

EAA Chapter 1298 Hangar Entrance Awning Installation Project

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After several months of planning, material was finally purchased to replace the old, worn-out cloth awning covering the main entrance to the chapter hangar and monthly meeting place. With the approval of the membership and at the direction of the Chapter Board, funds were set aside to purchase aluminum covering. Tom Longo was the project lead and after several discussions with key project volunteers, it was determined that the existing metal framing could be cleaned up, painted and reused to support the new aluminum covering. The team decided



to complete the project in two days. The first day was spent in cleaning and painting the existing framing. The weekday schedule only allowed for a few volunteers to make it. But it turned out to be ok nonetheless. The day was bright and sunny and the cleaning and prep work went smoothly. Thanks to Merle Wagner, Steve White, Jack Lockwood and Paul Bryant (not Pictured) for performing the first phase of the project.

Phase two was scheduled for Saturday morning and we were welcomed with another beautiful sunny day and several enthusiastic volunteers. Tom Longo gave the group his “engineering thoughts” on how to attached the aluminum covering. The solution was easily understood and the crew immediately began to install the pressure treated wood to the metal framing. Once the wood was installed, the team measured, cut and installed the aluminum framing. The team really worked well together installing the awning supports and covering within just a few hours of starting. We did have to make a trip to the local hardware store for additional mounting hardware, but that was covered by one of the team’s member and hardly slowed down the installation process.



The entire process was well attended and provided a lot of camaraderie among those who helped with the project and added to the enhancement projects the Chapter leadership has been envisioning. There's still a small portion yet to be completed, but should be finished before our next general membership meeting. When you come to our next board or membership meeting be sure to check out the new awning installation as well as our previous projects around the hangar.



The board has a few more project in the works and they invite you to lend a hand whenever possible. The volunteers on this project include: Tom Longo, Steve White, Merle Wagner, Paul Bryant, Jack Lockwood, Lynn Postel, Jim Summerlin, Don Whiting, Bob Nichols, Eric Klee. When you see them give them a nod for a job well done.

Thanks to all who support all our projects!