



FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The November meeting will be at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Officer's Club Room at Falcon Field on Tuesday 11/26/2019 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.
- Please note, at our November meeting we will have our annual election of officers. See the election article in the Newsletter for the positions being voted on. Also on the agenda will be a Pilotage Overview presented by Andy Elliott.

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CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 11/26/19 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
No December Meeting	Directors Meeting Warbirds Hangar
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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 Gary Hertzler by the Thursday before if you are planning on attending. Dinner time is at 4:00 pm.

ANNUAL CHAPTER ELECTION TIME

Each year in November, per our bylaws, we must hold an election of officers and directors for the coming year. Presently our officers and directors are as follows:

President: Trent Heidtke

Vice President: Gary Hertzler

Secretary: Mike Cycon

Treasurer: Don Croyle

Directors: Todd Bristol

Gary Christenson

Gordon Craig

Andy Elliott

Jim Timm

All of the above positions have to be elected, voted on, and filled for the coming year. All of the above individuals have indicated they would be willing to be considered for re-election, and during the election, nominations will also be taken from the floor for any of these positions. This is an important Chapter meeting, so please make every effort to attend.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

October 22, 2019

The October 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 28 members and guests in attendance.

Trent opened the meeting by introducing our guest speaker, Travis Tisdale, from the FFZ control tower. Travis answered questions previously submitted and also took questions from the floor. There were several questions about ADS-B and how it will change tower operations. The short answer is it will not affect the way the tower controls air traffic. Although they now have equipment to see ADS-B traffic, it takes extra time to look up the info. It is much more efficient for the controllers to use their radar and have pilots use the ident function on the transponder. In some areas such as Prescott where radar coverage is incomplete, they will make more use of ADS-B data. There were several questions about flight school ops. There is a new LOA with Oxford which addresses arrival and departure routes. Several members complimented Travis on the great job the controllers do with such a high volume of air traffic. Travis emphasized that controllers and pilots are a team and work together to ensure a safe environment. If you are unclear about an instruction issued, ask for clarification. Thank you Travis for an excellent discussion.

Next Trent announced the candidates for office. All incumbent officers/directors are running for next year but we encourage new nominations for all positions. There were no new candidates names submitted but Trent said contact any one of the Chapter leaders if you are interested. Elections will be held at the November meeting. Trent also announced the application/requirements for the EAA advanced aviation camp 2020 is available on the chapter website. If you know an eligible youth (16-18 years old), have them apply.

Lynn S. from the airport administration reminded everyone about the tenant BBQ on November 2nd and the Falcon Field Open House on March 28, 2020. Also, work on taxi way alignment is continuing on schedule.

Trent asked Todd B. for a status on the flying club. Todd said both he and Ron A. have work conflicts that prevent them from making any progress. Todd asked for someone to take over. If not, it will have to wait until work schedules ease up.

Gary C. provided "what I fly and why" segment tonight. Gary bought an RV-6A quick build project that the original owner on the field had abandoned. He really wanted to build an RV-9, but opted for the 6A kit because of the low price. Ten years later Gary was able to finish the kit and is very happy with his purchase.

For the maintenance minute this month, Andy E. has an issue with his SL-30 radio and would like to borrow another unit to see if the problem is in the radio or the antenna.

Trent said the search for a new larger meeting venue is ongoing. He is also taking orders for the EAA calendar. Reserve your copy for \$12. We also are looking at a Holiday party. If you have not responded to Mike C's email and are interested, please let him know by the end of this week.

Trent asked for motion to accept the August minutes as published. The motion to accept was made and passed.

Trent asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

Rick Martin- Is visiting from Washington. He has (or is building) a Long EZ

Vick Tanzi- Has an RV-8 that he purchased and is really enjoying it. He is also interested in formation flying.

Welcome guests and new members!

Next Trent gave a shout out to Gary H. and Todd B. for flying Young Eagles.

Don C. reported that the chapter balance is \$4424.40. There is \$581 in the aviation camp scholarship. We have also collected over \$200 in Warbird memberships.

Trent asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project.

Lewis M. - is about halfway done with his RV-8. The finishing kit is on order. He thinks he can be done in the first quarter of 2020.

Alex H.- is also working on his RV-7 fuselage and is getting ready to bend the longerons. His wife (chief riveter) has been working out of town and is due home soon.

Trent listed the monthly flying activities and referred everyone to the Arizona Pilots Assoc. website to find this info.

There were no airspace alerts to report this month. The two accidents included an update on the Aircoupe that crashed at Ak Chin. Apparently there was some type of engine problem that caused the airplane to crash into the office building. The second accident involved a PA-28 at AVQ. The plane caught fire during an engine start. Both occupants got out safely.

Andy's safety briefing tonight started with a reminder that the annual Navajo Nation Christmas airlift will be on November 9th. Volunteer pilots will deliver used clothing, personal items and other goods to Gallup, NM for distribution.

Andy said he received a lot of feedback on last months talk on stabilized approaches. Many remarked that they were taught to be stabilized by the last ½ mile versus during the entire approach. Andy said that may be fine for an experienced pilot who flies more than the average 50 hrs/year. Less experienced pilots can improve their skill by establishing a stabilized approach much earlier.

Tonight's safety topic was the impossible go-around. Andy showed a video that described an F-33 Bonanza's flight into a short runway with gusty wind conditions. The pilot got high on his approach and lowered the nose. The added airspeed caused a bounced landing well passed his intended touch down point with a second bounce while trying to recover. The narrator provided four possible actions the pilot could execute and asked what would you do? The video concluded with the expert advice of aerobatic and Red Bull champion Michael Gourian. He says that at this point, a go around is not an option. The best choice is to add some power, land the plane and apply heavy braking. The plane will over run the runway but a good chance of stopping before the tree line. The go

around decision should have been made on short final.

Thank you Andy for this reminder of making the go around decision before it is too late.

Bill W. gave the YE status. The next event will be on November 23rd with the Desert Ridge ROTC. Briefing at 0700 at the Terminal at FFZ.

Next we had the 50/50 raffle drawing and door prize drawing. Congrats to the lucky winners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectively submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

Check out the new chapter website 228.eaachapter.org and please give us your thoughts.

EAA FLIGHT TEST MANUAL

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

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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

CHAPTER 228 FLYING CLUB

Our EAA Chapter is continuing with plans on starting a flying club. Much of the initial planning has gotten under way, and what types of airplanes to be secured for club operation are being considered. If there are any chapter members wishing to join a flying club to reduce the cost of flying or even wishing to join a club to learn to fly or add ratings, this is your opportunity. If you are interested in joining, or can help with the club organization, Contact Todd Bristol (480) 755-4200 or Ron Alto (480) 206-6789

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.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast and car show is on the third Saturday of the month, and the next breakfast will be on December 21.

On the third Saturday, the fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation is still on a quarterly basis. Check APA calendar for dates. (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 on the third Saturday weekend of the month started in September. Watch the APA Facebook page for postings when there are special military practice days that you will want to avoid.

The last Saturday of the month there is 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 will have a "Fly in

Breakfast Special” available on the menu; the price for adults is \$8 and kids \$5.

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