



# SEPTEMBER 2022

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## FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The in-person September chapter meeting will be held at the CAF. As before, enter from the south side of the building. Pizza and drinks for a \$5 donation will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with the meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **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 Brent Crow, a flight safety manager, will have a presentation on aeronautical decision making through case study analysis.
- We will also have Andy Elliott give an appropriate safety presentation.

## CALENDAR

| DATE                          | EVENT                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tues. 9/27/2022<br>@ 7:00 pm  | In Person Meeting          |
| Tues. 10/11/22<br>@ 6:30      | Board Meeting Webinar      |
| Tues. 10/25/2022<br>@ 7:00 pm | In Person Meeting          |
| Thursday Coffee<br>@ 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 !!!**

**Chapter elections are coming up soon, and we need to have a slate of officers for possible election at the November meeting. Consider running for one of the positions on the board, and let's continue to make this an out standing chapter.**

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons  
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary  
August 23, 2022

The August 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 34 members/guests present.

Don opened the meeting with a welcome and a new countdown to Oshkosh 2023. There was a technical problem with showing Trent H's Oshkosh 2022 video so Andy Elliott did his safety presentation/discussion on a recent mid air collision at Watsonville, CA. This accident involved a C-152 doing touch and goes and a twin C-340 making a long straight in approach.

Andy began by showing a short video analysis of the accident from AOPA. The video showed the ADS-B tracks of the twin and the assumed path of the C-152 based on radio communications on the CTAF frequency. As the C-152 was flying the downwind to runway 20 the twin announced a straight in approach from 10 miles out. The twin was coming in at an excessive rate of speed ( 165 +knots). The C-152 announced turning base leg. The twin was about 3 nm out. As the pilot of the C-152 turned final he acknowledged the fast approaching twin and said he was going around. The twin, which never reduced its speed, collided with the C-152. Both occupants of the twin and the

sole occupant of the C-152 were killed. The speed of the twin was certainly a contributing factor in the chain of events leading to this accident. Normal approach speed should have been about 90 knots.

Andy continued with a discussion of hazards at several local non uncontrolled airports. By comparison to Watsonville, Marana, Coolidge, Eloy and Casa Grande have fairly high traffic do to the large number of student pilot operations. Be aware that a wide variety of aircraft types are making practice instrument approaches at Casa Grande. Although many pilots use the cement plant at Marana as an entry point, it is not a standard FAA recognized procedure. Straight in approaches like the twin at Watsonville are not recommended except for instrument approaches.

Here are some lessons learned from the tragic accident at Watsonville:

- When landing at an uncontrolled field, use a standard traffic pattern. If you are not, be especially aware of other aircraft in the pattern
- Communicate on the CTAF your location and intentions
- Do not turn base if another aircraft is less than 3 nm on final
- Fly your normal entry and pattern speeds
- If a potential conflict is developing, take immediate action

Thank you Andy.

Next Don asked Chuck F. for an update on Jayden, our Ray Scholar. Chuck says Jayden's instructor says his flying is ready but he needs to do better on his ground knowledge (FAR/AIM). So he is working on that and hopes he will be ready to take the test soon.

Next Don talked about how our chapter could have a bigger presence at Oshkosh. Many chapters have fabricated signs that are displayed at the Blue Barn. Others have built and decorated Adirondack chairs. If anyone has wood working skills, maybe we could make something to display next year. He also wants to get a Chapter 228 patch to display at the museum.

Don continued by asking for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was made and passed.

Don asked guests/visitors to introduce themselves.

Chris S. lives in Apache Junction. He got his PPL at Falcon recently and is interested in owning an RV.

Nick W. was originally from Tucson, but now lives in Tempe and flies out of Falcon. He also helps out with maintenance at Red Rock Aviation.

Jake G. got his PPL about 18 months ago and is in a Sling LSA partnership. They just started a Sling 4 TSI quick build.

Cody B. and his father use to have a flight school business.

Ed C. came all the way from Globe for tonight's meeting. He has flown a variety of aircraft over the years. He did start an RV-6 kit but gave it to his grandson and hopes he will finish it.

Dee Anne was unable to attend tonight but provided Don with some updates. The 4R/22L scrape/repavement project has been completed. Increased fees took effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The taxi light upgrade to LED lighting is approved. The water tower will be getting repainted. There will be a girls in aviation event on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Warbirds pancake breakfast will resume in September.

Thank you Don and Dee Anne.

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

The treasurer, Dave Bankhead, reports that the balance is \$8721.37.

Don did not get updates on members build projects, except for Rick N. who was present and updated us on his Sling quick build. They have been working on empennage. There are some parts on back order.

Socials dinners at Vito's will resume on the second Saturday of September. Coffee in the Warbirds ready room on Thursdays at 7:30 AM.

Next Don asked Trent for an update on the Passport program. The app is available now for Android and Apple phones. The QR code plaques are being distributed to the 56 airports. 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.

Here is the current flying outlook :

8/27- Payson weather seminar  
8/27- Thunder over Flagstaff  
9/3- Coolidge breakfast  
9/16-18- Grapevine campout  
Oct -Page/Bryce Canyon

Don did not have any accident/airspace inputs this month. Gateway has a new tower and will be operational soon.

The technical issues with Trent's Oshkosh video were resolved so Don showed that. Thank you Trent for another great video.

Our guest speaker tonight was Alex Swindle. Alex is a parachute instructor at Eloy and has done over 5000 jumps. He also is an engineer for Honeywell working on APU software.

A newbie usually does a tandem jump followed by an assisted jump (the jump instructor is nearby and talks to the student via a radio). You need to make 25 jumps to get certified.

Alex has participated in many group (formation) jumps and Eloy has hosted many events in the past. The Eloy team has won many times.

Although not a pilot, Alex provided some helpful info for safe operation at Eloy. Winds permitting, land on 20 and depart on 02. Jump planes descend rapidly and are usually landing by the time the jumpers are also landing. Jumping at Eloy is 24/7. Stay on the west side to avoid jumpers and listen on 122.8 for jump activity. They also talk to Albuquerque on 125.4. If you are using Foreflight, open the PJA page for up to date info on jump activity. If you are 3 nm from Eloy you will avoid all except military jumpers and at 5 nm you avoid the jump planes. Alex finished by answering questions.

Thank you Alex.

Next Bill Worger gave an update on YE activity.

This year EAA is celebrating 30 years of YE flights. Chapter 228 has been flying YE's since day one. We were suppose to get a plaque but there was a mix up so they will be mailing it to us. The EAA also launched a 30 for 30 campaign. If you fly 30 YE by Oshkosh 2023, you will get a hat and shirt.

The next big event will be on Oct 29. This will be the EVIT students and the flying will be out of Pegasus Airpark. The next public event will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bill has 5 kids looking for a ride so contact him if you can take one or more kids.

One final announcement, congratulations to Albert Zhu who just got his PPL and is starting to work on his instrument rating.

The next meeting will be on October 29, 2022. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations are about the same as last time a bit, but they still aren't as low as they should be. 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 on the "high points" from time to time. Please 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.

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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.



## AIRSPACE ITEMS

Gateway airport (IWA) has a new control tower that is now in operation.

## THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport will have their first Fly-In Breakfast Oct. 1.

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 is restarting their fly-in breakfast on October 15.

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.

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## 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.

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

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