



# NOVEMBER 2023

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## FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The November chapter meeting will be held at the **California Aeronautical University (CAU) Hangar**. Mike Cycon will issue the meeting location information with the Newsletter.
- **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 November meeting we will have a presentation of the latest EAA Video.
- We will also have the usual safety briefing by Andy.

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 11/28/2023 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
<b>No Meeting</b>	Board Meeting Webinar
Tuesday 12/12/2023	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>
Thursday Coffee @ 7:30 am	In the Falcon Field Terminal Lobby

## CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Chapter dinners at Vito's restaurant in Mesa are on the second Saturday of the month. If you wish to attend please contact Gary Hertzler (480) 897-8167 so reservations can be made with Vito's

## NOVEMBER OFFICERS ELECTION

It's that time of the year, and in November the chapter will be electing officers for next year, and the candidates are as follows:

President - Don Croyle  
Vice President - Gary Christensen  
Secretary - Mike Cycon  
Treasurer - Dave Bankhead  
Director - Todd Bristol  
Director - Gordon Craig  
Director - Andy Elliott  
Director - Chuck Flint  
Director - Scott Trisilla  
Director - Jim Timm

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party will be held at the ON THE GREEN SPORTS BAR on Power Rd & Broadway Rd. from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The Chapter will provide 2 drink tickets per guest, and there will be entertainment. Mike Cycon will be sending out more details and the exact location in Mesa.

## 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. Visit the Arizona Pilots Association website often to get the latest placard locations and photos of participating airports and businesses. If you have questions about the program go to the APA website [AZpilots.org](http://AZpilots.org) or contact Trent Heidtke.

## PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations were significantly increased (35) this past month, and the deviations are being committed by Private thru ATP certificate

holders. It appears that there are many that don't seem to know what type of airspace they are flying in. Always remember, when you fly in controlled airspace, don't be creative, and do something without first talking to ATC. Follow instructions, and fly with care. Don't be a part of the problem by committing a deviation. See the latest APA Newsletter for all 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 upcoming flying events? If not, get your's on order now. See Don Croyle for logo caps (\$25), tee shirts (\$15) and polo shirts (\$30). We have a few of each in popular sizes ready for purchase or we can special order the color and or size you want. Prices subject to change without notice.

## THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

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

On the second Saturday of the month, consider going to Ritchies restaurant on Ryan Field (RYN). They serve breakfast after 6 am every day of the week.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron would normally have a Fly-In Breakfast on the third Saturday of the month, but because of the recent storm damage, the breakfasts have been canceled until further notice.

Grapevine is open full time, and the third Saturday camping and cookouts have resumed. 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**

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.

## **MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE**

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

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

## **PLANS FOR SALE**

Gordon Craig has a set of Wittman Tailwind plans and builders manual for sale. Make offer.  
480-329-7672

## **GOLF CART/AIRCRAFT TUG**

E Z Go golf cart with headlights and utility light and has front and rear hitches for towing. Has required fire extinguisher for fuel fires. Good tires. No windshield or roof so it will fit under the wing, (Both available). With or without batteries, (6 batteries required) At FFZ Make offer.

Jim Timm  
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Cleveland 6" wheels and brakes - \$500 (\$4,297 at Univair)  
 Remote oil filter - \$50 - (Originally \$473 with STC)  
 Taildragger Tow Bars: \$25, \$15, \$5

If you have any questions, email or call/text me at (480) 678-8898



Thanks!  
 Dave Walden

**MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE**

New Cleveland 5" wheel & brake set, p/n 199-15200. \$3,200 (Aircraft Spruce \$4,191)

New Aero Instrument 24V heated heated pitot tube, p/n AN 5812-1. \$1,800 (Aircraft Spruce \$2,195)

Fuselage rotisserie for compost fuselage construction. Mounted on wheels for mobility. \$500  
 Larry Jensen      480-939-1586



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## Membership Meeting Minutes Summary October 24, 2023

The October meeting of the Falcons was an in person meeting at the CAU hangar. President Don Croyle brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 26 members/guests present.

Don reminded everyone that there are 271 days to Oshkosh 2024. He then announced that Corey B. has volunteered to cover the multi-chapter meetings. We will be looking for volunteers at several events coming up: EVIT STEM and CAF Dance on 11/4, and the YE event for EVIT students at Pegasus on 11/11.

Next month will be elections. Your current officers and directors have agreed to serve for 2024 but we are accepting nominations for all positions. Don encouraged everyone to get more involved in your chapter by volunteering to serve.

Don introduced Tyler and asked him to tell us a little about his journey into aviation. Tyler is a senior in High School and got the aviation bug after a scenic introductory flight when he was 14. He did a little research and found he could start flying gliders. He soon joined a soaring club and began lessons. While he was waiting to take his practical test at age 16, he got involved in cross country glider events. When he turned 16, he passed his test and became a glider pilot. He continued his interest in cross country racing and entered two events, one here in Arizona and one in Houston, TX. He was one of the youngest pilots to compete. He has also started training for his private pilot rating.

It's great to hear about young people getting involved in aviation and we wish Tyler continued success in pursuit of his goals. We hope he will continue to become involved in EAA Ch 228 and bring along some of his friends!

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

Don asked any new members or visitors to introduce themselves.

Ryan B. and his wife Vini- live close to Falcon and heard about our chapter so wanted to come and check us out. Ryan is a

third generation pilot. He has a Cherokee at Chandler but is dreaming of an RV-10 in the future.

Tom C.- is a retired airline captain and wanted to check out our chapter. He does not own plane but might be thinking about it. Tom is a neighbor of Dee Anne.

Dee Anne from Falcon Field admin gave us an update on Falcon news. The storm on 9/12/23 damaged about 100 hangars with doors blown completely off 40 of them. Damage assessment is continuing and a metal fabricator has been hired by the city to make replacement doors. Some of the old doors may be reused or salvaged for materials.

The taxiway alignment project may be delayed until next spring.

The Cockpit Closeup event in front of the terminal has been a big success and another is planned for November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 AM. If you want to display your airplane, contact the admin office.

The CAF will be hosting Vintage Wings and Wheels on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM. The 40's Big Band dance is at 5 PM on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are on sale now.

The CAF will have a Veterans Day ceremony at 10:55AM on 11/11 and the annual Royal Air Force Memorial ceremony at the Mesa Cemetery will be on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Christmas airlift for the Navaho Nation will be on November 9-11. They are adding Winslow as a drop off point if you don't want to make the longer trip.

On 11/17 Heliponents will host Aviation Fascination from 5-7:30 PM with free food tasting.

The airport Holiday Party will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Admin building.  
Thank you Dee Anne.

Our Treasurer Dave B. reports that the chapter has \$9687.49. Mike E. has used some of the YE credits to buy a portable laser printer so we can print YE certificates at the event. He is looking to get a

carrying case and some extra ink toner. The board has decided to spend any left over funds on some aviation type seat cushions that can be used as boosters for the younger aged kids on YE flights.

Don asked Eric for an update on his RV-10. He is still working on the fuselage center section.

Dinner socials at Vito's on the second Saturday (4 PM) have resumed. The Thursday coffee has moved to the Admin lobby (7:30 to 8:30 AM).

Don asked Trent to say a few words about the Passport Program. Trent reports that pilot participation is increasing. So far, 20 people completed the silver level, 20 the gold level and 2 the platinum level.

Here are some of the fly out events:

- 10/27- Douglas Getaway (caution- rough field conditions)
- 10/28- City of Deming Fly-In
- 11/17-19- Grapevine Camping

Check the APA website for more info.

Don summarized the pilot deviations and accident data. Pilot deviations continue to occur for all levels of experience. There were 12 accidents/incidents but no injuries. Of these, two were gear up landings, two were gear collapse on landing, two were loss of control and two density altitude related. See the APA Newsletter for more details.

Mike E. was not here tonight to update the YE activity.

Andy Elliot gave a Safety Briefing/Main Topic tonight on "Fly By Night". It's that time of year when it gets dark early so night flying tends to increase.

What are the benefits of night flying?

- Better performance
- Lower collision risk
- Less turbulence
- Less traffic
- It's fun!

What are the negatives of night flying?

- Increased obstruction dangers
- Increased risk of disorientation
- Greater stress in an emergency

If something goes wrong, you are more likely to have a fatal accident at night than in the day time. Night VFR is not allowed in Canada. Night flights for GA are prohibited in Mexico. For safety, treat night flying like IFR.

What are the requirements for night flying? FAR 61.57 says that to carry passengers, you need to have made in the last 90 days 3 night TOL's to a full stop. These flights must be done by 1 hour before sunrise or 1 hour after sunset to meet the requirements to carry passengers. Does this make you safe to fly at night? Definitely not. You need to do more than the minimum because skills are more quickly lost for night flying.

Andy urges everyone to adopt the AOPA personal minimums guidelines when you plan on night flying.

Andy continued with several videos of fatal accidents with both low and high time pilots. Night flying takes more preparation to be safe. Plan your route to avoid mountains and other obstructions. Use ATC for flight following or advice on Minimum Safe Altitude Warning (MSAW).

Do you have the lighting required for night flying? You need position lights and anti-collision lights (strobes). A landing light is only required for a commercial flight. Is your electrical system able to provide adequate charging? Strobes may be turned off when operating near other aircraft.

Be safe out there.

Thank you Andy.

The next meeting will be on November 28, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary