to rent space to EAA Chapter 958 for the upcoming year and we need officers for several chapter positions, especially for president and vice president who can be a liaison for the chapter and help fulfill EAA's requirement for a chapter president. With a permanent meeting space it should be easier to attract new members and continue our commitment to aviation education for the community. For those who step up to help, the chapter will pay 1/2 (maybe more) of the travel expenses to the the EAA Leadership Academy, which is free to all EAA members including food and lodging. Check it out at: <https://www.eaa.org/eea/eea-chapters/chapter-leadership-training/eea-chapter-leaders-academy>

We took a big hit with the Covid issues and the loss of the RedBird meeting space the past several years, but that has dissipated, the potential is here, the area is growing, the airport is growing and this is an opportunity to show the community what grass roots aviation is all about. Please contact me at: rhross44@yahoo.com or text 512-289-9094

We also have aviation supplies (nuts, bolts, piano hinges spray guns, electronics etc. available from a donation to the chapter. I plan to make them available at the January or February meeting for distribution. Anything remaining will be donated to other chapters or the goodwill. Thanks.

Russell Ross

Jacob Halmos - Journey to Pilot

From July to October, I spent 5 days a week at the airport working towards the ultimate goal of getting my private pilot license. My entire summer was dedicated towards studying toward my checkride.

My first solo is a memory that I will never forget. It was a beautiful July evening. Me and my instructor went up in the pattern, the same way we had been doing for weeks prior. After three laps in the pattern, he asked me to taxi back to the ramp. After we shut down, he stepped out, and told me to do the same thing I just did. As I taxied out, my heart was pounding with excitement. I took off and the performance of the airplane was incredible! I remember looking at the Vertical Speed indicator and seeing it go past 1000 feet per minute, in a Cessna! I recall my landings not being the greatest, but as the sun set while I was in the air, everything turned golden. That is a scene I will never forget.

After many months of flying and waiting, the day had finally come for my checkride. I had to take a flight over to Houston to take the test, and it was on the coldest day of the year so far. I remember freezing the entire hour and a half flight there. Once we arrived, the test started. I did great on the knowledge portion, which only took about an hour and fifteen minutes. Once we got in the air, the stress started getting to me. That day was probably my worst day of flying ever. We flew back to the airport, did my landings, and as we taxied back to the ramp, I shut the engine off, and the examiner had one question to ask me: "How does it feel to be the world's newest private pilot?" Those words will forever stick with me throughout the rest of my aviation journey.

My advice to anyone wanting to start this journey is simple: Work hard, and have fun. I feel that over the course of my training, I forgot to have fun. I was just in the mindset of getting my license, and not having fun every time I went up in the air. So take a step back, and ask to go on a flight somewhere new for lunch, or just sightsee. Don't forget how special it is every time you go up in the air, and how magical aviation is. To anyone nervous about their checkride coming up, just remember that your instructor signed you off on this. They think you're prepared, and now you need to know you're prepared as well.



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