



FOR THE MARCH MEETING

•NOTICE! The in-person March 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 Don Croyle to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 ASAP.

•For the January meeting we will be having a presentation and video from the recent Navigation Challenge. The event was a success, and all the participants enjoyed it immensely.

•We will also have a very informative safety presentation by Andy Elliott.

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CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 3/22/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Tues. 4/12/2022 @ 6:30	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 4/26/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 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.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary February 22, 2022

The February meeting of the Falcons was an in person meeting at the CAF hangar. President Don Croyle brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 40 members/guests present.

Don opened the meeting with a a reminder that AirVenture 2022 is only 148 days away. Don asked how many would be interested in a chapter 228 camp site. More than three people were interested so Don will proceed with making plans for that to happen. He then asked for a progress report from Jayden, our Ray Scholar. Jayden is looking for a new instructor and is ready to take the written test. The 2022 EAA calendars are here. If you ordered one, they are \$15 each. If you joined recently and have not gotten a name tag, see Leslie. Applications are being accepted for the EAA Aviation Camp in Oshkosh. If you know someone in the 16-18 age group have them check out the information on our website, www.chapters.eaa.org/ea228.

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

Next Don asked guests/visitors to introduce themselves.

Tim R. recently retired and will be moving here from Denver. He is interested in joining our Chapter.

Steve H. is a snowbird from Denver. He flies an RV-8.

Van T. belongs to the Colorado Springs chapter and is just visiting. He restored a Super Chipmunk.

Gary H. is building a Kitfox and has a 1939 Taylor Craft.

Nathan B. is from Gilbert and is here to support his son Zach with achieving his aviation career goals.

Larry M. is in the process of relocating from Fargo, ND to Arizona. He is working here at Falcon doing aircraft financing. He has built a gyrocopter.

Next was an update on Falcon Field by Dee Anne.

Pavement resealing around the hangars is proceeding in stages. Regarding filling large cracks, Brent S. has worked with the contractors on this issue and they will be filling large cracks before resurfacing.

Last week there was a dedication ceremony of WWII murals project on McDowell Rd underpass. Materials for the viewing area outside the terminal area are here and the work has started. The west ramp repaving project is on going. Funds for the east ramp reconstruction have been received. This work will start in early 2023.

Events coming up include a blood drive at the CAP building on March 10, April 14 and May 12 (8 AM to 2 PM). The CAF has an exhibit showcasing a new civic education initiative. They also plan to have several trips including one to the National WWII museum in New Orleans May 26-29.

The next ask the airport Zoom meeting will be on March 9th at 10:30 AM. The next pancake breakfast at the warbirds hangar is on Saturday March 19th from 7:30 to 11:00 AM.

Thank you Dee Anne.

Next Todd B. hosted a aviation trivia game that everyone could join in on using their cell phones. The winner was Don C.

This months shout outs go to all the pilots who flew YE's. More on that later tonight.

Due to the transition to a new Treasurer (Dave B.), a report was not available.

Don did not have any inputs to update members build projects. Todd B. did say that Lewis M. has

moved his RV-8 to Chandler and is close to finishing.

Social dinners at Vito's (4:00 PM) on the second Saturday have resumed. Thursday coffee at 7:30 to 9:00 AM in the newly revamped Warbirds ready room. Come check it out.

Next Trent H. covered Navigation Challenge on February 26-27th. Without using GPS, participants flying in two person teams will have to locate and photograph land marks using bearing/distance information and a map. There will be prizes awarded and a BBQ at the Falcon Field picnic grounds at 2 PM on February 27th. We hope to have this become an annual event. Send an email to aznavchallenge@gmail.com to register and get course information.

Also in the planning stage with the APA is an Arizona Passport program. The program encourages pilots to fly to the 56 public use airports and visit the 9 museum, and 12 restaurants associated with these airports. Proof of completion is by scanning a QR code. This program must be sanctioned by the Arizona Department of Tourism. There will be prizes at various levels of completion. Similar programs have been implemented in about six other states. If you would like to help with the planning, see Trent Heidtke.

Here is the current outlook for fly-outs:

2/26-27 Navigation Challenge
2/25-27 Grapevine campout

Don gave the airspace and accident news.

Pilot deviations continue to be an issue. These were committed by all class of pilots from students to ATPs. Make sure you understand ATC instructions and be aware of the airspace you are in.

There were 2 accidents since the last report. One was at Kingman and another involved a jet. Please be careful out there.

Bill Worger gave a YE report. Last month pilots flew 8 YE's. The next YE event planned will be on March 26, 2022 at Falcon Field. We have 40 kids and 10 on the wait list. Bill needs at least 3 more pilots. Let him know if you can help. Upcoming

events are aviation summer camp kids on June 4th and an EVIT group at Pegasus on October 29th.

There is also going to be a STEM + C event on April 9th in Gilbert. Gary C. will have his flight sim there and if you have something else to demo see Bill. They expect several hundred kids to attend. Volunteers in 2 hr slots are needed.

Next Andy Elliott gave a safety brief on Bravo airspace and unusual clearances. You need three things to fly into Class B airspace: a transponder, two way radio communication and a "Cleared to enter Class B" clearance from ATC. Andy recapped a recent experience he had in the Phoenix Bravo airspace. Returning from California on super bowl Sunday, Andy received a squawk code and clearance into Bravo around the Deer Valley airport. Flying east at about 5500 feet, he was cleared to descend to 4000 ft. Between Deer Valley and Scottsdale airport he was told "keep your squawk, cleared direct to Falcon Field, contact Falcon tower". Falcon tower gave him a left base for 4 R. Since his flight path would bring him back into class B, the question is, is he cleared to reenter the class B airspace?

The answer is yes. He never was told "radar services terminated, squawk VFR, so he was still under ATC control. If he had been, he could not reenter Bravo airspace.

NOTE: if you are using flight following and your flight path is going to put you into Class B airspace, it is always a good idea to verify you are cleared into Bravo airspace.

Andy announced that on the first weekend in March, the Warbirds will be hosting a formation clinic. If you are in the queue to depart and you see a bunch of warbirds ready to launch, tell the tower you will let them depart first.

Thank you Andy.

The next meeting will be on March 22, 2022. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations that have been reported by the FAA SDL FSDO is up from last month. These latest deviations were again committed by the full range of pilot certificate holders. It seems that some pilots just don't seem to understand what type of airspace they are flying in, or are about to enter into, and what is going to be expected of them. This problem is evident each month by the number, and type of pilot deviations that are being committed. In this past one month reporting period, there were 26 general aviation pilot deviations recorded, and of the twenty-six deviations made, there was a need to issue nine notices that further FAA action would be needed. Please use care when flying, and don't be part of the problem by committing a deviation. See the latest APA Newsletter for all the details.

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; Don Croyle at (480) 442-0808

CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

Check out the chapter website <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa228> 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.

PHOTO OF POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE



THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

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

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 is on the third Saturday of the month.

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.

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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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, and centering punches.

Entire Lot \$50.

Thanks,
Bob Smith
Please Call Me At; 480-220-3252