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FOR THE MARCH MEETING

- **NOTICE!** The March meeting will be at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Officer's Club Room at Falcon Field on Tuesday 3/26/2019 at 7:00 PM. Use the entrance on the south side of the building as before. The pre-meeting food (served at 6:00 PM) will be Pizza & soda for a \$5 donation.
- **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 this month.
- For our March meeting we will have Juergen Janzik, a German Air Force F104 Instructor Pilot that was once based at Luke AFB, discuss German Cold War Defense flying, and training.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 3/26/19 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
Tuesday 4/9/19 @ 6:30 pm	Directors Meeting Warbirds Hangar
Tues. 4/23/19 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 am	Warbirds Hangar @ 8:00 am

CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Thursday morning coffee at 8:00 in the Warbirds Hangar, a Chapter 228 monthly social with dinner at Vito's Italian restaurant happens on the 2nd Saturday of the month. To make reservations for dinner at Vito's, please advise Phillip Buckalew by the Thursday before if you are planning on attending. Dinner time is at 4:00 pm.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

February 26, 2019

The February meeting of the Falcons was held at the CAF hangar at Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.

President Trent Heidtke brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 42 members and guests in attendance.

Trent opened the meeting with a thanks to all who volunteered for the Ford Trimotor visit. The event was a big success with 649 tickets sold.

Rick R. gave a brief report on the Copperstate Expo which was held on February 8, 9 and 10 in conjunction with the Buckeye Airfare. It was a great success with 2.5 times more campers than the previous year at Falcon Field. Next year they might get the Aeroshell aerobatic team to perform.

Todd B. gave a short pitch on forming a flying club. For planning purposes, expect about \$3,000 initial membership and \$85/month fixed cost. We would need 12-15 people per plane. By show of hands, there were 6 people interested in either a certified or home built plane.

Trent asked if anyone had a maintenance issue they needed help with. Gary H. said he just installed a new engine in his VeriEZ and is trouble shooting a low oil pressure/low oil temperature issue.

Tonight's program was on the FAA Wings Program and was presented by Tina Buskurt and Ernie Copeland from the Scottsdale FFAST team. All wings participants would get a 30 minute credit for attending tonight.

Ernie started off with how to create and account and navigate the site. He demonstrated how to find courses and how to register. There are both free and paid courses available plus links to webinars for both airmen and maintenance personnel. If you do get reported for a pilot deviation, it may be several weeks before the FAA will contact you. Ernie suggests you find some courses that are related to your deviation and go ahead and take them now. Often when the FAA does contact you and you explain what training you've done to correct the issue, the FAA often will be satisfied with that corrective action.

Ernie reviewed the award programs for Master Pilot and Master Mechanic. You can also nominate your favorite CFI who could win an all expense paid trip to Oshkosh AirVenture.

Tina reviewed the wings program which includes 3 ground and 3 flight segments. You need your CFI to use the site to validate your flight segments. Completion of any Wings Phase will satisfy the BFR requirement.

New to the site is a link to You Tube safety videos. Also, check out the link to the flight instructor working group (AFTW.org). They have a complete list of reporting points for training and even have an overlay that works with your iPad and Foreflight.

Thanks to Tina and Ernie for speaking to us tonight.

Coming up on March 16th is the CAF Big Band dance. For the first time, EAA members can volunteer to help. Please sign up on the bulletin board as you exit tonight.

Trent asked if there were any changes/additions to the January meeting minutes as published. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion past.

Trent asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves. There were 4 guests tonight either wanting to get a PPL or to get back into flying.

Welcome to all our guests/new members!

Trent asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project. Bob S. has his Sonex on the gear. Pete W. is working on wiring harnesses

for his RV-12. Lewis has finished one wing for his RV-8. Gene M. is working on baffles and has built and ADS-B IN box. Alex H. and his wife Kim are working on the wings of their RV-8.

Philip B. was absent so Brian B. reminded everyone of the Thursday coffee (0800-0900) in the Warbirds hangar and the dinner social on the second Saturday of the month at Vito's.

Trent listed the monthly flying activities and referred everyone to the Arizona Pilots Assoc. website to find this info.

Todd B. gave a report on accidents. There were two accidents to report on. One involved a tail dragger who had trouble with a landing. It turns out he had a brake failure. The lesson learned here is if you fly a tail dragger or tri gear with a free casting nose wheel, you need both brakes in good working order.

Jim Timm started off by saying that there were no air traffic control issues to report. There is a new Grand Canyon Chart coming out February 28th and will be updated on a six month schedule. The last update of this chart was in 2001.

In the State Legislature, HB2455 was passed by the Transportation Committee. This bill is designed to prevent the Arizona Aviation Fund from being diverted to the general fund and would put back \$10 Million to help local communities in maintaining and improving airports. Please contact your representatives and request support of HB2455 and HB1456.

Andy Elliott started off the Safety briefing with some upcoming events. There is a flight instructor seminar in Prescott this Sunday at 0800. If you fly in, there will be transportation from the restaurant area. On March 6th, there will be a maintenance seminar and on April 23rd one on Weight and Balance.

Tonight's safety topic was the Paranoid Pilot Club. There are two types of pilots: those that are compelled to check every thing and those that don't care and wait until they get bitten. Andy reviewed the case of an A330 flying from Toronto to Lisbon that ran out of fuel. A damaged fuel line failed about 4 hours into the flight and began dumping fuel from one of the tanks. This caused a fuel imbalance. Instead of using the written check list, the pilots

simply transferred fuel from the fuller tank to the low tank. Eventually the result was fuel exhaustion and an emergency dead stick landing on a remote island. Had the pilots followed the written check list, the cause of the imbalance would have been discovered and a dead stick landing avoided. The pilots were not paranoid enough!

Andy's advice is to follow the check list. If your gut tells you something isn't right, go with your gut. Join the club and be a little more paranoid and maybe a little safer as well.

Bill Worger, our YE leader, announced that the next event will be March 9th out of the terminal. We have 25 kids signed up. There will be another event in June for aviation cadets (not open to the public) and will be operated out of the Warbirds hangar.

See Bill if you need a packet for one off YE rides. He also has packets for adult rides (aka the Eagle Program).

We had a good response on the sale of 50/50 raffle tickets and tonight's winner collected \$48.

On a final note, Trent said your chapter board is asking for membership feed back on what they want in the meetings. Are we doing what you want? Any suggestions for improvement? Please let us know.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectively submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

FALCON FIELD OPEN HOUSE

Falcon Field will be having an open house on Saturday March 30th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our chapter will have a display at the event, and your help is needed to help staff our display, and answer visitors questions about aviation. Give Trent a call if you can help.

CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

Check out the new chapter website 228.eachapter.org and please give us your thoughts.

EAA FLIGHT TEST MANUAL

The long-awaited EAA Flight Test Manual (FTM) is ready to ship, and the EAA is now [accepting orders](#); the member price is \$17.95 and \$22.95 for nonmembers.

The EAA Flight Test Manual is a new, comprehensive program for test flying your new 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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THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO GO FOR BREAKFAST:

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

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast and car show is on the third Saturday of the month. Starting this year they will also have a Fly Market during the breakfast. If you have an aviation item to sell, bring it and sell it, or come and see what's for sale that you must have.

On the third Saturday, the fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation is now on a quarterly basis. Check APA calendar for dates. (There are still special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

The Grapevine Airstrip (88AZ) next to Roosevelt Lake is open to fly into any time, but the BBQ lunch hosted by APA is on the third weekend each month thru May.

The last Saturday of the month there is still a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). The Airport's restaurant, Foxtrot Cafe, operating in the climate controlled Terminal Building, is open 6:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Saturday. On the last Saturday of the month they have a "Fly in Breakfast Special" available on the menu; the price for adults is \$8 and kids \$5.

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.

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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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