

# Flightline



EAA Chapter 958 San Marcos, TX

*April 2025 Issue*

*Where every day is a good flying day!*

## ***EAA Chapter 958 Meeting Saturday***

***April 19th, 10:30 AM at the briefing room on the ground floor, NE corner of the CAF hangar***

***We will do Chapter business, including Chapter video, and then will go to the Tower for a tour of the facility. Chapter members and guests are welcome to go on the tour. Bring cash for the 50/50 raffle jar. One dollar buys you one ticket and if you win, you get half the money in the jar.***

***We will be hosting a “Flying Start” in May. This event is planned in conjunction with the national program to pursue an interest in aviation. (see below)***



**Important: Pay Chapter dues for this year!**

**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:*



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## **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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*Vice President - vacant*

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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](mailto:Gary White) ([imckhyi@gmail.com](mailto:imckhyi@gmail.com)) to be added to the newsletter.*

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**Note: VMC Club meets 6:30 PM KBAZ Administration building 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Contact Terry Ross at: [tkedpcross@gmail.com](mailto:tkedpcross@gmail.com)**

## March Meeting Minutes

Steve Dixson received the FAA Charles Taylor Master mechanic Award and the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from an FAA representative. See the March Newsletter for details.



We watched the EAA Headquarters monthly Chapter video. We talked about Chapter building activities including the Flying Start initiative (see below) and other future activities. We are allowed 3 yearly Chapter blasts to current members near us about EAA 958 planned activities. There are 1544 current EAA

National members within our allowed area. We are putting together new member information packets for new members with follow-up by the Chapter.

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**EAA** Flying Start

# Ever Dream of *Learning to Fly?*

If you've ever dreamed about flying, this **free informational meeting** will help you get off to a Flying Start!

- Experience recreational aviation firsthand with a free introductory flight
- Get practical answers to your questions about learning to fly
- Discover what you can do with a pilot certificate
- Learn about your local EAA chapter, airport, and flight training options
- Meet other people who share and support your interest in aviation

Event Information

**Hosted by EAA Chapter 958**

**When:** Saturday, May 17, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** San Marcos Regional Airport  
EAA Chapter 958 CAF Hangar  
1841 Airport Drive | Building 2249  
San Marcos, TX 78666

Attention all aviation enthusiasts!

San Marcos EAA Chapter 958 will be hosting a Flying Start event on May 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Commemorative Air Force (CAAF) hangar at the San

Marcos Regional Airport (HYI). To register for Flying Start go to the Flying Start website at <https://flyingstart.org/>

We also invite you to join our chapter which meets at 10:30 am on the third Saturday of the month at the CAF hangar in the Briefing Room. For more information check our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea958>

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## **Young Eagle and Flying Start Pilots Needed**

Dave Falleur, Young Eagles Coordinator

We have two flying events coming up that need your support. We will have a Young Eagles rally on Saturday, April 26 and a Flying Start event on May 17. Both events will take place at the CAF hangar at the San Marcos Regional Airport.

Our Young Eagles event will be Saturday, April 26 starting at 9:30 am. We need at least one more pilot volunteer to provide flights for a total of 9 kids. We have had to cancel recent rallies due to a shortage of pilots from our chapter. Introducing young people to aviation is a great way to “pay it forward” to our next generation of aviators.

We are also hosting an EAA Flying Start event on May 17 starting at 10:00 am. Flying Start is a relatively new program that is reaching out to adults who are interested in learning to fly. Right now, we have 3 people who have registered, and our goal is to have at least 10 participants. At this time, I have one pilot who is interested in flying on May 17.

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

To sign up as a pilot go to <https://eaachapters.org/> and click on the Sign Up tab. You will create a profile that will connect to your EAA account in the EAA database. This will allow us to contact and invite our volunteers.

The requirements for Flying Start pilots are essentially the same as for Young Eagles but does not require completing the Youth Protection training module..

If you have any questions, please contact me at [davef3500@gmail.com](mailto:davef3500@gmail.com) or 512-393-9178.



## Aircraft Project Available

Due to inability to obtain insurance for my aircraft due to age (80) I am offering my plans built Mirage Marathon project for sale. Although it is a plans built aircraft, It is now basically a kit, with the fuselage, horizontal and vertical stabilizer, framed and nearly ready for closure. Spar caps for the main wing spar are formed and ready to receive intercostals and skins. Rear wing spar is framed and will need to be paired to the main spar once the main spar has been installed on the fuselage. Most of the hardware for the elevator and rudder controls is finished, alodined and primed. Project includes RV7 canopy and hardware, Ray Allen trim servos, Matco Brake cylinders and a **Lycoming O-360 engine plus stand**. Will require engine mount and landing gear assemblies. Also included are construction Manual and plans (hard copy and on CD), Construction videos, general aircraft building books, EAA Flight Test Manual and Certification Guide and photo documentation of build to date plus many extras. The Marathon is a fixed gear version of the 1987 award winning Celerity.

See: <http://mirage-aircraft.net/celerity.html>

**Entire project, engine, parts and supplies only \$14,000**

**Contact R.H.Ross : [rhross44@yahoo.com](mailto:rhross44@yahoo.com); text or message 512-289-9094**

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**Fuselage framed and ready for controls and finish work**



**O-360 Engine and Stand**



**Example of a finished Marathon**



**Most Rudder and Elevator Hardware alodined and primed**



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Donations accepted but not required