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FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The September 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 September meeting we will have Keith Dorson of Wise World Financial speak on legacy giving to charitable organizations. Keith has been a member of our chapter for four years. We will also have the usual safety briefing by Andy.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues.9/26/2023 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Tues. 10/10/23 Meeting	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 10/24/23 Meeting	In Person Meeting
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

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 or contact Trent Heidtke.

PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations are up again and deviations are being committed by Private Pilot thru ATP certificate holders. It appears that there are many that still don't seem to know what's expected of them when flying through the airspace they are in. Always remember, when you fly in controlled airspace, don't be creative, and do something without first talking to ATC. Pick up an Airman's Information Manual (AIM) and review it from time to time. Fly with care, and don't be a 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 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 on the first Saturday of the month has ceased for the summer, and will resume October.

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 have discontinued their fly-in breakfast on the third Saturday of the month, but plan to resume in October .

Grapevine is open full time, and the third Saturday camping and cookouts will resume On October 13-15. ***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

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

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

Call David Welch (480) 277-1012

PLANS FOR SALE

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

480-329-7672



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PARTS FOR SALE

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

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary
August 22, 2023

The August 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 30 members/guests present.

Don reminded everyone that there are 334 days to Oshkosh 2024. He then announced that we need someone to take on the role of managing our social media (e.g., Face Book, event calendar). We will be looking for volunteers at several events coming in the next months: B-25 in Glendale in October, EVIT STEM and CAF Dance on 11/4, Trimotor at Falcon at the end of November. Gary C. spoke about the EVIT STEM event.

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

Don asked any new members or visitors to introduce themselves.

Brian C. was a member before and is coming back to our meetings. He has a Thorp T-18 project that he may need help with.

Todd S. is with Explorer Post 352 at Falcon and is taking over duties for Bennet S. who has a new assignment out of the area.

Dee Anne from Falcon Field admin gave us an update on Falcon news. On 8/28 the control tower will be active M-F from 6 to 9 PM and 6-5 PM on the weekends. Mark Gibbs has joined the staff as Project and Ops manager. There are two drainage projects in the works. The one near gate 4/5 will impact access to hangars NN and OO. Check the Falcon Field website for more details. Modifications to runway access will be going on in October and November. Most of the work will be done at night. There may be some closures of the North runway. The next CAF family fun day is on 9/9 and the CAP blood drive is on 9/14 from 8 AM to 2 PM. The next ask the airport ZOOM meeting is on 9/20 at 10:30 AM.

Girls in Aviation Day celebration is coming and Ch 228 is welcome to have a table to promote YE

flights. Celebrate Mesa is on 10/14 from 5-9 PM and on 11/17 Helicomponents will host Aviation Fascination from 5-7:30 PM with free food tasting.

Falcon is starting a new program on the first Saturday of the month called Cockpit Closeup and need pilots to volunteer their aircraft to let some young kids sit in the cockpit. The annual Christmas airlift for the Navaho nation will be in November. They are adding Winslow as a drop off point if you don't want to make the longer trip.

Thank you Dee Anne.

Don asked Eric for an update on his RV-10. He is on hold waiting for replacement parts due to issues with laser drilled holes cracking.

Dinner socials are on hold for the summer and will return in the fall. Thursday coffee has moved to the Admin lobby (thanks Dee Anne).

Here are some of the fly out events:

- 9/6- Sprucedale Guest Ranch Alpine AZ
- 9/9- Seligman
- 9/29- Pleasant Valley Fly In
- 10/21- Payson Airfare
- 10/22- Bar 10 Ranch Grand Canyon
- 10/27- Douglas Getaway (caution- rough field conditions)

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. Of the 10 deviations, 7 Brashers were issued. There were 4 accidents/incidents last month but no injuries. See the APA Newsletter for more details.

Bill W. gave the YE news for Mike E. There were no individual YE flights in the past month. Contact Mike E. if you can fly individual kids as they have about 5 signed up for rides. The next YE event will be at Pegasus in October for EVIT. They will only need a few planes as several Pegasus pilots are flying. Ground crew are also needed. We have \$525 in 2022 YE credits that we need to spend this year.

There was no Treasurer report this month.

Andy Elliot gave a Safety Briefing on Maintaining currency. He began with a warning that there is a controller shortage and understaffing has led to some safety issues. Be extra alert to possible conflicts/questionable ATC instructions. Also, the FAA has updated AC 90-66C on non tower operations. Check it out.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

There is a difference from what is legally current and what is safe to fly. Legally you only need a flight review of 1 hour every 24 months and 3 take off and landings in the previous 90 days to take passengers. Does this minimum make it safe to fly?

What affects safety? This includes aircraft factors (time in type both recent and total), environment (weather), personal factors (health, medications, diet, sleep, stress, etc).

Perishable versus durable skills. Durable skills can last for years. Perishable skills (such as piloting skills, instrument approaches, night flying, emergency procedures, go arounds) can fade rapidly.

How much should you practice? If you only fly one hour a week, that hour should be practicing your flying skills. This is especially true for pilots over the age of 50. You should include the following skills:

- slow flight
- precision flying (turns without altitude loss/gain, holding a heading and altitude)
- no or half flap landings
- go arounds
- power off approaches
- no gps navigation

If instrument rated, take a safety pilot and practice approaches. If you can't devote one hour a week to practicing, try to include some of the above skills as you fly from point A to point B.

If you use the wings program, 3 hours of flying plus the ground webinar/training will count as a flight review.

Thank you Andy.

The next meeting will be on September 26, 2023. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.