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FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING

- NOTICE! The October 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 October meeting we will have Andy Elliott give a presentation on how safely fly at night.
- We will also have the usual safety briefing by Andy.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues.10/24/2023 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Tues. 11/14/23 Meeting	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 11/28/23 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 were significantly up this past month, and deviations are being committed by student thru ATP certificate holders. It appears that there are still many that don't seem to know what type of airspace they are flying in. Always remember, when you fly in controlled airspace, don't be creative, and do something without first talking to ATC. Follow instructions, and fly with care. 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 is on the first Saturday of the month.

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 would normally have a Fly-In Breakfast on the third Saturday of the month, but because of the recent storm damage, the breakfasts have been canceled until further notice.

Grapevine is open full time, and the third Saturday camping and cookouts have resumed. The camp host will prepare the main course, and campers, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. ***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)
Tailandrager 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
September 26, 2023

The September 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 28 members/guests present.

Don reminded everyone that there are 299 days to Oshkosh 2024. He then announced that Corey B. has volunteered to manage our Face Book and event calendar. We will be looking for volunteers at several events coming up: EVIT STEM and CAF Dance on 11/4, YE event for EVIT students at Pegasus on 11/11.

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

Don asked any new members or visitors to introduce themselves.

Paul C. lives in Maricopa and flies a tow plane for gliders. He wants to learn about building by helping and watching others build. If he builds he is partial to tail wheel planes.

Alexander C. is a flight instructor (gliders) and works with Paul.

Dee Anne from Falcon Field admin gave us an update on Falcon news. The storm on 9/12/23 damaged many aircraft and hangars. The heaviest damage was to the WWII hangars used by Heliponents and War Birds/Wings of Flight and the large hangar east of Bravo used by Arizona Aircraft Interiors. Many doors on T hangars were blown off or pushed in by high winds. Since these are all custom size, a metal fabricator has been hired by the city to make replacement doors. Some of the old doors may be reused. A detailed inspection of hangars J, K and N will start next week. Large dumpsters have been added for storm damage debris. They will be on site until 10/30/23.

The first Cockpit Closeup event in front of the terminal was a big success and another is planned for October 7th from 8-10 AM. If you want to display your airplane, contact the admin office.

The next CAP blood drive is on 10/12 from 8 AM to 2 PM. The next CAF family fun day is on 11/14. Ask the airport ZOOM meeting is on 10/18 at 10:30 AM.

Celebrate Mesa is on 10/14 from 5-9 PM at the Red Mountain Soccer Complex and on 11/17 Heliponents will host Aviation Fascination from 5-7:30 PM with free food tasting.

The annual Christmas airlift for the Navaho Nation will be on November 9-11. They are adding Winslow as a drop off point if you don't want to make the longer trip.

Thank you Dee Anne.

Our Treasurer Dave B. reports that the chapter has \$9649.65 plus YE credits of \$575 that must be spent by the end of this year. Mike E. has requested that we use some of this money to buy a portable laser printer so we can print YE certificates at the event. The Board will consider this and let Mike know.

Don asked Eric for an update on his RV-10. He has received some replacement parts due to issues with laser drilled holes cracking and is working on the fuselage center section.

Dinner socials at Vito's on the second Saturday (4 PM) have resumed. The Thursday coffee has moved to the Admin lobby (7:30 to 8:30 AM).

Don has attended a joint chapter meeting and was surprised that some chapters were not aware of the Passport program. Let's spread the word.

Here are some of the fly out events:

- 9/29- Pleasant Valley Fly In
- 10/13-15- Grapevine camping
- 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 18 deviations, 10 Brashers were issued. There were 12 accidents/incidents but no injuries. Of these, two were gear up landings,

two were loss of control and two density altitude related. See the APA Newsletter for more details.

Mike E. gave the YE update. He needs 7 pilots for the EVIT event on 11/11 at Pegasus. There is a large YE event at Stellar on 11/2 (100 kids expected). He also has 10 kids looking for single flights. Let Mike know if you can help with any of these.

Andy Elliot gave a Safety Briefing on "Can You Safely Prop Your Plane?" If you don't have a high compression engine and do have at least one magneto with an impulse coupler, you should be able to hand prop. Andy began with a short video on a hand propping accident caused by a broken P lead. In this case, the mag was hot when the pilot tried to position the blade for hand propping and the engine fired and the blade hit him in the arm. To avoid this, he suggests that you should do a mag grounding check after the flight and before shutting down.

The next video showed the best way hand prop. If possible, one pilot should be at the controls. Use agreed upon words, e.g., "brakes set", "mags off" and "contact". Verify the brakes are set by pushing on the plane. Wear gloves and don't wrap your fingers around the blade. Swing the blade down and move away as you do this.

Use chocks or a tie down. You don't want the plane to start and chase you around. Be smart. If you are not confident in doing this, don't try it.

Thank you Andy.

Don introduced our guest speaker Keith Dorson. Keith is a chapter member and has a company called Wise World Investments. His topic tonight is "Legacy Giving to a Charity". Keith began with a discussion on Estate Planning. A good estate plan should include the following elements:

Living Trust- keep current by reviewing every three years

Certificate of Trust (a brief summary of the Trust)

Pour Over Will- should address the assets not in the trust

Living Will- who makes decisions if you cannot

Durable Power of Attorney- authorization to act on your behalf

Durable Medical Power of Attorney- make medical decisions for you
Evidence of proper funding of the Trust
Letters of Instructions

Bequest (donation) to charity: to get a tax deduction for cash or non cash donations, the charity must be a 501(c)(3). You can verify this on IRS.gov (charities and non profits). Non cash donations under \$250 need a receipt from the charity, more than \$500 need a form 8283 filed with your tax return. More than \$5,000 needs an appraisal.

Here is a suggestion: if you want to make a bequest to your chapter or the EAA or any other charity, consider a life insurance policy with the organization as the beneficiary. That way for a smaller investment, you could leave a larger donation without diminishing what your heirs receive.

Other donation strategies are:

Donor Advised Fund- allows you to support more than one charity and gives the donor an immediate tax deduction.

Tax Cut and Jobs Act (TCJA)- Allows for higher percent of income donation and a carry forward for 13 years. This expires in 2025.

Charitable Remainder Trust-often used with highly appreciated assets. The donee can receive income and the donation reduces the estate value which may be help to reduce estate taxes.

Contact Keith at 480-890-0100 if you want to set up an estate plan or need help with any financial issue.

Thank you Keith.

The next meeting will be on October 24, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary