



## EAA Chapter 1656

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*"Gladewater Texas and the Surrounding area"*



### Taking Off: Presidents Time

*By: JD Clark*

We had a wonderful December Meeting and Chili Feed, thanks to all that came. We had a number of folks fly in to attend a mini workshop which was presented by one of our Chapter Member's and local A&PIA (Adam Clark) giving a bit of instruction on owner approved Maintenance, and a short talk on the most recent published AD's for Piper and Cessna Aircraft.

Following the seminar, we had some outstanding Runway Chili provided by our Chapter Party/Food Planer Danny Downing.

I would like to give a shout out and thank you and welcome to our Newest Members Griffey and Gayla Leary, Ronnie Godfrey and to Robert Garza and Keith Martin for becoming Founding Charter Members of EAA 1656. Gayla and Griffey are participating members of EAA 972 and have joined our Group and will be instrumental in helping us with our Young Eagles Program. Ronnie Godfrey has graciously volunteered to be our Young Eagles Coordinator. Robert Garza hails from East Texas, owns and operates Argosy Aero and is a very busy local Flight Instructor. Keith Martin hails from Center Tx. and is currently the President of the Piney Woods Flyers Association. Rumor has it that Justin Campbell (Center) and David Dancer (Henderson) will be new members soon as well.

Our January 2021 Meeting scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup>, will focus on our Young Eagles Programs for 2021. It is my desire to have two Young Eagles events in 2021. A spring event in April or May and a fall event. Gayla Leary will be in attendance to help us get the ball rolling. We now have a Young Eagles Coordinator (Ronnie Godfrey) Ronnie is a Local Real Estate Agent and Previous School Teacher and one of our most recent Instrument Rated Pilots. He will be an outstanding asset to help us achieve our Goals. We will need ground volunteers, Pilots, Planes and just ordinary help. Please attend and help us make a youngster's dream come true. It could be a life changing event.

Do not forget to mark your calendars for February 13<sup>th</sup> 2021, this is our planned fly-out event that our Vice President Stephen Shore has set up with Legend Aircraft in Sulphur Springs for a facility tour. We invite all comers to Join us for this event. Currently we are planning a 9AM Departure from Gladewater (07F).

We have had a great start, see you January 9th

JD Clark



# Did you join in, or missed it



What a big time we had at our December 's monthly meeting.

We started off the day with our monthly meeting, followed by an Owner Preventative Maintenance Presentation provided by Adam Clark, A&P IA, followed up again by a Chili feed by Donny Downing. Put us on your calendar for our next meeting and try not to miss our adventures we have planned in 2021.

Photos provided by Jim Quinn.



If you missed our first Fly in and Chili meal, please don't feel bad. EAA 1656 has plenty of activities to attend, get evolved in or just help out for the day. We invite guest to come see what we are doing in the aviation arena in the East Texas area. If you're a member of EAA 1656, look forward to opportunities to help with food, Young Eagles, direction traffics, taking pictures, or just helping plan the next outing or fly in. We hope 2021 is a big year for aviation in East Texas and we want you involved with EAA 1656.

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Jan. 9th,</b>	<b>January Monthly Meeting Meeting at 9 AM</b>	<b>Gladewater Airport</b>
<b>February 13th</b>	<b>February Monthly Meeting Fly out to Sulphur Springs for a tour of the American Legend factory. Meet at 9 AM.</b>	<b>Gladewater Airport</b>
<b>March 13th</b>	<b>March Monthly Meeting Meeting at 9 AM</b>	<b>Gladewater Airport</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>April/May fly out to the Mid America Aviation Museum in</b>	

Annual dues are due by the end of March. Current annual membership fee is \$25 and due now. Memberships run from January 1, to December 31, each year.

Also, we will need a headcount of all desiring to attend the Sulphur Springs fly out February 13th, that don't have a plane so we can get them a seat with someone!



## Chapter Newsletter Message



We are already planning some chapter activities. In regard to fly outs, we have our first one scheduled.

February 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in February) we will fly out to Sulphur Springs for a tour of the American Legend factory. They have reserved that date for us and will give us a complete tour of their facility as well as showing us all of

the aircraft that they assemble there and put together owner-built kits for.

For those of you that are not familiar with American Legend, they build several different models of the "Super Cub" type PA-18. Their aircraft range from everything from reproduction PA-18's that you would be hard pressed to recognize from an original, all the way to a 180hp "Mother of All Cubs" that is definitely not what you think of when you think of a Piper Cub.

They manufacture models as kits as well as certified aircraft. You can gain more information about them at their website <https://legend.aero/>



This should be a very interesting tour. We will get out more detailed information on the schedule to fly out as we get a little closer to the date. There is also a restaurant across the highway from the airport that we can eat at as well.

## MID AMERICA FLIGHT MUSEUM

Mount Pleasant, TX

We are also going to put together a fly out to the Mid America Aviation Museum at Mount Pleasant. That will probably be scheduled for the April – May time frame.

If you have any additional ideas on places to fly to, pass them on.



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (EAA)  
Chapter 1656  
Gladewater Chapter

EAA Chapter 1656 Membership Application/Renewal

EAA Chapter 1656 was organized to promote aviation in the community, help spread the love of aviation to the youth and anyone interested in aviation and to support objectives of EAA.

Membership in the EAA is required to be a Chapter 1656 member.

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Ratings held: \_\_\_\_\_

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EAA membership number and expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft owned, flying or projects: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other club affiliations, offices held, etc.... \_\_\_\_\_

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