



# FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

•**NOTICE!** Because of the COVID 19 pandemic situation, it was the consensus of the Board of Directors of the Chapter to have a “webinar” type virtual meeting for February. Watch for an e-mail with the details.

•**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 ASAP.

•For the February meeting, Andy will have an interesting Safety discussion on the Normalization of Deviance, and there will a discussion by Todd Bristol of the planned annual fly out of the CTLS Airplane group to Bryce Canyon and Page (KPGA) in mid October.

# FEBRUARY 2021

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## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 2/2/23/2021 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Webinar
Tues. 3/9/2021 @ 6:30	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 3/23/2021 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Webinar
Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 am	Falcon Warbirds Ready Room

## CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The chapter social activities are on hold for the moment because of the Coronavirus crisis, and will resume when the crisis has passed.

### EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

January 26, 2021

The January meeting of the Falcons was a webinar using the WebEx platform. President Trent Heidtke brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 22 members signed on.

Trent opened the meeting with an update on Falcon Field as provided by Lynn Spencer from the administration. Due to unauthorized vehicle and pedestrian access to the movement area, the airport will be issuing new access cards and rules for tenants. There is also a plan to scrape and resurface 4/22L. The project is being funded by ADOT and the city of Mesa. The south runway will be closed for about 8 days. Falcon Field Administration is limited to telephone support only due to the Corona virus. Other airport businesses are open but may have limited hours. Please try to support them in these difficult times.

Trent continued with an update on the new hangar construction. Construction is moving along and most of the new hangars are closed in. Av Flight plans to move into one unit in May.

Councilman David Luna is planning a virtual event on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 to 1:00 PM with a focus on businesses. The airport plans a series of small events starting in July with a "Fabulous 40's Fair" to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Falcon Field.

The EAA is having a home builders week of webinars starting today. Some are eligible for Wings credit. Check them out.

We have applied for the Ray Scholarship again and are waiting for the EAA to make a selection on where the money goes.

Shayla Peregoy from the Falcon Field control tower is set to order tee shirts for a fund raiser. Please purchase some as a portion of the profits may be

coming back to this chapter. Contact Mike Cycon or Don Croyle if you are interested.

EAA calendars are available for \$12 each. If you would like to purchase one, see Trent. We also have received EAA "Oshkosh 2020" merchandise (hats, shirts, pins and patches) and they are available for purchase. Contact Don Christensen. A shout out this month goes to Rick Bosshardt for giving a youth a Young Eagle ride.

The Treasurer reports that the account balance is about the same as last month. Your Chapter dues are needed and Trent gave our PO Box address so you can make your payment.

Elections were held at the November meeting and Trent presented the Chapter officers who will be serving in 2021.

Next Trent gave an update on members build projects.

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| Glen D.      | Dyke Delta – no update.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Don H.       | Onex-installed the seat and drilled/mounted the landing gear.                                                                                                                                                |
| Keith P.     | Velocity-can't drive out of Canada due to COVID restrictions                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lewis M.     | RV-8-finished construction and is waiting for registration paperwork so he can schedule the DAR inspection. In the mean time he is taking some dual instruction so he can get current again.                 |
| Pete W.      | RV-12- no input this month.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Alex and Kim | RV-7- have been focusing on installing avionic boxes and wiring. Aaron Walker and Bob Greco came to see the project. Kim took some time off to learn to fly a paraglider. She is back working on upholstery. |
| Aaron W.     | RV-10- no progress on the airplane but he has passed his                                                                                                                                                     |

flight review for a CFI rating.  
Congratulations to Aaron.

The social dinners at Vito's on the second Saturday are on hold. Restaurants at most fly in destinations are open with indoor seating available. Thursday coffee (8:00 AM) in the newly revamped Warbirds ready room has resumed.

Here is the current outlook for fly outs:  
2/6-Coolidge breakfast  
2/19-20- Grapevine camp out

See the APA website for more details.

The Copperstate Fly-In has been cancelled. However, there will be an informal fly in on February 13 if you are interested. No camping, vendors or food available.

Trent gave the airspace and accident news.

Both the RYN and TUS towers are open.

There were 2 incidents reported. The first involved a Bell 47D1 helicopter at Marana. The loss of control resulted from the pilot maneuvering to avoid another aircraft on the taxiway. There was substantial damage but only minor injury to the pilot.

The second was a Pilatus during landing. The prop hit the ground and there was damage to the fuselage.

Also reported was the theft of a Kit Fox (N153PR) that was in a box trailer at Cottonwood airport. If you have any info, contact the local police. Silent Witness is offering a reward.

Bill Worger reports he has 3 kids waiting for a YE ride. The next YE event will be the EVIT summer group on June 5th. More details will be coming in April/May.

Andy Elliott gave his safety briefing on the Three Strike Rule.

When should you not go flying? Are you healthy? Have you taken any meds that might interfere with your physical or mental alertness?

Is your airplane working? Are there any mechanical squawks that should be addressed?

Is the weather forecast within your skills and or rating?

If you have an issue with the above, consider not flying today.

Also consider your performance before or during a flight. Andy's personal limit is three mental failures. For example, you forget a check list item, you miss a read back instruction, you forget to switch tanks. Individually these are minor events but if you have 3 or more mental mistakes, it indicates you are not on your game. Better to not fly or terminate your flight. Remember, it is better to be on the ground wishing you were in the air than be in the air wishing you were on the ground.

Thank you Andy.

For tonight's presentation, Trent gave an overview of Oshkosh AirVenture 2021. The good news is they are planning to have the event this year (180 days out). But, due to COVID, we can expect that there will be some things that won't happen. We'll just have to wait and see. Even with some changes, AirVenture has something for everyone.

You can find warbirds, ultralights, homebuilts, antique, vintage, aerobatic, and seaplanes at Oshkosh. Up to 10,000 airplanes will gather for the week.

There will be concerts and movies (Theater in the Woods and the Fly-In theater). There will be presentations and workshops. There will be aircraft (B-17, Tri motor) and helicopter rides.

Exhibits and shopping include all the major aircraft kit/factory built planes, colleges, aviation groups, a fly-mart and general merchandise vendors. There are also special events for kids, a focus on women in aviation, auctions and job fairs.

You can expect special events like the Honor Flight to honor our veterans. There are daily air shows and at least two night airshows culminating in fabulous fireworks.

And don't forget to visit the sea plane base which is a short bus ride away. Cap off your experience with a visit to the EAA Museum.

The next meeting will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Trent closed with a reminder to keep current by learning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## **FLIGHT SAFETY**

Use caution when flying into and out of Marana (AVQ) because there may be skydive operations in progress with a drop zone located between taxiway A, Taxiway C, and RWY 3-21. Under certain wind conditions, Skydivers may be drifting over RWY 12-30. Skydivers may also be walking across taxiway C moving from the drop zone to the operations office. Also use caution when flying in the area from Coolidge or Eloy to Tucson as there are numerous skydive operations along the route. Always check NOTAMS and exercise extreme caution when flying through the area. Always fly informed, and safe.

## **CHAPTER 228 FLYING CLUB**

While our EAA Chapter would like to continue with plans on starting a flying club, the virus pandemic has pretty much caused everything come to a halt. Because of the pandemic, those that had an interest have been distracted with more serious concerns, and once we get thru this present virus situation and things get more normalized, we can re-engage our flying club activity. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact; Philip Buckalew at [philip@pmbuckalew.com](mailto:philip@pmbuckalew.com) or Don Croyle at (480) 442-0808

## **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 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.

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 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.

## **PHOTO OF POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

### **THINGS TO DO**

### **PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST:**



Because of the present virus pandemic, some of the airport restaurants may have take-out service available. Call ahead.

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

On the second Saturday of the month, Ritchies restaurant on Ryan Field (RYN) is serving breakfast after 6 am.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast, and car show which was on the third Saturday of the month is still on hold awaiting approval from the City of Mesa to restart.

Grapevine is open full time, but the third Saturday of each month is a special time for a group camp dinner on Saturday evening. Come and camp for the weekend! The camp host will prepare the main course, and campers, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. ***Always check for TFRs because Grapevine, which lies within a National Forest, is heavily used by the Forest Service for fighting wildfires.***

The City of Casa Grande is planning on refurbishing the food service area in their Airport terminal area formally occupied by the Foxtrot Cafe. They have issuing a request for quote for someone to provide food handling services at the airport. Hopefully the Casa Grande Airport will soon again have a fly in breakfast available.



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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.

## Aircraft Parts For Sale

Call Brian Briggerman (602)999-4956  
email: blb703@cox.net

Trio EZ-2 Altitude hold system with Gold Standard servo. \$900.

Warp Drive 66" inch 3 blade propeller, SAE-1 hub. \$500.

Spinner, 10 inch 3 blade composite \$100,

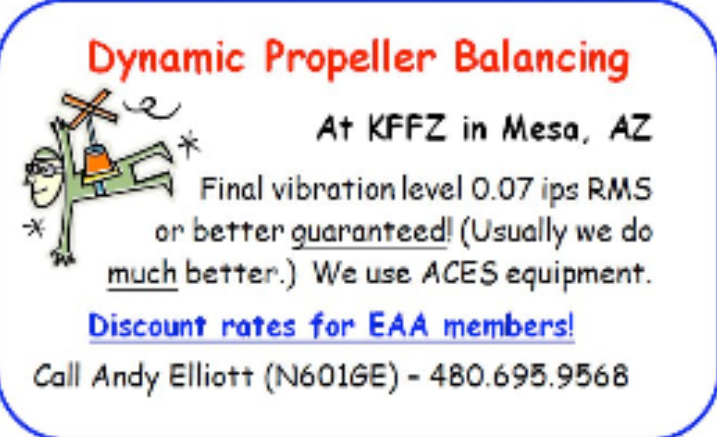
Zeftronics voltage regulator #R15V00 Rev A (new) (fits a Continental O-200). \$100.

Bendix King AV80R ACE GPS. \$100.

Pneumatic pulled rivet gun. \$100.



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## Misc. Items For Sale

I have several small tools for sale that are all in like new condition:

Avery vise grip dimplier, flutter, seamer, and a Goodyear cold flex rubber air hose with quick connect couplings.

"Make reasonable offer for all".

Also I need a piece of phenolic scrap .25 thick by 3" x 3" (or large enough to cover those 3x3 dimensions).

Thanks,  
Bob Smith



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