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FOR THE JANUARY MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The January chapter meeting will be held at the California Aeronautical University (CAU) Hangar. Mike Cycon will issue the meeting location information with the Newsletter, or shortly thereafter.
- **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 January meeting we will have Darwin Barry tell us about the custom aftermarket product line that he has available for the RV, and other airplanes. Hopefully he will also be able to have his award winning RV 7 airplane on display outside of the CAU hangar.
- We will also have Andy Elliott give an appropriate safety presentation.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 1/24/2023 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Tues. 2/14/2023 @ 6:30 pm	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 2/28/2023 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Thursday Coffee @ 7:00 am	Cunningham's 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 November 22, 2022

The November meeting of the Falcons was an in person meeting at the CAU hangar. President Don Croyle brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There were 28 members/guests present.

Don opened the meeting with a reminder there are 243 days to Oshkosh 2023. If you have not made a room reservation, you may have trouble finding a place. This month is elections for chapter officers and directors. Don asked if anyone wants to add their name to the slate. There were no responses. Since this is our first meeting in the CAU facility, Don asked Mike Ellis to say a few words. Mike welcomed every one and thanked the CAU for letting us use their classroom for our meeting. He asked that we clean up after the meeting and remove all trash. Other than the bathrooms and this room, please do not wonder around.

The holiday party will be on December 13th at Flights of Wine next door to the Steak and Stone restaurant. The time will be from 6 PM to 9 PM. This was the same place as last year and Todd B. will again be providing entertainment. Your first drink is paid for by the chapter and prizes will be awarded.

If you want to buy a 2023 EAA calendar, see Don.

Don asked for a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as published in the Newsletter. The motion was made and approved.

Since the only candidates for office are the 2022 officers and directors, Don asked for a motion to accept by affirmation the slate as proposed. The motion was made and passed.

Don asked any new members or visitors to introduce themselves.

Trey D. has his PPL and instrument rating and is working on a commercial license

Jen H. is at Embry Riddle and is working on her instrument rating

James D. is working on his CFI rating

Kyle B. took his first YE flight at age 8 and soloed on his 16th birthday. He will complete his CFI rating in a few weeks.

Dee Anne from Falcon Field admin gave us an update on the current projects. They have funding for the next phase of the crack fill/reseal project of the southwest hangar area. The mid field cross overs (D4, 5, 7 and 8) will be redesigned. The doors on the WWII hangars are being repaired. The airport has ordered a new painting machine that will allow them to maintain the striping. The water tower is being prepped for painting. They have added two people to the staff: Jessica Alonzo and Fabian Volladoid. The next ask the airport Zoom meeting will be on 12/14 at 10:30 to 11:00 AM. There will be a Holiday party on 12/15 at the admin from 1-3 PM. Stop in for some refreshments. Warbird movie night and pancake breakfast will be on Dec 16 and 17^h. A grand daughter of John Wayne will reflect on the actor before showing the movie. The CAF will have a guest speaker on November 26 talking about his military career at 1 PM.

Copperstate is coming back to Falcon Field on March 24, 25 and 26. March 25 will coincide with the Falcon Open House.

The airport wait list rules are changing to eliminate the ability to indefinitely pass if you are not ready when a hangar is available. This should make it easier for everyone to know where they stand on the list.

Dee Anne reminded everyone to expect significant increase in traffic for the Super Bowl on February 12th. A reservation will be required for IFR flight plans during the event.

Thank Dee Anne.

Dave Bankhead, our Treasurer, reported that the chapter approved using our YE credits to purchase additional hardware for Don C's flight sim which is used at chapter meetings, YE and STEM rallies. Don C has been paid and the request for reimbursement by the EAA has been submitted. The chapter has a balance is \$10,629.06.

Don had no updates on members build projects.

There will be no coffee this Thursday (Thanksgiving day) or a dinners at Vito's for December.

Next Don reminded everyone that the AZ Passport program is in place and hopes everyone is using the app.

Here is the current flying outlook :

12/3- Coolidge pancake breakfast
12/3-AOPA rusty pilot
12/16-17 Grapevine camping

Don reviewed the airspace issues or accidents There were 8 accidents/incidents with several landing related. Three of the 8 occurred at or near Falcon. There were 11 pilot deviations and 3 Brashers issued.

Mike E. gave the YE update. Members flew 4 YE's. The EVIT event on October 29 at the Pegasus airpark was a huge success. We had 18 planes flying 29 kids and one Eagle flight. The next public YE event will be on 2/4/23 at the CAU hangar. We are looking at adding another public event to take advantage of the special \$10 per flight credit to celebrate the programs 30th anniversary.

The next STEM + C event will be on 12/17 at the EVIT campus. We are looking for someone to man a chapter 228 table. Contact Mike E. if you can help.

Andy Elliot gave tonight's safety briefing on Avoiding Other Aircraft. Before starting, Andy noted that GA fatal accidents decline in the eastern states due to cold weather (and reduced flying}. Keep up your flying skills and be safe.

Right of Way Rules (91.113) :

See and avoid also applies to IFR flights. ATC will keep you away from known traffic but there could still be non primary targets.

Any aircraft that declares an emergency has the Right of Way (ROW) over all other aircraft.

Aircraft approaching each other head on should alter course to the right.

An aircraft being over taken has the ROW. The overtaking aircraft should move to the right

If two aircraft are on final, the lower aircraft has the ROW.

Not following these rules can have fatal consequences. Andy gave a couple of examples.

Be aware that in a formation flight, only one aircraft is squawking.

Andy stressed looking outside for traffic. Too often, pilots get distracted and do not stay focused in the pattern. This is the time you need to be focused.

To improve your ability to see other aircraft, look at an object on the ground about 2 miles away. Then when you scan the sky in front or side of you, your eyes will be able to spot a target. Don't try to find traffic that is more than 2 miles away. Watch out for higher than expected closure rates.

Falcon Field's parallel runways are close together. Watch out for aircraft that overshoot the turn to final and could be in conflict with you. Be aware that it is very difficult to spot lower aircraft that get lost in the ground clutter. Zoom your tablet in to cover a 2 mile zone and use quick scans to help see and avoid.

At Falcon, try to be at pattern altitude within a mile of entering the Delta airspace. Reduce your speed if flying a fast airplane so you fit in better with the rest of the traffic.

Be aware that the sun angle could limit visibility depending on the time of day. Keep the tablet zoomed in and make quick scans for traffic.

Thank you Andy for tonight's presentation.

The next meeting will be on January 24, 2023. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

YOUNG EAGLES EVENT

For those that will be supporting the Chapter 228 Young Eagles Event on Saturday February 4, be aware that access to Falcon Field will be restricted because of the annual Mesa Marathon being run on that same morning. You may not be able to access Falcon Field from the north. Plan your trip so that you will be approaching Falcon Field from the south on either Higley or Greenfield Rds.

GOOD NEWS

The President recently signed legislation that eliminates the LODA requirement for all experimental aircraft owners who want to hire an instructor to give them training in their aircraft, or a borrowed aircraft. However, the legislation does not eliminate the LODA for flight instructors that offer their own aircraft for flight instruction, or other experimental aircraft that are advertised, or offered for flight instruction.

ARIZONA AIRPORT PASSPORT PROGRAM

Have you joined the Arizona Airport Passport Program yet ??? To participate all you have to do is get the free AZAPP App. for your "smart phone" on the internet so you can scan the QR code on the passport placard at a participating location. Thus proving you have been there. The Arizona Airport Passport Program (AZAPP) program continues to grow as more and more participating airports, and businesses establish placard locations. There are now placards at eight of nine restaurants and the Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa is the very first museum to display the AZAPP placard. Visit the Arizona Pilots Association website often to get the latest placard locations and now photos too of participating airports and businesses. If you have questions about the program go to the APA website AZpilots.org or contact Trent Heidtke.

PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations have gone up a bit this reporting period. These deviations were being committed by Student Pilot to ATP/CFI certificate holders. It appears that there are a lot of pilots that don't seem to know what's to be expected of them when flying through the airspace they are in.

Always remember, when you flying in controlled airspace, don't try to be creative, and do something without first talking to ATC. Pilots do need to pick up an Airman's Information Manual (AIM) and review it from time to time. Fly with care, and don't become part of the problem by committing a deviation. See the latest APA Newsletter for the latest 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.

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.

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 XXL. Cost \$25 for the grey and \$15 for the white.



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:

Avery vise grip pimplier, 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

THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

The fly in breakfast at the Coolidge Municipal Airport will be 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 has their fly-in breakfast 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.

CHAPTER WANT ADS

RV-9 tail kit only for sale. Vertical and horizontal stabilizers are assembled.

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