



# JUNE 2022

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# FOR THE JUNE MEETING

•NOTICE! The in-person June chapter meeting will be held at the CAF. As before, enter from the south side of the building. Pizza and drinks for a \$5 donation will be available from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with the meeting at 7:00 pm. **No Meeting In July !**

•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 June meeting we will focus on Oshkosh AirVenture 2022. We will get input from members on who is planning on going, and what their trip plans are. (how long to fly, route, etc.)

•We will also have Andy Elliott give an appropriate safety presentation.

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 6/28/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
On Hold For July	Board Meeting Webinar
Tues. 8/23/2022 @ 7:00 pm	In Person Meeting
Thursday Coffee @ 7:00 am	Falcon Warbirds Ready Room

## CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Chapter has restarted the dinners at Vito's restaurant on the southeast corner of McKellips and Lindsay Rds. The meeting time is 4:00 pm on the second Saturday of the month. Contact Gary Hertzler on the Thursday before the dinner to make your reservations. Join the group for an enjoyable dinner and conversation.

### EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary May 24, 2022

The May meeting of the Falcons was an in person meeting at the CAF hangar. President Don Croyle brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 30 members/guests present.

Don opened the meeting with a progress report from Jayden, our Ray Scholar. Jayden has been flying about 4 times per week and received an award from the Explorer Post for being the most active pilot. Don reminded everyone that he has secured a Chapter camp site at Oshkosh. This is in a tent camping area. See Don if you want to join the group. The 2022 EAA calendars are here. If you ordered one, they are \$15 each. If you joined recently and have not gotten a nametag, see Leslie.

Don continued by asking for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was made and passed.

Next Don asked guests/visitors to introduce themselves.

Russel T. is visiting from Globe, AZ. Wants to get involved in building. Is taking flying lessons and hopes to eventually get an A&P license.

Eric H. lives in Scottsdale and works at Boeing. He has a PPL and glider rating. He is just starting to build an RV-10.

Frank P. just finished an RV-7A and is looking to get transition training. This is his third home built plane and he is also working on a Kit Fox.

Next was an update on Falcon Field by Dee Anne.

The observation area is finished except for some kid friendly seating. A dedication ceremony is being planned. Pavement resealing around the hangars is proceeding in stages. Grant money has been secured for the east ramp project which is in the design phase. The Higley ramp is proceeding. The 4R/22L scrape/repavement project will start June 23 and the runway will be closed for 2 weeks. There will be a path for aircraft on the south side to get to the north runway. Fighter Aces Dr improvements and a memorial garden by the WWII hangar are being planned. An Intent to Lease Notice has been issued for the empty lot next to Gate 4/5.

There will be an ice cream social at the Admin building on August 18. An open house for the new hangars on the north side is planned for Oct/Nov.

If approved by the Mesa city council, increased fees will take effect on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Events coming up include a blood drive at the CAP building on June 9 and July 14 (8 AM to 2 PM). The Falcon Field Open House is planned for March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The CAF will have discounted admission on October 4<sup>th</sup> (family day). If you go to Oshkosh for AirVenture 2022, send your photos to Dee Anne.

Thank you Dee Anne.

Gary Christensen gave a short talk on what Memorial Day means to him. Take a moment to reflect on all the sacrifices made in all the wars fought. The killed,/wounded numbers are staggering. He recently heard a talk from a former POW and how they survived in captivity. The "tap code" they developed became so effective that they could easily "talk" to each other whenever they wanted.

Memorial Day is a time for Gary to remember his friends who died serving in peacetime. Gary was in the Air Force and Air National Guard, serving the latter as a KC-135 boom operator. Shortly after he retired, a mid air collision of a KC-135 and a GA aircraft near Luke claimed the lives of all four crew members. In remembrance of this, Gary read off the names of the crew and a brief bio of each man. On reflection, if Gary had not retired, he could have been on that plane on that fateful day.

So on this Memorial Day, remember those who sacrificed for our freedom. Freedom is not free.

The treasurer, Dave Bankhead, reports that the balance is \$8395.87 which includes \$2000 remaining for Jayden.

Don gave updates on members build projects.

Keith P-Velocity- no progress as Keith has returned to Canada for the summer.

Lewis M -RV-8-had his first flight and all went well.

Social dinners at Vito's (4:00 PM) on the second Saturday have resumed. Thursday coffee at 7:30 to 9:00 AM in the the newly revamped Warbirds ready room. Come check it out.

Next Trent H. gave us an update on the Passport program. The app is available now for Android and Apple phones. The QR code plaques are being made and they hope to have them at the various airports by the end of June.

Here is the current flying outlook :

5/28 Casa Grande Breakfast  
6/4 Young Eagle event

Next Don gave the airspace/accident news.

Pilot deviations declined slightly but continue to be an issue. These were committed by all class of pilots from students to ATPs. Make sure you understand ATC instructions and be aware of the airspace you are in.

There were 7 accidents/incidents in April-May. Fortunately there were no injuries. Please be careful out there.

Andy Elliott gave tonight's safety briefing on the root cause of most GA accidents. Andy believes the number one reason is a lack of proficiency. Why is this true? What prevents pilots from achieving the level of proficiency they need?

The root causes of this are:

- pilots don't have a proficiency goal
- they don't have a personal plan
- they don't practice

Why?

- proficiency beyond currency is not a requirement
- the aircraft certification standards tell you what you need to become a pilot but not what you need to maintain proficiency. AC 61-98D says you should have a proficiency plan but offers no guidance to develop one

Proficiency plan.

- physical skills important but the average accident not caused by poorly executed maneuvers
- typically the result of a bad decision resulting in the pilot's inability to control the aircraft
- even the best pilots need to maintain their skills

Why pilots don't practice for proficiency.

- it's time consuming and expensive
- hard to motivate yourself to go out and practice

What you can do to maintain proficiency.

- Red Bird has an app that will remind you to practice for proficiency
- try to do something non standard on your normal flights from A to B
- practice short field landing
- practice power off landings, no flap landings
- do a go around just for the heck of it

Thank you Andy.

Next Todd B. did an interactive phone trivia game. Congrats to Eric H. with the winning score.

The next meeting will be on June 28, 2022. Don closed with a reminder to keep current by learning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## **YOUNG EAGLE EVENT**

We had a very successful Young Eagle event the first part of June flying 26 kids. A really big thanks to all that participated and made it happen.

## PILOT DEVIATIONS

The number of pilot deviations that have been reported by the FAA SDL FSDO were down by one deviation from last month. These deviations were again committed by the full range of pilot certificate holders. It still seems that some pilots just don't seem to understand what type of airspace they are flying in, or are about to enter into, and what is going to be expected of them. While there were 18 general aviation pilot deviations recorded, some were serious enough that there was a need to issue eight pilots Brasher notices that further FAA action would be needed. Please fly with care, and don't be part of the problem by committing a deviation. See the latest APA Newsletter for the pilot deviation details.

## 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; 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.

## AIR FORCE MOA CHANGES

The Air Force has closed the comment period on their proposed MOA changes, and are in the process of reviewing the comments received. Because there are several departments of the Air Force that are involved in the process, it was advised that it may be some time (A couple of years) before a final proposal of changes requested will be made available for comment. So for now I guess we will have to sit back, and see what they come up with for changes.

## 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 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.



## AIRSPACE ITEMS

Gateway airport (IWA) is getting a new control tower and it should start operation in September this year.

## AIRSPACE ITEMS (Continued)

Marana is going to be getting a Control Tower. The citing study is in the hands fo the FAA. The contract for the Environmental Study is in progress, and no date has been discussed for start of operation.

### THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport has stopped and will resume in the fall.

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 which is on the third Saturday of the month has stopped in May and will resume in the fall.

Grapevine is now 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. ***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.

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

## CHAPTER WANT ADS

### Misc. Items For Sale

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.

Gary Hertzler has an available bed at the UW Oshkosh dorms during AirVenture week Sunday through Wednesday. These are 2-person dorm rooms which I would like to split the room rate. Contact Gary at [hertzler@yahoo.com](mailto:hertzler@yahoo.com) if interested.

RV-9 tail kit only for sale. Vertical and horizontal stabilizers are assembled. Call David Welch (480) 277-1012-9 tail kit only for sale. Vertical and horizontal stabilizers are assembled. Call David Welch (480) 277-1012

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