



FOR THE APRIL MEETING

•NOTICE! The in-person April 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 April meeting we will be having a presentation by Gary Hertzler on composite construction based on his years experience working with the media.

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

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CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 4/26/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Tues. 5/10/2022 @ 6:30	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 5/24/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Thursday Coffee @ 7:30 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
March 22, 2022

The March 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 38 members/guests present.

Don opened the meeting with a video of the Navigation Challenge. Don reminded us that AirVenture 2022 is only 124 days away. He then asked for a progress report from Jayden, our Ray Scholar. Jayden passed the written test and is close to taking the PPL 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.

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

Next Don asked guests/visitors to introduce themselves.

Corey B. joined our chapter and is planning to pursue a commercial pilot license.

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

Brian B. just became current again and just joined our chapter. He is interested in a partnership.

Albert Z. also joined us today and is pursuing a PPL. He just completed his pre-solo and expects to solo in the next few days.

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.

The 4R/22L resurfacing project will take place 6/25-7/5. Only the North runway will be open and there will be a way for aircraft on the South side to get to the North. Also planned are changes to the D3, D4 and D5 exits.

Work on the viewing area outside the terminal area has started. There will be a memorial garden and commemorative plaque near the old WWII hangar. Future upgrades to the park area are also planned.

Events coming up include a blood drive at the CAP building on April 14 and May 12 (8 AM to 2 PM). Celebrate Mesa will be on April 9th at Pioneer Park from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be a pancake breakfast at the Warbirds hangar on April 16th. The CAF has a guest speaker April 16 to 23 on the Doolittle Raid. Family day with reduced admission is on April 9th.

There is a new staff member at the office: Anthony King in customer service.

Thank you Dee Anne.

Next Don gave a shout out to Aaron Reger who just passed his PPL test. Aaron will be joining the Coast Guard next month. Congratulations Aaron and best wishes as you go forward.

Don asked Trent to give a shout out to pilots who flew the Navigation Challenge. There were 17 entrants, three of them from California who heard about the event through an EAA Chapter blast. The pilots/navigators from our Chapter were

Mike Cycon and Gordon Craig
Todd Bristol and Pete Duran
Alex Hardt and Kim Cole
Joe Getz

(Apologies if I missed your name)

This months shout outs also go to all the pilots who flew YE's.

The treasurer, Dave Bankhead, reports that he finally has been recognized by Wells Fargo. The

balance is \$7900.15 which includes \$2000 from the Ray scholarship.

Don gave updates on members build projects.

Alex and Kim -RV-7- Have finished and have about 80 hrs of flying.

Lewis M. has moved his RV-8 to Chandler and is ready for final inspection.

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 the newly revamped Warbirds ready room. Come check it out.

Next Trent H. gave us an update on the Passport program. The program will be rolled out to AZ airport managers on May 1st. In addition to the AZ airports, there are 8 restaurants and 7 museums to visit. Proof of completion is by scanning a QR code. Official roll out will be in June of this year.

Here is the current outlook :

3/29 YE event at KFFZ
4/2 Coolidge Breakfast
4/2 Laughlin Open House
4/15-17 Grapevine campout

Next Jim T. gave the airspace news.

The comment period for the Department of Air Force MOA changes is closed. When the final announcement is made, individual comments will determine the final outcome. If you have any concerns, please write a comment letter. The APA will provide some talking points you can address.

Jim says that at this point, KFFZ is the busiest GA airport in the USA. With 332,000 operations so far this year, it is slightly ahead of Prescott which is number 2. Deer Valley is number 3. If you are on the westside, be aware that Mobile has extensive parachuting ops.

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 12 accidents/incidents from February 12 to March 2. Please be careful out there.

Bill Worger gave a YE report. Last month pilots flew 10 YE's. The next YE event will be on March 26, 2022 at Falcon Field. We have 40 kids and 17 on the wait list. The staging area has been moved from the south ramp to the new corporate hangar for CAU on the North side. Mike Ellis is meeting with the tower tomorrow and will email the pilots the new procedures.

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 at the Gilbert Regional Park. Gary C. will have his flight sim there and also a drone sim. They expect several hundred kids to attend. Volunteers in 2 hr slots are needed.

Next Don showed a video provided by Andy Elliott for tonight's safety brief on VFR into IMC. The incident involved a VFR RV pilot who was flying in a small group of planes in Alaska when they encountered heavy fog. He quickly became disoriented and was pushed lower and lower to stay VFR. Eventually he found himself in IFR conditions, his compass spinning and certain he was going to die. Luckily he was able to fly over a meadow area where he could circle and maintain visual contact with the ground. Eventually he was able to fly over a ridge and rejoin his group in VFR condition.

Here are some of the lessons learned:

When faced with IFR conditions, you can be quickly overcome and disoriented. Your brain cannot function as normal. Slow down, give yourself more time to assess things. Never stop flying the airplane. Use all the resources available (he never thought to engage his wing leveler).

Following this incident, the pilot went on to get an instrument rating.

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Thank you Andy/Don.

The next meeting will be on April 26, 2022. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations that have been reported by the FAA SDL FSDO is up again from last month. These deviations were again committed by the full range of pilot certificate holders, including a military pilot. 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 28 general aviation pilot deviations recorded, and of the twenty-eight deviations made, there was a need to issue seven notices that further FAA action would be needed. Please fly with care, and don't be part of the problem by committing a deviation. See the latest APA Newsletter for 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/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.

THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport has stopped and will resume in the fall.

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 which was on the third Saturday of the month has also stopped and will resume in the fall.

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.

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

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.

RV-9 tail kit only for sale. Vertical and horizontal stabilizers are assembled. Call David Welch (480) 277-1012



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