

# FEBRUARY 2016

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# FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING

- The February meeting will be at the CAF Hangar at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 2/23/16. Enter through the south door. 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 Mike Cycon to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 this month.
- For this month's program, we will have Adam Burnett, a local certified welder, and he will have a presentation on aircraft welding and will show examples of his work. Andy will have a safety briefing on the wings program and how it can be used to maintain your BFR currency.

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 2/23/16 @ 7:00PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. 3/8/16 @ 7:00 PM	Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. 3/22/16 @ 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 AM	Coffee at EAA Warbirds Hangar

The Chapter 228 socials are continuing with dinner at Vito's Italian restaurant at 4 pm on the Southeast corner of McKellips and Lindsay Roads. The socials are scheduled for the 2nd Saturday evening of the month.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons  
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

January 26, 2016

The January 2016 meeting of the Falcons was held at the Commemorative Air Force hangar at Falcon field, Mesa, AZ.

Prior to the start of the "business" portion of the chapter meeting, members and guests were honored with a tour of the Commemorative Air Force's maintenance facility. We gathered 6:53 PM where Chief Maintenance Officer Larry Pederson walked us around the facility. Larry provided us a very thorough overview of the facility. The timing of the tour coincided with the B-17 Sentimental Journey's scheduled progressive inspection. Larry noted that the B-17 is too big an aircraft to perform an annual inspection, therefore portions of the aircraft is sectioned out into four "25 hour" groupings. For example, the first 25 hour inspection would do the No 1 engine and landing gear. The second 25 hour inspection would do the No 2 engine and control surfaces. The third 25 hour inspection would do the No 3 engine and another grouping of airframe components. The fourth would do the No 4 engine, etc. At that point, the annual is just administrative. At any given time there are about 12 maintenance personnel dedicated to the project. There are typically 25 maintenance personnel volunteering at the CAF. There was a brief history of the aircraft and then an overview of the machine shop and inventory of spare parts. Larry provided a lot of information, but there was just too much information to include in this newsletter. A big thank you goes out to Larry for sharing his time with us.

The "business" portion of the meeting was brought to order by President Steve Martin at 7:50 PM.

There were 30 members and guests in attendance.

Steve asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

- Jason is an Army reservist, a CPA and has joined the EAA with intentions of building an RV10
- James is a fighter pilot and working on his civilian fixed-wing SEL add-on.

The November 2015 meeting minutes were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

Brian Briggerman reminded us that the monthly dinner socials are held on the second Saturday of the month at Vito's Italian restaurant. The restaurant is located at 1947 N Lindsay Rd in Mesa, AZ. The next dinner social is scheduled for Saturday February 13, 2016. Brian also gave us a reminder that weekly coffee socials are held each Thursday morning at 8:00am in the Warbirds hangar located off Fighter Aces Dr. at Falcon Field.

The treasurer reported that the balance at the end of December 2015 was \$2580.63.

Steve noted that the Holiday party in December was a good event. Mike Cycon let us know that this year's holiday party reservations have already been confirmed at Dobson Ranch Golf Club in Mesa (same as last year) on Saturday 10 December 2016.

Steve asked the attendees on any builder progress. Gary Christensen reporting that his hanger passed the last inspection and that since he is now officially retired; he is making good progress on his RV-6A. He is preparing to install the engine and should be flying in the next few months. Bob Smith is making progress on his Sonex. Don Hogue was not at the meeting, but his hanger mate said that he is making progress on his Onex. Keith Pickels trailered the fuselage portion of his Velocity and is currently working on sanding and fitting the doors. Trent Heidtke has finished up on the wiring and plumbing of the engine; the wings are done. Glen has done a lot of preparations prior to starting the Dyke Delta build.

Jim Timm reported that there was "nothing new and exciting on Arizona airspace at the moment".

There is lots of airport construction going on around the state:

- FFZ Revisions to taxiway Alpha run up areas next month

2015 was an excellent year from flight safety stand point. Only 2 fatal accidents in 2015. One a glider and the other a Medi-Vac helicopter in December. Last year compared to 2014:

Total Accidents:	2015	38
	2014	61
Fatal Accidents:	2015	2
	2014	10
Fatalities:	2015	3
	2014	16

In 2015, Experimental accidents nationwide were also down.

Andy started off the Safety Briefing by passing around a clipboard for volunteers to work the Young Eagles event set for 26 March 2016. Andy is having discussions on this with the new Falcon Field Tower Chief. Also, Falcon Field has asked for more flight operations that day. Andy will ask for approval to do low approaches during our Young Eagles flights. It was noted that a fly-by is not approved, but a low approach is. EAA has instituted a Young Eagles protection program, where any volunteer will require having a cursory background check done along with required training video. The background and training must be done by 1 May 2016. EAA is asking for feedback on this change. Andy also announced upcoming events around the area:

- Pleasant Valley Fly-In Saturday 30 January 2016
- Cactus Fly-In Friday-Saturday 4-5 March 2016. There will be a large number of Wings seminars available.
- Falcon Warbirds will be doing formation training at FFZ on Friday-Saturday 4-5 March 2016.
- Mooney Group is doing formation training at Yuma on Saturday 6 February 2016.
- Buckeye Air Fare is on Saturday 6 February 2016

Andy also provided us an update from the FAA on what's new at Flight Service:

Lockheed Martin is the contractor that runs Flight Service.

The FAA has announced that Flight Watch is going away. Going forward, there will be a single frequency (122.2) used to get service in the air. Mainly services will be available to pilots via on-line, phone and mobile devices. The FAA is making sure that all pilots will have the same data available going forward. The new program provides real time standard and translated weather briefing while both on the ground and in flight. Andy showed a video from the FAA covering the changes. One new change that will go into effect in Fall of 2016 is the Flight Plan form will change to ICAO format.

There was no EAA chapter video shown.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectively submitted  
Philip M. Buckalew, Secretary

## **NEWS LETTER REQUEST**

We would very much like to have a monthly submission from a chapter member on some notable flying event that has recently happened or that may be coming up or a new or "different" building project that is under way.

## **FFZ OPEN HOUSE**

Falcon Field is having an open house on March 26 and Chapter 228 is planning to have a Young Eagles event during the open house. Pilots and ground crew help is going to be needed. Please plan on signing up to help out. If you would like to put your airplane on display at the event contact Dee Anne Thomas in the terminal. She is coordinating the event displays.

## **BUCKEYE AIR FAIR 2016**

The Buckeye Air Fair 2016 is now officially in the history books. On Saturday 06 February 2016, it was a beautiful crystal clear day. Something we in

Arizona have grown to expect. From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm aviation enthusiasts, families and friends gathered together for a day of flying, food and fun. There were many vendors ranging from burgers and burritos to helicopter rides.

There were approximately 45 aircraft that showed up. Of these, there was a flight of three Stearman bi-planes, a flight of four Mooney's along with a medevac helicopter on display. Just before noon, a pair of F-16s returning to Luke AFB provided a bit of excitement by doing a low level fly-over with afterburners on. It was a very short demonstration, but something that will last quite a while. At least it will last in my memory. After noon, the airport was closed while a group of local RC airplane enthusiasts performed a one hour flying demonstration of various kinds of model aircraft. It became rather windy during the demonstration made flying RC aircraft which appeared to make flying somewhat challenging. Over all, the demonstration went very well.

I was one of the many volunteers working the event. My job was to help man the fuel truck loaded with 100LL. One amongst many that volunteered for the event. Sergio was the other half of the fuel truck team. We were kept busy throughout the event. If we were not fueling aircraft, we were passing out bottled water to the other volunteers. The ramp was filled with many visitors, and the volunteers did a good job of keeping order. Between marshaling both aircraft and visitors, the volunteers performed very well. Kudos goes out to all that worked the event. I'm already looking forward to next year.

by Philip Buckalew

## **FLY IN BREAKFAST VENUES**

The first Saturday of the month; Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08) breakfast.



On the second Saturday of the month; The Ryan Field (RYN) fly in breakfast is at Todds Restaurant, open 8 - 2

On the third Saturday; The EAA Falcon Warbirds Squadron breakfast in their hangar.

The third Saturday of the month there is also a fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation. (Often there have been very special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

The last Saturday of the month there is a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ) that runs from 7:00 am until 10:00 am. The breakfast is served inside the terminal building.

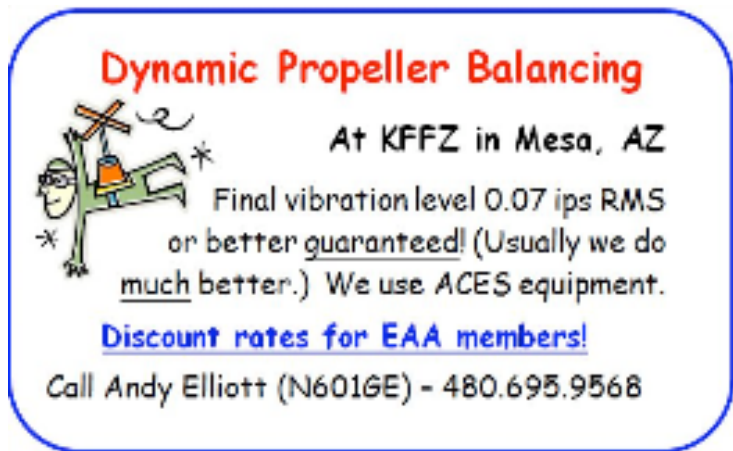
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### NEED A FLIGHT PHYSICAL

Dr. David Bryman (Sr. AME) is still doing medicals for the FAA but on a reduced schedule. He is now located in west Phoenix. His number is 602-549-2291. You can find him on the [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) website (search for AME listing).



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and it will be placed in the WANT ADDS 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.

### FOR SALE

2 place Sonex - Tri Gear. Amateur Built LSA. Annual Condition Inspection October 2016 Jabiru 2200 engine. 610 hours Total Time on Engine and Airframe. Aero V fuel system, Dual Controls VHF 360 Comm. radio/intercom, Xponder, GPS 149 mph TAS @ 8,000' Density Altitude. Based at Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.

\$29,500

Contact: 480-964-9236

