



# APRIL 2017

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## FOR THE APRIL MEETING

- The April meeting will be at the CAF Hangar at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 4/25/17. Enter through the south door. 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 Philip Buckalew to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 this month.
- This month the Chapter is going to get a guided tour of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Museum at FFZ. Because the warm summer weather is very rapidly approaching, Andy will have a safety briefing on hot weather operations.

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 4/25/17 @ 7:00PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. 5/9/17 @ 6:30 PM	Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Tues. 5/23/17 @ 6:30 PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Thursday Coffee	Warbirds Hangar @ 8:00 AM

The Chapter 228 monthly social with dinner at Vito's Italian restaurant happens on the 2nd Saturday of the month. To make reservations, please advise Brian Briggerman 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

March 28, 2017

The March meeting of the Falcons was held at the CAF hangar at Falcon field, Mesa, AZ.

President Steve Martin brought the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

There were 32 members and guests in attendance.

Steve asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

- Richard Martin visiting from the Seattle area
- Al Jeske visiting from Ch 1077. Al has been to previous meetings and thinks we have a great chapter. Thanks Al!
- Ron Alto-retired and would like to get back into flying
- Douglas Thorpe has been involved in aviation for 40 years Currently he is involved with drones-big ones, not toys
- Joe Pavela owns a Baron and flies for Delta Airlines

Welcome to all our guest/new members!

Steve M. pointed out one error in the February meeting minutes: Mike Still is a past President of Ch 1445. A motion to accept the February 2017 meeting minutes as published in the Newsletter was made. The motion was accepted and the meeting minutes passed.

The treasurer reported that the balance at the end of February 2017 was \$2,736.12 Motion to accept treasurer's report and the motion passed.

President Martin asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project. Gary C. made the

first flight of his RV-6A and was presented a commemorative tee shirt. Jerry K. is getting ready for his first flight of his RV-7A. Larry J. (Lancair Legacy) is installing the instrument panel that he had fabricated at Aerotronics. Gene M. still has his RV-9 kit but needs to get motivated to work on it. Trent H. has a few open squawks on his Prescott Pusher, then he will get the transition training before a first flight. He also reports that Keith P. had to do some glass work on gear doors of his Velocity so he sanding and sanding and sanding. Bob S. is working regularly on his Sonex.

Brian B. reports that the Thursday coffee in the Warbirds hangar (8:00 AM) is still going. The dinner socials at Vito's are on the second Saturday of the month. Let Brian know if you are coming and bring the spouse/significant other.

Steve Martin announced that the board voted to go with the Warbirds' Christmas Party this year. You have to join the Warbirds (\$20 annual dues), but the party is free for you and your guest.

Jim Timm started off by stating that if you are going to fly under Basic Medical, you can not fly into Mexico, Canada or the Bahamas. These destinations require a traditional FAA medical. The 39<sup>th</sup> annual GA Survey for year 2016 is under way. If you received a survey, please complete it as this information is one of the tools used by the FAA to gauge the GA fleet and plan accordingly.

This past month was outstanding from a safety standpoint as there were no accidents reported by the NTSB. They did publish two reports for non fatal accidents that occurred in the previous reporting period. Let's continue to fly safely.

Steve turned the floor over to Andy Elliott. Andy summarized the Young Eagles event at the FFZ open house on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Ten pilots showed up which allowed us to fly 33 kids. There were 19 preregistered of which 16 showed up. Walk ups were entered into the computer and assigned a time slot. Things went smoothly initially, however, the airport approached the Warbirds the Wednesday before and asked them to do formation fly-bys every 30 minutes in the morning. The tower chose to hold up all departures during

the fly-bys which created an enormous delay of YE flights. Andy will follow up with the tower to find out why they did this and will let the airport admin know that we can't do YE flights if they also want fly-bys.

The safety topic for this month was engine side of the firewall fires. These are almost always fuel fed fires. The recommended procedure is to increase airflow through the engine compartment to effectively blow out the fire. Andy showed a brief video narrated by Rod Machado that dealt with this emergency. The actions you should take are as follows:

- Pull the power to idle
- Pull the mixture to idle cut off, prop control full forward
- Put the fuel selector in the "OFF" position
- Shut off the master
- Close cockpit vents
- Descend as quickly as possible at an airspeed above 100 knots (130 knots recommended). Lower gear or use partial flaps to add drag. Steep turns/with or without slips are also effective to descend quickly.
- Pick a landing spot. DO NOT RESTART THE ENGINE.

Andy turned the floor over to our guest speaker, Mr. Craig Fuller. Craig is the founder and director of Aviation Archeological Investigation & Research (AAIR). Craig's became interested in Aviation Archeology as a teen and led him to pursue a degree from Embry-Riddle in Aeronautical Science with a minor in Aviation Safety and Accident Investigation. He has been involved in over 1000 accident investigations.

A large number of aviation accidents are never located. To put in perspective, during WWII, there were some 15,000 pilot/aircrews involved in accidents within the US which is about half of the losses experienced by the Army and Air Force in combat missions in the same time period.

Craig's first investigation with AAIR was in 2006 on Yap Island in the Pacific south east of the Philippine Islands. Yap was occupied by the Japanese who launched aircraft from a small strip. It was heavily bombed by Allied Forces. After the war, a new airstrip was built and the many

destroyed aircraft were of interest to tourist who also came to Yap for the excellent SCUBA diving. Originally AAIR was to map and identify aircraft at 4 sites, but they wound up with several more than planned. In addition to several Zeroes, they also found a Betty Bomber and the remains of a Continental Airlines 727 that landed short of the runway in November 1980. All 73 passengers and crew were able to escape the wreckage before fire broke out.

Craig went on to discuss several investigations of missing aircraft in the US, including several in Arizona. Quite often AAIR works with genealogists when personal items (like ID tags) are recovered in order to locate surviving family members. Often a close family member wants to visit the crash site which may have been 30 or more years ago. These are emotional events but rewarding when you can bring closure to a family that never new the whole story of a loved ones accident.

Thank you Craig for sharing these and other stories with us tonight.

After a brief question and answer session, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectively submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## **CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE**

Check out the new chapter website [228.eachapter.org](http://228.eachapter.org) and let us know what you think.

## **A SUCCESSFUL FIRST FLIGHT**

A couple of months ago, member Jerry Kosirog got a surprise accidental visit from Jerry VanGrunsven (brother of the RV founder Dick) while he was working on his RV-7A. The airplane apparently passed the VanGrunsven inspection because on April 13th Jerry made the first flight of his brand new RV7A. We all offer our congratulations!

## FFZ OPEN HOUSE YOUNG EAGLES EVENT

At the Falcon Field annual open house on Saturday March 25, EAA Chapter 228 once again had another successful Young Eagles Event. A big thanks to everyone who helped with the event making it a success.



## NEWS LETTER REQUEST

We would very much like to have a monthly submission from a chapter member on some notable flying event that has recently happened or that may be coming up or a new or “different” building project that is under way.

## 28 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 or get your order in for polo shirts.

## 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.

## PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

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

The second Saturday of the month, the Ryan Field (RYN) restaurant used to be the fly-in destination. The restaurant is in the process of major renovation and the opening date has not been set, but, as soon as we find out we will publish the date.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast and car show is on the third Saturday.

The third Saturday of the month there is a fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation. (There are special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

Also on the third Saturday, around noon, a donation lunch is served by the APA at the USFS Grapevine Airstrip next to Roosevelt Lake.

The last Saturday of the month there is a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). The Airport's restaurant, Foxtrot Cafe, operating in the 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.

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