



# MARCH 2021

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# FOR THE MARCH MEETING

•**NOTICE!** Because of the COVID 19 pandemic situation, it was the consensus of the Board of Directors of the Chapter to have an in-person and “webinar” virtual meeting for March. Watch for an e-mail with the details.

•**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 ASAP.

•For the March meeting, Andy will have an interesting Safety discussion on Spring Time Flying Concerns, and there will also be a presentation by Sandy on his Cirrus VK-30 build.

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 3/23/2021 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting Chapter Webinar
Tues. 4/13/2021 @ 6:30	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 4/27/2021 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting Chapter Webinar
Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 am	Falcon Warbirds Ready Room

## CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The chapter social activities are on hold for the moment because of the Coronavirus crisis, and will resume when the crisis has passed.

### EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

February 23, 2021

The February meeting of the Falcons was a webinar using the WebEx platform. President Trent Heidtke brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There were 24 members signed on.

Trent opened the meeting with an update on Falcon Field as provided by Lynn Spencer from the administration. Due to unauthorized vehicle and pedestrian access to the movement area, the airport will be issuing new access cards and rules for tenants. There is also a plan to scrape and resurface 4/22L. The south runway will be closed for about 8 days. A start date has not been established. During March and April, the tenant bathrooms will be refreshed with new flooring, tile and fixtures. Falcon Field Administration is limited to telephone support only due to the Corona virus. Other airport businesses are open but may have limited hours. Please try to support them in these difficult times.

Trent continued with an update on the new hangar construction. Construction is moving along and most of the new hangars are closed in. They hope to have tenants moving in during March and April.

We have applied for the Ray Scholarship again and are waiting for the EAA to make a selection on where the money goes.

EAA calendars are available for \$12 each. If you would like to purchase one, see Trent. We also have received EAA "Oshkosh 2020" merchandise (hats, shirts, pins and patches) and they are available for purchase. Contact Don Christensen.

Due to Covid, there have been limited YE flights so there are no shout outs for this month.

The Treasurer reports that the account balance is about the same as last month. Your Chapter dues are needed and Trent gave our PO Box address so

you can make your payment. Don Croyle looked into setting up an on line electronic payment but there are no free methods available. He does have an account for his business and if you want you can pay that way and he will deposit the money into the chapter account. Contact Don for more details.

Next Trent gave an update on members build projects.

Glen D. Dyke Delta – has not started but still plans to build

Don H. Onex - installed the wheels and brakes

Keith P. Velocity - can't drive out of Canada due to COVID restrictions

Pete W. RV-12 - has completed Phase 1 and has about 60 hrs so far. He is now located in Mogollan airpark and has joined the local chapter there.

Lewis M. RV-8 - finished construction and has received his registration N333ZM. His panel is done and he is checking it out. Let him know if you have a DAR recommendation. In the mean time he is taking some dual instruction so he can get current again. Lesson learned: the new FAA registration process requires a notarized form 8050-1.

Alex and Kim RV-7 - have been working on baffling. The cowl has been fitted and engine controls routed. The exhaust has been test fitted. They have their project on the EAA builders site. A winter visitor saw the project on line and came to check it out. They also have their N number.

Aaron W. RV-10 - no progress on the airplane but he is working on a CFII rating, and also a tail wheel endorsement at KCHD.

The social dinners at Vito's on the second Saturday are on hold. Restaurants at most fly in destinations are open with indoor seating available. Thursday coffee (8:00 AM) in the newly revamped Warbirds ready room has resumed.

Here is the current outlook for fly-outs:

- 3/6 - Coolidge breakfast
- 3/12-13 - Fly in and camping at Prop Wash Ranch. See the APA web site for details. (RSVP requested)
- 3/19-20 - Grapevine camp out

Todd B. gave an over view of the CTLS groups Bryce Canyon fly out on Oct 11-21. This event is open to all aircraft types and they try to group planes in small flights of similar type/speed. From Bryce Canyon, there will be fly outs to Page, Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon (fly over), Marble Canyon, Escalante, Sedona and back to Page. Each flight will have an experienced flight leader and at each destination there will be a choice of activities. Contact Todd for more details and to reserve your spot.

Trent gave the airspace and accident news.

Be aware of the parachute activities from Coolidge to Tucson. There have been some recent encounters at Marana, so be on the lookout if you are flying in this area.

There were 6 accidents but none had any injuries. No NTSB reports yet but Trent summarized the events.

The next YE event will be the EVIT summer group on June 5th. More details will be coming in April/May.

Andy Elliott gave his safety briefing on Normalization of Deviance (NoD).

Simply put, NoD occurs when unacceptable practices become acceptable. Part 135 operators have considerable safeguards to minimize NoD: cockpit resource management, check lists, SOP's, etc. When these controls are ignored, NoD creeps in and accidents occur. The SFO crash in 2013 was the result of not following SOP's and a culture of the first officer never telling the captain he is doing something wrong. NoD is a gradual process. The longer the unacceptable practice continues

without a catastrophe, the more likely it becomes acceptable and an accident will eventually happen.

GA pilots have a greater challenge to prevent NoD. They frequently operate solo and they don't have company mandated procedures to follow. Here are some things you can do to help prevent NoD:

Better preflight planning. Check weather and NOTAMs for every flight. Are you dressed correctly for your en-route/destination environment? Is your airplane fit to fly? Never depart if something you need to complete the flight is not working.

Do you have enough fuel. Do you have 30 minutes reserve when you arrive (45 min at night)?

Use your check lists. Don't skip any items. Do you're run up in a designated area when the airplane is stopped. Don't take any shortcuts.

Thank you Andy.

For tonight's presentation, Trent introduced Chuck Flint, our scholarship coordinator, who spoke about the Ray Scholarship.

James C. Ray joined the Army Air Corps shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, which he actually witnessed while working nearby on a construction project, and flew 30 combat missions. After the war he remained in Switzerland with his family through the 50's. Upon return to the US, he settled in Montana and got into cattle ranching and later the oil and gas industry and land development.

A very successful business man, he was also an avid pilot and philanthropist. Through the Ray Foundation he helped the EAA develop the Air Academy program and lodge. In 1992 he was awarded the EAA Freedom of Flight award. The Ray foundation provides the EAA with \$1.2 M annually allowing students to get up to \$10,000 toward their pilots license. The program has been very successful with a 90% completion rate. Chuck gave a few examples of students who have completed the program.

Thank you Chuck.

The next meeting will be on on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trent closed with a reminder to keep current by learning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## CHAPTER 228 FLYING CLUB

While our EAA Chapter would like to continue with plans on starting a flying club, the virus pandemic has pretty much caused everything come to a halt. Because of the pandemic, those that had an interest have been distracted with more serious concerns, and once we get thru this present virus situation and things get more normalized, we can re-engage our flying club activity. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact; Philip Buckalew at [philip@pmbuckalew.com](mailto:philip@pmbuckalew.com) or Don Croyle at (480) 442-0808

## 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.

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## 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.

## PHOTO OF POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE

### THINGS TO DO

### PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST:

Because of the present virus pandemic, some of the airport restaurants may have take-out service available. Call ahead.

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08), is on the first Saturday of the month, and the Breakfast season is still on the schedule.

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 fly in breakfast, and car show which was on the third Saturday of the month is still on hold awaiting approval from the City of Mesa to restart.

Grapevine is 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. ***Always check for TFRs because Grapevine, which lies within a National Forest, is heavily used by the Forest Service for fighting wildfires.***

The City of Casa Grande is planning on refurbishing the food service area in their Airport terminal area formally occupied by the Foxtrot Cafe. They have issuing a request for quote for someone to provide food handling services at the airport. Hopefully the Casa Grande Airport will soon again have a fly in breakfast available.



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## 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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## Aircraft Parts For Sale

- Call Brian Briggerman (602)999-4956  
email: blb703@cox.net
- Trio EZ-2 Altitude hold system with Gold Standard servo. \$900.
- Warp Drive 66" inch 3 blade propeller, SAE-1 hub. \$500.
- Spinner, 10 inch 3 blade composite \$100,
- Zeftronics voltage regulator #R15V00 Rev A (new) (fits a Continental O-200). \$100.
- Bendix King AV80R ACE GPS. \$100.
- Pneumatic pulled rivet gun. \$100.

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## Misc. Items For Sale

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

Avery vise grip dimplier, flutter, seamer, and a Goodyear cold flex rubber air hose with quick connect couplings.

"Make reasonable offer for all".

Also I need a piece of phenolic scrap .25 thick by 3" x 3" (or large enough to cover those 3x3 dimensions).

Thanks,  
Bob Smith

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