



# FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

• **NOTICE!** The February meeting will be at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Officer's Club Room at Falcon Field on Tuesday 2/25/2020 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.

• At our February meeting we will have a demonstration of fiberglass repair by Gary Hertzler, and tire balancing by Gordon Craig. Also on the agenda will be a Pilot Safety presentation by Andy Elliott.

# FEBRUARY 2020

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## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 2/25/2020 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
Tues. 3/10/2020 @ 6:30	Directors Meeting Warbirds Hangar
Tues. 3/24/2020 Meeting	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 Gary Hertzler 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

January 28, 2020

The January 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 43 members and guests in attendance.

Trent opened the meeting with a several announcements. First, thanks for everyone who helped and/or attended the Holiday Party at the Monastery. Everyone had a great time. Second, reminded every one that the EAA has scholarship money available for flight training, aviation camp and aviation career education. Go to the [ww.eaa.org/scholarships](http://ww.eaa.org/scholarships) site for more info. In addition, Trent reminded everyone that Ch 228 is offering a scholarship to the EAA Aviation Camp in July 2020. If you know a 16-18 year old who is interested, contact anyone of the Chapter officers/board members. Thanks for all who support the 50/50 raffle as the proceeds go into the scholarship fund.

Lynn S. from the airport administration was not here so Trent announced that construction of the new hangars on the north side has started. Also, the Falcon Field Open House will be on March 28, 2020.

Trent asked Todd B. for a status on the flying club. Todd is too busy with work to pursue this and asked for someone else to step up to the task.

Trent asked if anyone wanted to provide "what I fly and why" for the group. Ray Toews chose the Grumman Cheetah because he is a Canadian and is allowed to maintain and upgrade his plane much

like a home built plane in the US. Keith Pickles saw a strange looking canard plane at Sun and Fun, and thought it was unusual. He kept coming back to look at it and before he knew it he purchased a Velocity kit.

Trent announced that we are looking for a larger venue that we can use free of charge. If anyone has a suggestion, please let him know. The CAF annual Big Band Dance will be March 14<sup>th</sup>. Although usually limited to CAF members and family, they are offering Ch 228 members the opportunity to attend for free if they volunteer for a 3 hr work shift. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the entrance. Those who attended last year had a really great time.

Trent asked for motion to accept the November minutes as published. Gary Hertzler asked for one correction. He holds two records for endurance (cross country and a closed course) but neither is a speed record. The motion to accept with this correction was made and passed.

Trent asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

Al Jeske- is a visitor from Ohio and is a member of EAA Ch 1077

Josh- has been fixing planes for 35 years but has only been a pilot for 1 year. He usually flies a C-172.

Michael Wiggins- EAA member since 1978, IAC member since 1979. He is helicopter and fixed wing rated. Currently he flies a Rocket.

Welcome guests and new members!

Next Trent gave a shout out to Gary H. and Gary C. for taking some kids on a YE flight.

Andy E. got up and did a special presentation to Brian Briggerman who retired from flying after 60 (accident free) years. He presented Brian with a photo of him and his Zodiak 601 taken the day before his final flight. (Brian was able to squeeze in one more flight on January 1<sup>st</sup> because the ADS-B rule became effective on January 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Treasurer Don C. gave the balance as \$4157.05

Trent asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project.

Keith P. is almost done filling and sanding his Velocity. The panel is built and ready for installation.

Lewis M. is just about done with his RV-8 fuselage. He is starting on the finishing kit.

Alex and Kim H. are working on fuselage of their RV-7. The finishing kit is coming in March. They plan to take a Sport Air workshop on composites to get ready for the fiberglass work. Kim is also tackling the upholstery. If anyone has done theirs, they are looking for input.

Tonight's guest speakers were Ron King, operations manager and Brian Sexton, community relations spokesperson for Gateway Airport.

Brian started with a brief history of Gateway, formerly Williams AFB. Currently there are three commercial carriers: Swoop, West Jet and Allegiant. They also have a large number of military operations/refueling. The GA segment, especially biz jets is also growing. They are adding more food vendors in the terminal and gate areas.

There is some new construction at the airport. Executive Skybridge is developing about 370 acres that will combine US and Mexican Customs into one operation and add a fleet of cargo jets. They hope to reduce clearing customs from weeks to 24 hrs. Brian also talked about possible plans to developing the east side of the airport but they need more development on that side to support it.

Ron King said that Gateway ranks about 35<sup>th</sup> in operations and among contract towered airports it is 1<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation. He addressed some of the construction plans also. Funding has been secured and a new control tower will be going up about 500 feet from the existing one. Construction may start by the end of the year and will take two years. Runway/taxiway maintenance is ongoing and you should always check NOTAMS before flying in. On Feb 26<sup>th</sup> there will be about 1000 fifth graders coming over for career education day. They would love to have planes there for the kids to see.

Thanks Brian and Ron for the update on Gateway Airport.

Trent listed the monthly flying activities. Copperstate will be on Feb 6-9. See the Arizona Pilots Assoc. website to find other flying activities.

Jim T. briefed us on airspace. First, as of January 8<sup>th</sup>, Flight Service discontinued the Hazardous Inflight Weather Advisory (HIWAS). Flight Information Broadcast (FIS-B) replaces HIWAS and provides better weather information, often in a graphical format, which was not present with HIWAS.

Second, Marana (AVQ) will be getting a control tower. The city hired an airport development firm who petitioned the FAA to get the airport into the Federal Tower program, citing busy GA activities.

Todd B. gave the accident report. A Mooney M20 crashed 2 nm southwest of Flower Pot. The pilot did not survive. The pilot may have been scud running. Lesson learned, don't try to push your limits. The pilot of a C-182 was out at night testing a newly installed ADS-B system when he hit power lines near his home airport. Probable cause was the pilot was distracted. Lesson learned, do your system checks at a safe altitude in daytime. The next was a twin Piper that ran out of fuel. Both occupants survived. Finally, an RV-6 crashed in a cotton field. The two occupants had minor injuries. Probable cause was fuel starvation.

Andy's safety briefing tonight covered cold weather operations. Andy stressed three things: First is preparation. Check tire pressure. The pressure will decrease 1 psi/ 10 deg F decrease in temperature. Consider removing wheel pants. Know the conditions of the airport you are going to. Is the runway plowed? What facilities are there if you have a problem and need to stay overnight? If IFR, will your plane be able to reach MEA?

Second, dress warmly. Bring a hat and gloves (or mittens). Put extra clothes in the baggage area. If you have a survival jacket, wear it.

Third, be prepared to survive a forced landing. Carry a PLB. Carry a fully charged cell phone and a battery brick if you have one. Stay with your plane.

In flight,

- Don't fly into icing conditions
- Pitot heat should be on

- Be ready for inlet icing
- Cycle boots (if equipped)
- If you have a weeping wing, make sure you have the reservoir full before departing
- Be realistic about escape routes

Thank you Andy for tonight's presentations.

Bill W. announced the next YE events will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> from the terminal and June 6<sup>th</sup> from the Warbirds hangar. Please come out to help, especially pilots able to fly YE's.

Next we had the 50/50 raffle drawing. The winner received \$55. There was also a \$20 prize drawing for those that had pizza or a correct answer to the trivia questions. Congratulations to the winners.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectively submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

Check out the new chapter website [228.eaachapter.org](http://228.eaachapter.org) and please give us your thoughts.

## EAA 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.

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## 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

## CHAPTER 228 FLYING CLUB

Our EAA Chapter is continuing with plans on starting a flying club. Much of the initial planning has gotten under way, and what types of airplanes to be secured for club operation are being considered. If there are any chapter members wishing to join a flying club to reduce the cost of flying or even wishing to join a club to learn to fly or add ratings, this is your opportunity. If you are interested in joining, or can help with the club organization, Contact Todd Bristol (480) 755-4200 or Ron Alto (480) 206-6789

## FALCON FIELD FACILITY FEES

At the recent tenants meeting it was announced that the airport fees are being proposed to increase by 3% by the airport management team. Before the increase is imposed it will have to be discussed in several city subcommittees before being considered, and approved by the City Council. If you are interested, contact the airport offices to determine which committees and dates the item will be discussed before it is considered for possible approval by the City Council.

## 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. Because of runway 5-23 construction in progress, check NOTAMS, and plan on using runway 17-35.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast, and car show on the third Saturday of the month may be restarting on Saturday March 21. The City of Mesa is repainting the warbird hangar inside, and the contractor ran into serious issues with the painting. Watch for notices.

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, is operating in the air conditioned Terminal Building. It's open 6:30am to 2:00pm Monday through 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.

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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.

Brian Briggerman has some aircraft hand tools for sale. Please contact him for a list of the items available.

Call him at 602-999-4956



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