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EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX

October 2024 Issue

Where every day is a good flying day!

EAA Chapter 958 gathering Saturday

***October 19th, at Elm Creek Airpark Fly In,
Seguin, Texas 10AM to 3PM.***

***We will be seeing the airstrip, meeting the people,
and giving them information about our Chapter 958***

Elm Creek Airpark, south of Seguin, is hosting their annual fall fly-in on Oct. 19th, the same date as our monthly meeting. It's been suggested we support our fellow aviators by attending it. We'll be meeting at their main hangar at 11:00 am. The hangar is located directly across from the main parking area (toward the runway). If you're flying in, you'll be able to see the food truck parked in front of it. We're attaching the on-line flyer for information. If you are driving in, the address of the airport is 100 Tailwind Dr., Seguin, TX, 78155. See flyer below.

**ELM CREEK
AIRPARK
FLY IN
SEGUIN, TX
OTX6**

**Saturday,
October 19, 2024
10 am to 3 pm**

29.505°N/97.997°W

**Rain date: 10/26
if necessary**



**Food, raffles, planes, fun and
friends!**

**Questions:
Contact Tommie Day at
443-847-2611**



Program Officer Notes: A Christmas Party?

We're considering having **a chapter Christmas party** and are needing a firm number of members who would be interested in having it. We also need volunteers to help with it. We need that number by Nov. 1st in order to find a venue and reserve it. Please call or text Rick Cooper @ (830)624-9010 or email cooperrl@hotmail.com with your number of attendees and what you would be willing to help with.



Pay Dues for 2024: You can pay Dave Olvera in person at the next meeting or go to the link below. Thanks.

You can Join for \$25 or renew for just \$20 at this link:



[Chapters / Membership](#)

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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*

Secretary's Report

Speaker at August meeting

Our guest speaker at the EAA 958 September 21st meeting was Mike Rice. He talked about the great demand for Aircraft and Powerplant (A&P) mechanics as the older mechanics are retiring and future demand will increase for these positions. Some people go to formal schools (like Spartan Aviation, or AIM -Aviation Institute of Maintenance) and spend \$50,000 and 2 years getting their A&P rating. Another method of obtaining the FAA A&P license is via Part 65.77 using aviation maintenance experience.

His school, Northrop Rice, directs students through the alternate route while keeping in mind that they might not have experienced much formal technical study. The alternate route can be appropriate to EAA people who have gained the required experience in building their own aircraft. His website is Aviation-basics.com and it will give information on the process. Other websites, Aerolearn.com and NorthropRice.com give general familiarization to the 45 subjects that the FAA requires in General, Airframe and Powerplant. You can also track aviation work and give a report to the FAA for the A&P exam application. His students are guided through the requirements so they don't lose interest. After gaining the appropriate amount of experience (18 months for one license or 30 months for both A&P), the student applies to the FAA with Form 8130-6 and gets authorization to take the 3 written exams (General Airframe and Powerplant). Then the final exam with the FAA is eight hours and includes a 3–4-hour oral exam and then practical exercises (oral and practical).



If you would like more information, contact Mike Rice at mrice@aerolearn.com and or via the above websites.

Young Eagles Rally, Saturday, September 28

Dave Falleur, Young Eagles Coordinator

Saturday, September 28 was a perfect day for a Young Eagles rally with a cool breeze and cloudless blue sky. We had four aircraft this time and flew 13 kids, including 8 first-timers. Thanks to our pilots Mike Rice, Angel Gonzalez, Ron Morton and Larry New



Our amazing ground crew included Matt Naylor, Tim McKenney, David Olvera, Grant Lannon, Rick Cooper and Veronica Diaz. Thanks to Veronica for the donuts!



Special thanks go to the Centex Wing of the Commemorative Air Force for allowing us to set up our rally at the CAF hangar.



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.

Photos by Tim McKenney

San Marcos Chapter of Experimental Aircraft Association Advanced Air Academy Scholarship

Next Spring the San Marcos Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will be awarding the John Brecher Air Academy Scholarship to an outstanding high school student who has participated in the Young Eagle program.

John Brecher was an active member of the San Marcos EAA Chapter and promoted aviation to kids of all ages. John was an instructor with Sport Air Workshops, consultant to Texas Aircraft, former aircraft builder, pilot, and technical advisor. As Coordinator for the Young Eagles program, John was instrumental in involving the Junior ROTC programs of San Marcos, Lockhart, and Byron Steel High Schools. Mr. Brecher passed away in January, 2019.



The EAA Air Academy is a unique summer camp that takes a young person interested in aviation to the next level. Participants spend a week at the Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, completely immersed in the thrilling world of aviation. Top-notch instructors help the participants explore the world of flight through aviation studies, hands-on activities, flight simulation and many other exciting experiences. The highlight of the week is a flight in a real airplane! These camps provide the foundation for a lifelong love of aviation as well as the opportunity to create friendships with fellow aviation enthusiasts.

From the moment a student arrives, the sky becomes the goal as a dynamic aviation experience unfolds and close friendships with fellow aviation enthusiasts begin. All camps are conducted at the EAA Leadership Center in Oshkosh, with the residence portion of the program at the impressive Air Academy Lodge.

The EAA Advanced Air Academy provides an atmosphere for mature students to become totally immersed in the world of flight. Ground instruction and introductory recreation flight experiences highlight this meaningful, action-packed camp. It combines "in-the-air" and "on-the-ground" hands-on activities. The EAA Advanced Air Academy also includes full participation (access to forums, flight-line and all associated activities at Air Venture- the world's premier aviation event!

The Air Academy Lodge is a 56-bed facility complete with great room, kitchen, dining room, computer room, conference space, flight simulation lab and recreational facilities. The dates for the Advanced Air Academy are July 20-26, or July 27-August 2, 2025. For more information on the Air Academy please refer to the EAA Air Academy website,

<https://www.eaa.org/eaayouth/eaaviation-and-flight-summer-camps/eaair-academy/eaair-academy-advanced-camp>

The San Marcos Chapter of the EAA will offer one EAA Air Academy Scholarship. The San Marcos Chapter will pay for the tuition and room and board expenses for the successful scholarship applicant. The Chapter will also provide travel reimbursement of \$1000 to offset travel expenses. After attending the Academy, the student will write a report and make a presentation of their experiences at one of the San Marcos EAA Chapter meetings. For more information about San Marcos EAA Chapter 958, go to <https://www.958.eaachapter.org/>

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SPEAKING OF SCHOLARSHIPS-HERE IS ANOTHER FROM OUR PARTNERS IN THE CAF

This requires a CAF Cadet membership but we can help the applicant with that. The membership requires an application to CAF headquarters. There is no active cadet program at the Central Texas Wing.

**Commemorative Air Force
Central Texas Wing**

**The Zachary James Collie-Moreno Warbird Scholarship
Applicant Checklist
(Applicant must submit all this information to apply)**

The Zachary James Collie-Moreno Warbird Scholarship is available to all CAF Cadets residing in central Texas that are passionate about Warbird aircraft and are actively pursuing their Airframe & Power Plant (A&P) certification. Applicant submissions are now being accepted for awards for 2024. Applicants must submit the following information.

- 1. CAF Cadet Number***
- 2. Dates the applicant plans to begin and complete the A&P training program.***
- 3. Name of accredited A&P training program/school the applicant is planning to attend or is attending.***
 - a. If currently attending: copy of applicant's current transcript (classes completed and grades earned)***
 - b. If planning to attend: copy of applicant's acceptance letter from the school***
- 4. Total amount requested and list of other awards/scholarships received***
- 5. Written references from three individuals that attest to the applicant's interest in warbirds and aircraft maintenance. Email addresses and telephone numbers for all references.***
 - a. One reference must be from a CAF colonel***
 - b. One reference must be from a former teacher/instructor***
 - c. One reference must be from a personal acquaintance who has known the applicant at least three years.***
- 6. In the applicant's own words, a 150-250 word explanation of their interest in warbird aviation and maintenance and why they should be selected for this award.***

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All information listed above must be submitted in one submission to the Scholarship Committee at the Central Texas Wing. Submissions should be emailed to education@centraltexaswing.org. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Questions about the application process may be submitted to education@centraltexaswing.org. All amounts awarded will be paid directly to the applicant's school, on behalf of the applicant.



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