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FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING

•NOTICE! The in-person October chapter meeting will be held at a location that was not defined at the time the Newsletter was being prepared. Mike Cycon will issue the meeting location information with the Newsletter, or shortly thereafter.

•**It's membership renewal time.** A real bargain, your Chapter dues are still only \$20 per year. See Dave Bankhead to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 ASAP.

•For the August meeting we will have Brolin McKay who is with Adventure Pilot, and I-Fly GPS to talk about the development of GPS navigation systems. Mr. McKay will be participating in the meeting via a Zoom presentation.

•We will also have Andy Elliott give an appropriate safety presentation.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 10/25/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Tues. 11/8/22 @ 6:30	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 11/22/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Thursday Coffee @ 7:00 am	Falcon Warbirds Ready Room

CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Chapter has restarted the dinners at Vito's restaurant on the southeast corner of McKellips and Lindsay Rds. The meeting time is 4:00 pm on the second Saturday of the month. Contact Gary Hertzler on the Thursday before the dinner to make your reservations. Join the group for an enjoyable dinner and conversation.

NOTICE !!!

All the Chapter officers, and the elected directors have consented to stand for re-election to their respective positions for the next year. In the November meeting a slate of officers will be presented, and the election will take place.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary
September 27, 2022

The September meeting of the Falcons was an in person meeting at the CAF hangar. President Don Croyle brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 40 members/guests present.

Don opened the meeting with an announcement that our chapter just received a generous donation of \$1310 from the Air Traffic Controllers non profit. The donation was made by Shayla and John, both controllers at Falcon and the money came from a local fund raiser they had last year. Don asked John to say a few words. John got into ATC work in the military and after leaving the service, he got assigned to Falcon Field. John related some unusual incidents he experienced and reminded everyone that controllers and pilots are human and can make mistakes. Thank you John and Shayla.

Don continued with a reminder that next month is nominations for Chapter Officers. He reminded everyone that you can give back to the chapter by becoming an officer or director.

Don announced that Grapevine is closed this weekend for repaving and Gateway has a new control tower. Don asked for a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as published in the Newsletter. The motion was made and approved.

Don asked guests/visitors to introduce themselves.

Mike M. just moved here from the big island of Hawaii. He is interested in all things aviation related.

Thomas S. is interested in building.

Steve S. is here to check out our chapter.

Charlie F. bought a Luscombe wreck that he restored and sold. He also owned an Ercoupe. His current project is a Stinson 108-1 that he wants to restore and get airworthy. He would like to get some guidance/coaching from an A&P and or IA.

Rick R. has just started building an RV-10. He is involved with the aviation explorers at Falcon and is a partner on two other airplanes.

Eric W. is only 17 and is here to check us out as well. He is also in the aviation explorers.

Dee Anne from Falcon Field admin gave us an update on the current projects. They have completed the crack fill/reseal project and think they will have good results from the improved materials they used. They are looking to keep the taxi lights on all night but some technical issues need to be addressed. The water tower will be repainted and she thinks the color will be the same as it is. The 4R/22L access will be changing to meet FAA guidelines. The warbirds Friday movie night is returning and will be on the Friday before the pancake breakfast which returns on October 15th.

Aviation Fascination is coming on November 18th at the Helio Components hangar. The next Falcon Open House will be March 28, 2023. The CAF planes are returning from their summer tour. Family fun days (with reduced admission) will be on October 8th and the Wings and Wheels event is on October 29th. To help promote Falcon Field, a display and "I learned to fly at Falcon Field" sticker is available at the administration building.

Dee Anne reminded everyone to expect significant increase in traffic for the Super Bowl on February 12th. Dee Anne hinted they are working on a plan to

free up more hangars by putting a time limit on non flying tenants (i.e. builders).

They are redesigning the airport web site, and are looking for comments on what you want it to include.

Thanks Dee Anne.

This month's shout outs go to YE pilots and volunteers.

The treasurer, Dave Bankhead, reports that the balance is \$10,237.02.

Don had one update on members build projects: Aaron has been working on the windows of his RV-10 but is waiting for cooler weather. Trent says Sandy (VK-30) is getting real close to finishing.

Socials dinners at Vito's is on the second Saturday of the month at 4 PM. Coffee in the Warbirds ready room is on Thursdays at 7:30 AM.

Next Don asked Trent for an update on the Passport program. The app (FlyAZ) is available now for Android and Apple phones. The QR code plaques have been distributed to 44 of the 53 airports (Payson and Falcon Field have one). Check the APA web site to get the exact location at each place. Restaurants and attractions will also have their own plaques in the coming months. If you fly to 20 locations you get a T-shirt and 40 completions gets you a flight bag. If you get to all locations, you win a nice leather jacket.

Here is the current flying outlook :

10/1- Coolidge pancake breakfast
10/14-16 Grapevine camping
10/22- Payson Aerofare
10/22 Deer Valley Poker run
Oct -Page/Bryce Canyon

Don did not have any airspace issues and Andy will discuss aviation accidents later in his Safety Briefing.

There were 18 pilot deviations with 9 Brashers issued. Please be aware of where you are and listen/follow ATC instructions.

Members flew 11 YE since August. We finally received the YE plaque recognizing that Ch 228

has been continuously involved in the YE program from inception (30 years). Thanks to all for this accomplishment.

Don introduced our guest speaker, Brent Crow. Brent is a CFI and is an aviation safety manager for CAE and is an FAA Safety Team Representative. His presentation tonight are some real life incidents that have been studied in the popular Mystery Safety Theater series that Brent hosted at CAE.

The first case was a runway incursion at FFZ. The student pilot was landing on 22R with another aircraft close behind him. The controller asked if he could turn left on Bravo and he said he could. The controller told him to hold short of 22 L on Bravo and contact tower on 124.6. Actual cockpit video showed the pilot continuing past the hold line and onto 22L, a clear deviation. Why did this happen? One observation is this was the student's second solo and the first time he ever exited onto Bravo. Remember that Bravo leads directly onto 22L. At the end of 22R you have to maneuver around to get to the hold short line. The pilot most likely was expecting a similar action at Bravo. This is also an example of expectation bias. You are thinking of one thing and told to do something else.

The second example was a CFI with two students on a local flight into IFR conditions. The plan was to fly to Coolidge and swap students. They had about 2.5 hours of fuel when they started. After landing at Coolidge, they switched pilots but did not refuel. They called ops at Falcon and asked about the weather. They said Falcon was VFR. Upon leaving Coolidge they flew south and encountered deteriorating weather. The front was moving from west to south east so they were trapped between the low ceilings and low visibility to the west and mountains to the east. They considered going to Kearny. They looked for a place to land and refuel. They were now in the Oracle area but could not find a place to land that was still VFR. With the fuel warning light flashing, they decide to follow the lowest terrain around the mountains and make their way to Safford. Luckily they made it to Safford but litterly had only fumes when they landed.

What could they have done differently? Why did they not ask ATC for help? Did they do sufficient preflight planning? Why didn't they refuel at Coolidge?

Thank you Brent for tonight's presentation.

Next up was Andy's Safety Briefing on Why are so many planes crashing? Is it real or just hype? The answer is it is real. There were 43 fatal accidents in September and many more non fatal. In almost all, pilot error is to blame. What can we do about it? The best thing we can do is to maintain proficiency. Go out and practice slow flight, stalls, steep turns. Take a pilot or better yet a CFI and ask them to critique your flying. Have you developed any bad habits? What are your weak areas that you need to work on? Stay aware when operating in high traffic areas. Remember that ADS-B doesn't show everyone. Be alert. Keep yourself in good physical shape and keep your plane in top shape as well.

Thank you Andy.

The next meeting will be on October 25, 2022. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations are up this reporting period. These deviations were again committed by the full range of pilot certificate holders. It appears that there are still a lot of pilots that don't seem to know what's expected of them when flying through the airspace they are in. When flying in controlled airspace, don't try to be creative, and do something without first talking to ATC. Pilots need to pick up an Airman's Information Manual (AIM) and brush up from time to time. Fly with care, and don't be part of the problem by committing a deviation. See the latest APA Newsletter for the pilot deviation details.

CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

Check out the chapter website <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea228> and please give us your thoughts.

FLIGHT TEST MANUAL

If you have completed your airplane project and are preparing to make the first flight, and subsequent test flights, you really need to get the new EAA Flight Test Manual. The EAA is accepting orders; the member price is \$17.95 and \$22.95 for nonmembers. Order now and the shipping is free.

The new revised EAA Flight Test Manual is a comprehensive program for test flying your new experimental airplane. Unique to the EAA's system are test cards that take you through each test flight point-by-point and allow for easy data collection.

Builders who use the EAA Flight Test Manual will complete the program with a thoroughly tested aircraft, a full understanding of their craft's performance, characteristics, and limitations, and have enough data to easily build a comprehensive operating handbook for the airplane.

EAA 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.



THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

The fly in breakfast at the Coolidge Municipal Airport will be on the first Saturday of the month.

On the second Saturday of the month, Ritchies restaurant on Ryan Field (RYN) is serving breakfast after 6 am.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron has their fly-in breakfast on the third Saturday of the month.

Grapevine is now open full time, but the third Saturday of each month is a special time for a group camp dinner on Saturday evening. Come and camp for the weekend! The camp host will prepare the main course, and campers, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. ***Grapevine, which lies within a National Forest, is heavily used by the Forest Service for fighting wildfires, and the Military for Special Training.***

There is a pancake breakfast on the last Saturday of the month at the Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). The breakfast is being put on by the Casa Grande Masonic Lodge (Pinal Lodge #30). Time is from 7:00 to 10:00 am, and the breakfast is being served in the air-conditioned terminal.

I have several small tools for sale that are all in like new condition:

Avery vise grip pimplier, flutter, seamer, and a Goodyear cold flex rubber air hose with quick connect couplings, and centering punches.
Entire Lot \$50.

Thanks,
Bob Smith
Please Call Me At; 480-220-3252

RV-9 tail kit only for sale. Vertical and horizontal stabilizers are assembled.

Call David Welch (480) 277-1012

CHAPTER WANT ADS

Misc. Items For Sale

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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