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FOR THE JANUARY MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The January meeting will be at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Officer's Club Room at Falcon Field on Tuesday 1/28/2020 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.
- At our January meeting we will have a presentation by Ron King, General Aviation Operations manager at Gateway Airport. Also on the agenda will be a Pilot Safety presentation by Andy Elliott.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 1/28/2020 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
Tues. 2/11/2020 @ 6:30	Directors Meeting Warbirds Hangar
Tues. 2/25/2020 Meeting	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
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.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons

Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

November 26, 2019

The November 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 35 members and guests in attendance.

Trent opened the meeting with a reminder that the EAA has scholarship money available for post secondary school education if it is related to aviation. Go to the www.eaa.org/scholarships site for more info. In addition, Trent reminded everyone that Ch 228 is offering a scholarship to the EAA Aviation Camp in July 2020. Applications will be accepted January 2, 2020 to January 24, 2020. Thanks for all who support the 50/50 raffle as the proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

Lynn S. from the airport administration was not here so Trent announced the USS Arizona Sacred Steel exhibit will be at the CAF on December 7th. Also, the Falcon Field Open House be on March 28, 2020.

Trent asked Todd B. for a status on the flying club. Todd is too busy with work to pursue this and asked for someone else to step up to the task.

Gary H. provided "what I fly and why" segment tonight. Gary chose the VeriEZ after two other false starts on a Mustang II and a BD 4. He chose the VeriEZ because it met his requirements for economy, low cost and long range capability. He has been flying it since 1980 and he holds two records: one for coast to coast non stop and one for a closed course speed record in his weight class.

Trent announced that for a Holiday Party this year everyone is invited to meet at the Monastery here at Falcon Field on December 10th for food and fun. Bring your spouse or date. Each chapter member gets one free drink voucher. The party starts at 6:00 PM. Kids are welcome from 6 to 8 PM. After that, it is adults only.

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

Trent asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

Nathan Ostler- is taking a Sporty's ground school. Would like to get a pilot's license.

Roger Carstens- is a snowbird from Colorado. He has a home built plane and would like to get involved in our chapter.

Welcome guests and new members!

Next Trent gave a shout out to the to all the pilots and ground crew who helped with the YE event on November 23rd. We flew about 25 kids. The next event will be in March 2020.

Treasurer Don C. did not have the latest balance info but said there is about \$4000 in the account.

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

Keith P. is about finished filling and sanding his Velocity. The panel is built and ready for installation.

Kim and Alex are working on their RV-7. The longerons have been bent.

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

This month is chapter officers/director election time. Trent reiterated that the current officers/directors are willing to continue in 2020 but would gladly yield to anyone who wants to take over for them. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate as published in the November newsletter. The motion passed.

There was one accident/incident report this month. A C-205 crashed trying to make a landing on a very short runway about 20 miles west of Payson. The aircraft was near gross weight and could not execute a go around. The lesson learned here is to know your aircraft's capability, especially landing and departing from short high altitude airports.

Jim Timm briefed us on airspace. Jim reminded everyone that the dead line for ADS-B is midnight on December 31st. Be aware that the marines are planning their annual training exercise in the 29 Palms area. Check NOTAMS for SUA and restricted airspace in the area. The newest Phoenix Sectional will have new and or renamed VFR references, especially in the Deer Valley area. Finally, a new flight school has started up at

Glendale Airport so be aware of increased activities.

Andy's safety briefing tonight covered pilotage aka non GPS navigation. Pilotage does require more advanced planing to select your route with easily identifiable landmarks. Plan to fly about 1000 to 2500 feet agl to see the ground references.

Andy described two examples. The first was a night flight from Falcon Field to Gila Bend. At night, good land marks are airports (with beacons), small isolated cities/towns, and well traveled roads. He laid out a flight plan going first to Chandler Muni, turning west to Maricopa and following the highway from Maricopa to Gila Bend.

The second example was a day flight from Falcon Field to Eloy. Here he followed the canal on the east side of Falcon to Rittenhouse. From their it is a straight shot south to the town of Coolidge. A few miles south of Coolidge, you should be able to see runway 20 at Eloy. Make a slight left turn and you are right on course.

Thank you Andy for tonight's presentations.

Next we had the 50/50 raffle drawing. The winner received about \$30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectively submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

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

A FOND FARWELL

Long time Chapter 228 member Brian Briggerman has decided that enough is enough, and it's time to retire his faithful steed N601AZ. Early on, the Zenith 601XL kit supplier told him the airplane was designed for a life span of about 1,000 hours. The airplane made it's first flight in November of 2006 and made it's last flight on January 1, 2020, with a total of 2540 hours of flying time on the airplane and engine. Because he, and the airplane are a bit tired, Brians plan at the moment is that the airplane will be deregistered, disassembled and sold as misc. parts, and he may retire from flying. I guess it's always good to know when you are making your last flight, than to not know when you are making your last flight.

Brian has a lot of tools and hardware for sale, so contact him for a list of the items available.



N601AZ

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.

The EAA Flight Test Manual is a new, comprehensive program for test flying your new 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.

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 normally on the first Saturday of the month, however, because of the runway construction in progress, the fly in breakfasts have been canceled for both January and February. Check NOTAMS for when and which runways are open or closed.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast, and car show on the third Saturday of the month may be restarting on Saturday February15. The City of Mesa is repainted the

warbird hangar inside, and the contractor is running into serious issues with the painting that they are still attempting to get resolved. Watch for notices.

The Grapevine Airstrip (88AZ) next to Roosevelt Lake is open to fly into any time, but the BBQ lunch hosted by APA is on the third Saturday weekend of the month. 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 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.

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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