



# FEBRUARY 2019

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# FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The February meeting will be at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Officer's Club Room at Falcon Field on Tuesday 2/26/2019 at 7:00 PM. Use the entrance on the south side of the building as before. The pre-meeting food (served at 6:00 PM) will be Pizza & soda for a \$5 donation.
- **It's membership renewal time.** A real bargain, your Chapter dues are still only \$20 per year. See Don Croyle to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 this month.
- For our February meeting we will have a presentation by an FAA FAAST Safety Team representative from the Scottsdale Flight Safety District Office (FSDO).

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 2/26/19 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
Tuesday 3/12/19 @ 6:30 pm	Directors Meeting Warbirds Hangar
Tues. 3/26/19 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 am	Warbirds Hangar @ 8:00 am

## CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Thursday morning coffee at 8:00 in the Warbirds Hangar, a Chapter 228 monthly social with dinner at Vito's Italian restaurant happens on the 2nd Saturday of the month. To make reservations for dinner at Vito's, please advise Phillip Buckalew by the Thursday before if you are planning on attending. Dinner time is at 4:00 pm.

### EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

January 22, 2019

The January meeting of the Falcons was held at the CAF hangar at Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.

President Trent Heidtke brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 40 members and guests in attendance.

Trent opened the meeting with a short video of the Christmas party that was held in December with the Warbirds group. With over 100 attending and entertainment supplied by our own DJ Todd B., the event was a big success.

Rick R. gave a brief update on the Copperstate Expo which will be held on February 8, 9 and 10 in conjunction with the Buckeye Airfare. Admission is free and volunteer opportunities still exist. See the Copperstate web site for more info. If you fly in, bring your own tie downs.

Trent asked if anyone had a maintenance issue they needed help with. Brent H. said he just did a P-mag install and if anyone needs help with this, he is willing to assist.

Trent showed a short video on the Ford Tri Motor which will be giving rides on January 24 -27<sup>th</sup>. The Warbirds is hosting this event and volunteers are needed. See Trent after the meeting if you can help.

Also coming up on March 16<sup>th</sup> is the CAF Big Band dance. For the first time, EAA members can volunteer to help.

Trent asked if there were any changes/additions to the November meeting minutes as published. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion was past.

Trent asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves. There were 11 guests tonight, either responding to Todd B's add for those interested in starting a flying club, or wanting to get a PPL or to get back into flying.

Welcome to all our guests/new members!

Trent gave a shout out to Mike C. and Gordon C. for organizing a group oil buy.

Don C., our treasurer, reported that the EAA chapter renewal has been completed. He has a few T and polo shirts available for purchase (XL only) and is taking new orders. There was no treasury balance report tonight.

Trent asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project. Bob S. has his Sonex on the gear. Pete W. is working on the controls for his RV-12. Alex H. and his wife Kim have completed the tail kit of there RV-8.

Philip B. has replaced Brian B. on social events. Philip reminded everyone of the Thursday coffee (0800-0900) in the Warbirds hangar and the dinner social on the second Saturday of the month at Vito's.

Trent listed the monthly flying activities and referred everyone to the Arizona Pilots Assoc. website to find this info. The AOPA is hosting a seminar on Back Country flying this Monday at the Holiday Inn on Country Club and US 60 (7:00 PM).

Jim Timm started off by saying that there were no air traffic control issues to report. However, be aware that if flying in the North East (Sky Ranch to Happy Valley Rd), there is a group of concerned citizens that have hired someone to monitor the ADS-B data of planes in that area. Planes not flying at least 1000 ft AGL (or 2000 ft AGL over the Sonoran Desert Preserve) are getting a warning letter from their attorney. While the claims made in the letter are untrue, try to be a good neighbor and fly well above the minimums if possible.

The NTSB did not release any new accident reports. However, there were at least 4 accidents this past reporting period (January 3 to the 13<sup>th</sup>). Two were loss of control on landing, one was an Ag helicopter, and one was controlled flight into terrain. Please fly safely.

Since Bill Worger, our YE lead, was not present, Andy Elliott reminded us that the next YE event will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a large sign up at the Open House so we need as many pilots as possible to come out.

Andy Elliott gave our safety briefing tonight on Cold Weather Ops. First, be prepared for an emergency landing. If you go down in a remote northern area, are you dressed for surviving a night in freezing temperatures? Bring extra clothes and carry a Spot tracker or PLB. These devices can greatly assist search and rescue operations. Andy recommends you wear your survival equipment, don't keep it in the baggage area.

One of the biggest dangers is ice on your plane. If you go somewhere for breakfast, you might come out and find ice on your plane. All ice needs to be removed before attempting to fly! This may mean waiting a few more hours for the sun to melt the ice.

Another danger is carbon monoxide in the cabin. Andy recommends an inexpensive paper type detector that changes color. These devices can last about 2 years.

Bill W. announced the next two Young Eagle events. The first is March 9<sup>th</sup> for the general public and the second is June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Mesa schools aviation program. Pilots should contact Bill via email. Kids can preregister for the March 9<sup>th</sup> event using the online website.

In lieu of a guest speaker, tonight's program was "bring your favorite tool" to share with the group. Andy E. started off with his solution to breaking the bead on tires. He bought an inexpensive tool from Anti Splat Aero. Normally, the tool is held in a drill press and the tire is placed under the tool. Andy made a lever type tool out of 2 x 4's, since he does not have a drill press. He reports that it works really well to break the bead. Ken E. says he has found that if you remove the inner tube's valve and pull a vacuum on the tube, the bead will also be broken.

Charlie T. uses left hand drill bits to help back out damaged bolts. Works like an EZ out tap set.

Brian B. likes a tool he bought that helps install Adel clamps. He got it at Oshkosh, but should be available from Aircraft Tool Supply.

Bob S. showed how to use a ratchet clamp with a pop rivet puller to pull rivets in hard to reach places. The ratchet clamp makes the job a lot easier.

We had a good response on the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets and tonight's winner collected \$33.

On a final note, Trent said your chapter board is asking for membership feed back on what they want in the meetings. Are we doing what you want? Any suggestions for improvement? Please let us know.

Next month, our guest speaker will be someone from the FAAST.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectively submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## **CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE**

Check out the new chapter website [228.eaachapter.org](http://228.eaachapter.org) and please give us your thoughts.

## **NEW GRAND CANYON CHART**

There will be a new Grand Canyon Aeronautical chart that will be effective February 28, 2019, and the chart is being scheduled for updating on a six month interval. The last chart was issued in 2001.

## **EAA FLIGHT TEST MANUAL**

The long-awaited EAA Flight Test Manual (FTM) is ready to ship, and the EAA is now [accepting orders](#); the member price is \$17.95 and \$22.95 for nonmembers.

The EAA Flight Test Manual is a new, comprehensive program for test flying your new

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### **THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO GO FOR BREAKFAST:**

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08), is on the first Saturday of the month starting October.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast and car show is on the third Saturday of the month. Starting this year they will also have a Fly Market during the breakfast. If you have an aviation item to sell, bring it and sell it, or come and see what's for sale that you must have.

On the third Saturday, the fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation is now on a quarterly basis and the next one is scheduled for Oct 20, 2018.

(There are still special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

The Grapevine Airstrip (88AZ) next to Roosevelt Lake is open to fly into any time, but the BBQ lunch hosted by APA is on the third weekend each month.

The last Saturday of the month there is still a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). The Airport's restaurant, Foxtrot Cafe, operating in the climate controlled Terminal Building, is open 6:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Saturday. On the last Saturday of the month they have a "Fly in Breakfast Special" available on the menu; the price for adults is \$8 and kids \$5.

## **228 CHAPTER APPAREL**

Do you have Chapter 228 apparel for the upcoming flying events? If not, get your's on order now. Caps with our logo are available. See Mike Cycon to get your caps. To get your order in for polo shirts, contact Don Croyle. We have shirts available for sale in the following sizes, White 2 XL and 2 2XL.

Cost \$25 for the grey and \$15 for the white.

### **PHOTO OF POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE**



## NEWSLETTER WANT ADS

Listing in the monthly news letter. If you want a picture included in your adv., send it as a JPEG attachment to your request. Also, when you have an adv. placed, please advise when you want it modified or removed. Otherwise, it will run for 3 months as submitted then it will be removed.

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