



# AUGUST 2023

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## FOR THE AUGUST MEETING

- NOTICE! The August 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 August meeting we will have a recap of that happened at EAA Oshkosh. We will also have the usual safety briefing by Andy.

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 8/22/2023 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Tues. 9/12/23 Meeting	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 9/26/23 Meeting	In Person Meeting
Thursday Coffee @ 7:30 am	In the Falcon Field Terminal Lobby

## CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Chapter has had dinners at Vito's restaurant in Mesa on the second Saturday of the month. But, because of poor attendance, the dinners have been discontinued for the summer, and may resume in the fall.

## 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](http://AZpilots.org) or contact Trent Heidtke.

## PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations are about the same as last time, and deviations have been committed by Student Pilot thru ATP certificate holders. It appears that there are many pilots that just don't seem to know what's expected of them when flying through the airspace they are in. Always remember, when you fly in controlled airspace, don't be creative, and do something without first talking to ATC. Pick up an Airman's Information Manual (AIM) and review it from time to time. Fly with care, and 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 on the first Saturday of the month has ceased for the summer, and will resume in the fall.

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 have discontinued their fly-in breakfast on the third Saturday of the month, but plan to resume in October .

Grapevine is now open full time, but because of the summer temperatures weekend activities have ceased for the summer, and will resume in the fall. ***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)

Taildragger 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  
June 27, 2023

7/11- APA meeting  
7/15- Mogollon airpark pancake breakfast  
7/24-30- AirVenture

The June meeting of the Falcons was an in person meeting at the CAU hangar. President Don Croyle brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 23 members/guests present.

Don reminded everyone that there are only 28 days to Oshkosh 2023. He then announced that we need someone to take on the role of managing our social media (e.g., Face Book). Chapter camping at Oshkosh is still open at \$309/site.

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

Don asked any new members or visitors to introduce themselves.

Glen C.- Glen is Gary's brother and is visiting from California. Glen is into electronic projects and helped Gary with wiring his RV-6A.

Dee Anne from Falcon Field admin was not able to be here tonight so Don gave a few updates. Two new interns, Jacob and Tanner will be working in the office this summer. Jacob will be at Oshkosh and will be sending photos to DeAnne for distribution. The next CAP blood drive is on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 2 PM. The next ask the airport ZOOM meeting is on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The annual ice cream social will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you Don.

Dave Bankhead, our Treasurer, reported that the chapter has a balance of \$9,165.05 which does not include the YE credits earned this year.

Don asked Eric for an update on his RV-10. They have completed the empennage and are ready to start on the wings.

Dinner socials are on hold for the summer and will return in the fall. Thursday coffee has moved to the Admin lobby (thanks Dee Ann).

Here are some of the fly out events for May:

Check the APA website for more info.

Don summarized the pilot deviations and accident data. Pilot deviations continue to occur but Don did not have the details for the last month. Most of the deviations involved moving onto a runway without a clearance. There were 8 accidents/incidents last month and regretablely, one resulted in 2 fatalities. See the APA Newsletter for more details.

Andy Elliot is recovering from shoulder surgery, so there was no safety briefing this month.

There were no individual YE flights in the past month. The YE event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> had 13 pilots flying 22 kids from Diana's aviation camp. The next YE event will be in October for EVIT.

Don asked everyone what is your favorite thing from past Oshkosh events. Several people shared their favorite memory. The night airshow, fireworks and spectacular aerobatics (especially in non aerobatic planes) were mentioned by several.

In lieu of a regular program, we asked members to bring and talk about their favorite shop tool.

Mike showed a tool he make to hold AN bolts which makes it easy to install them in tight places. He also showed a cushion clamp tool which allows you to compress the clamp for easy assembly.

Gary had a similar tool as Mike's for aligning control surfaces and another form of bolt holder that is great for difficult to reach places.

Ron showed a safety release mechanism that he uses with a winch to pull his plane into the hanger. The safety release will automatically disconnect the tow line if the winch does not shut down.

Howard brought a device he uses to quickly adjust both carbs on his Rotax engine. It uses two manifold pressure gages to allow precise tuning.

Joe brought a special tool he uses to hold washers for easy installation.

Thanks to everyone for sharing with the group.

The next meeting will be on August 22, 2023. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary