



# FOR THE MARCH MEETING

• **NOTICE!** It was the consensus of the Board of Directors of the Chapter to cancel the March EAA Chapter 228 membership meeting in support of the preventative measures underway nationally, and statewide to prevent the further spread of the Coronavirus. The status of the April meeting will be evaluated in mid April.

• **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.

# MARCH 2020

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## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 3/24/2020 @ 7:00 pm	CANCELED
Tues. 4/14/2020 @ 6:30	Directors Meeting Warbirds Hangar
Tues. 4/28/2020 Meeting	TBD
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. Because of the Coronavirus crisis, this social will be on hold until the crisis has passed.

### EAA Chapter 228 Falcons

#### Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

February 25, 2020

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

President Trent Heidtke brought the meeting to order at 6:55 PM. There were 45 members and guests in attendance.

Trent opened the meeting with a reminder that the EAA has flight training scholarship money available. Go to the EAA.org website for more information.

Lynn S. from the airport administration announced that several organizations responded to the request for proposals for occupancy of the old WWII hangars/office space. Also, construction of the new hangars on the north side will begin in March and the Falcon Field Open House will be on March 28, 2020. If you would like to display your aircraft, fill out the waver forms available at the administration building.

Trent asked Mike C. to introduce Tim O'Hara-Haworth, our candidate for the Ch 228 Scholarship to the EAA Advance Aviation Camp at Oshkosh on July 24-Aug 1. Tim is 16 years old and is active in the JROTC at Westwood High School and Aviation Explorer Post at Falcon Field. In his first year of JROTC, Tim was voted by his peers to be one of

two Cadets of the Year. He has accumulated 45 hours of flight training and is studying for the PPL written exam. He hopes to attend the Air Force Academy. Congratulations to Tim.

Trent asked if anyone had a maintenance issue they need help with. Also, if you ordered an EAA calendar, see Don C.

Trent announced that we are looking for a larger venue that we can use free of charge. If anyone has a suggestion, please let him know. The CAF annual Big Band Dance will be March 14<sup>th</sup>. Although usually limited to CAF members and family, they are offering chapter members the opportunity to attend for free if they volunteer for a 3 hr work shift. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the entrance. Those who attended last year had a really great time.

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

Trent asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

Tim O'Hara- is our scholarship recipient. Also with Tim was his brother Ben, who is also interested in learning to fly, and mother, Shannon.

Welcome guests and new members!

Next Trent gave a shout out to Gary C. for taking a kid on a YE flight.

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

Keith P. is "almost" done filling and sanding his Velocity.

Gene M. has his PA-22 restored but the pilot is not ready yet.

Alex and Kim H. are working on fuselage of their RV-7. They may need to borrow a tube bender soon.

Monti H. has decided to stop his plan for a scratch built Mustang II in favor of a partially completed kit he recently purchased.

Trent listed the monthly flying activities. The Cactus Fly In at Casa Grande will be on March 6-7. A pancake breakfast will be at Aguila on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the APA fly in to Grapevine will be on March 20-22.

Jim T. briefed us on airspace. The Stagecoach AAF helicopter base near Pinal Air Park will be getting a Class D soon (2500 AGL, 4 nm). This should eliminate accidental fly overs as the current chart warnings are often overlooked. We can also expect continued elimination of NDB and VOR approaches that are deemed under used. Also, Marana (AVQ) will be getting an FAA contract tower. Construction will take about 2 years.

Todd B. gave the accident report. A PA-28 (CAE aircraft) lost control during a soft field TO practice and hit a parked plane that also struck a Diamond Star. No injuries but a lot of damage. Cross winds may have been a factor.

Andy's safety briefing tonight covered runway safety. He started with a short video from AOPA which cautioned not to multitask while taxiing. The AOPA has an excellent 7 part video on runway safety and Andy recommends you check it out.

Andy stressed preparation. Know the airport layout, listen to ATIS and monitor the ground frequency

before you taxi. This will help establish a mental picture of what is happening and what to expect when you call for taxi instructions.

At large airports, don't hesitate to ask for progressive taxi instructions. Check NOTAMS for airport/runway construction/closures. Slow down early when landing and make a stabilized approach. Pay attention to displaced threshold or runway touchdown markers. Consider density altitude/runway length to be sure you can safely operate.

Thank you Andy for tonight's presentation.

Bill W. announced the next YE events will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> from the terminal and June 6<sup>th</sup> from the Warbids hangar. Please come out to help, especially pilots able to fly YE's.

Tonight's program included two hands on demos. First, Gordon C. demonstrated how to balance a tire. Begin by cleaning the rim area with a good degreaser so the weights will stick. With the tire on the balancer, the heavy side will naturally go to the bottom. Put a piece of tape on the top of the tire to signify the light side. Gordon recommends using tape to temporarily position a pair of weights on either side of the light side mark. You may need to use several more weights to get a balance. When balanced, the wheel should stay in any orientation. Gordon recommends using an extra layer of double stick foam to the weights to ensure they stay put.

Gary H. showed us how to make a fiberglass repair. There are several different weaves of fiber glass: Bidirectional (BID), uni directional, plane weave (aka boat cloth, not used on aircraft), twill weave and harness weave. Using a damaged area on a EZ canard surface, Gary had prepared the repair area by sanding 2 inches beyond the

damaged area (1 inch per layer of cloth), tapering the upper layer into the bottom layer. He then had two layers of cloth precut. The larger piece should cover the entire repair area and the smaller piece the inner portion. Mix your epoxy and apply to the repair area with a brush. The larger piece of cloth is applied first and more epoxy is brushed on. When filled, the cloth becomes translucent. Then apply the smaller piece over top and brush on more epoxy.

Thank you Gordon and Gary for tonight's demonstrations.

Next we had the 50/50 raffle drawing. The winner received \$41. There was also a \$20 prize drawing for those that had pizza or a correct answer to the trivia questions. Congratulations to the winners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 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.

## **EAA 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.

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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.

## **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

## **FALCON FIELD FACILITY FEES**

At the recent tenants meeting it was announced that the airport fees are being proposed to increase by 3% by the airport management team. Before the increase is imposed it will be have to be discussed in several city subcommittees before being considered, and approved by the City Council. If you are interested, contact the airport offices to determine which committees and dates the item will be discussed before it is considered for possible approval by the City Council.

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

**NOTE: BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS CRISIS, CHECK AHEAD TO DETERMINE IF THE FLY IN BREAKFAST HAS BEEN CANCELED! SOME HAVE.**

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08), is on the first Saturday of the month. Because of runway 5-23 construction in progress, check NOTAMS, and plan on using runway 17-35.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast HAS BEEN CANCELED.

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, is operating in the air conditioned Terminal Building. It's open 6:30am to 2:00pm Monday through 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.

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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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