



# JUNE 2019

## FOR THE JUNE MEETING

• **NOTICE!** The June meeting will be at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Officer's Club Room at Falcon Field on Tuesday 6/25/2019 at 7:00 PM. Use the entrance on the south side of the building as before. 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 Don Croyle to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 this month.

• For our June meeting we will have a presentation/demonstration by various members of the chapter on what aviation weather app. they find most useful, and helpful. With members planning on flying to AirVenture, Oshkosh, or just summer trips, this should be very helpful info.

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### CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 6/25/19 @ 7:00 pm	Chapter Meeting CAF Club Room
No July Meeting	Directors Meeting Warbirds Hangar
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Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 am	Warbirds Hangar @ 8:00 am

## CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Thursday morning coffee at 8:00 in the Warbirds Hangar, a Chapter 228 monthly social with dinner at Vito's Italian restaurant usually happens on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Because of the summer schedules, this social will be on hold until September.

### EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

May 28, 2019

The May meeting of the Falcons was held at the CAF hangar at Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.

President Trent Heidtke brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were 40 members and guests in attendance.

Trent opened the meeting with several announcements:

Bill W. reminded us that the next Young Eagle event is on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be about 22 kids from the EVIT summer camp. Plot briefing will be at 0620 hrs at the west end of the Warbirds hangar.

The chapter board decided that instead of Social Director to handle Thursday coffee and the monthly dinner, we need a Communications Director to keep members up on social events. If anyone is interested, please see Trent.

The Copperstate organization wants suggestions for naming the campgrounds. If you have an idea, let Rick Reuland know or submit your entry to [president@copperstate.org](mailto:president@copperstate.org)

Next Todd B. gave a status on the flying club. He is still gathering info and passed around the sign up sheet so he can keep everyone informed.

For those interested in building/owning an airplane, we started a segment called "what I fly and why". Todd B. talked about his Flight Designs CTLS. This is an S-LSA aircraft (factory made) with carbon fiber construction and a Rotax 912 engine. It has good range (700 miles) and baggage capability.

Todd plans to fly it to KOSH and to the east coast this summer.

A motion was made to accept the April minutes as published. The motion passed.

Trent asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

Kevin A. - has about 250 hrs. He might be interested in the flying club.

Park B. - has some 172 experience and may be interested in the flying club.

Cameron V. just got his PPL.

Gary (?) has about 1500 hrs in Cessnas. He is considering building.

Brad T. - is thinking about resuming his quest for a PPL.

Aaron W. - has an instrument rating and wants to get back into flying. He plans to look into experimentals.

Ken P. - is a retired aircraft mechanic. He wants to get more involved in GA.

JulianV.- has built and RV-12. Was a past member of the Deer Valley chapter.

Welcome guests and apologies for anyone I missed.

Nest Trent gave a shout out to Jessie Childs. Jessie joined last month and immediately volunteered to create a Chapter 228 page on Facebook. Thanks Jessie! If you have a Facebook account, post your flying activities so we can grow our followers.

Treasurer Don C. said the current balance is \$4,331.21. Don has logo shirts/hats for sale tonight. See him after the meeting.

Trent asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project. Lewis has finished the wings on his RV-8. He expects the fuselage kit in early June. Gene has finished his PA-22 restoration and is getting himself current to fly it. Alex reports that he has finished the fuel tanks on his RV-7. The fuselage will be arriving in a couple of weeks.

Trent reminded everyone of the Thursday coffee (0800-0900) in the Warbirds hangar .

Trent listed the monthly flying activities and referred everyone to the Arizona Pilots Assoc. website to find this info.

Jim Timm started off by saying that there is an issue with a military helicopter base (PCA) just north-west of Pinal (MZJ). The Phoenix sectional says to contact the tower within 4 nm below 2500 feet agl. Since it is not a class D airspace, any pilots are not aware of this requirement and are creating a safety issue.

Jim also said that the city of Cottonwood is being pressured by local groups to close the airport. If you know any politicians from the area, please ask them to fight this movement.

Todd B. reported there were five accidents. A C-172 made an off airport landing 15 miles northwest of AVQ after experiencing a loss of power.

At Sedona, a Beech 35 experienced loss of power while the pilot/owner was getting some transition training and suffered substantial damage. The CFI was a high time ATP but only had 5 hours in make and model.

Another accident involved a Stearman, but no injuries and a 172 had a taxi incident at Prescott.

Andy Elliott presented the Safety Briefing on Lights on for Safety/ADS-B and surviving a crash.

ADS-B in will display local traffic, however, in the Falcon traffic pattern, it is best to focus your attention outside as the number of targets can be overwhelming.

Lights on during landing is recommended even in daytime to improve your visibility to other aircraft. All of the CAE planes are doing this and it is recommended that you do it as well. Consider installing a wig-wag which alternately flashes your right and left landing light. You can also install bright strobe lights. There are some 12 V models being used by cyclists that you could adapt for use on an experimental.

Be prepared for an emergency. Don't forget to take water. Andy recommends at least one gallon per person and a small bottle within easy reach. If you are not using a 406 ELT in your plane, consider upgrading now. Get a personal PLB or spot tracker and carry it on you body. Your cell phone could be your best safety device if you are in an area with coverage. Carry a power brick to extend the usable life. Consider using a survival vest. Andy demonstrated his vest and what he carries: basic first aid, a reflective mylar wrap, a PLB, a utility knife (leatherman or equivalent), signal mirror, fire starter (matches and/or flint) and a flashlight. Remember that in an emergency you can only count on leaving the plane with items on you, not in the baggage compartment. Be prepared to wait 24 hours before being rescued. You will need water but not food.

Tonight's program speaker is Eric Snyder (480-988-8182) from the Chandler Gilbert Community College CGCC) speaking about the A&P program.

Currently there is a strong demand for airframe and power plant mechanics. Salaries are rising and airlines, FBO and flight schools are always looking to hire. CGCC offers a 18 month program and enrollment usually fills up quickly. Classes are available both day and night. If you want to learn about a specific area (i.e. sheet metal, composites, etc.) you can audit the classes you are interested in. When you finish the classroom work you will have to take an airframe and/or power plant written test and a practical test. The cost of these tests are not included in the program tuition. You also need to obtain a complete set of tools. Top of the line tools like SnapOn can be purchased at a discount but will still run into the \$1500 -\$2000 range. Plan to spend a minimum of \$500.

After 3 years of working as an A&P you can take a written test to add the Inspection Authorization certificate.

Thank you Eric for a very interesting presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectively submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

Check out the new chapter website [228.eaachapter.org](http://228.eaachapter.org) and please give us your thoughts.

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## 228 CHAPTER APPAREL

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Cost \$25 for the grey and \$15 for the white.

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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.

## THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO GO FOR BREAKFAST:

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08), on the first Saturday of the month has stopped for the summer, and will restart on October.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast and car show on the third Saturday of the month has also stopped operation until October.

On the third Saturday, the fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation is still on a quarterly basis. Check APA calendar for dates. (There are still special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

The Grapevine Airstrip (88AZ) next to Roosevelt Lake is open to fly into any time, but the BBQ lunch which was hosted by APA is on hold for the summer, and is planned to restart in October.

The last Saturday of the month there is still a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). The Airport's restaurant, Foxtrot Cafe, operating in the climate controlled Terminal Building, is open 6:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Saturday. On the last Saturday of the month they will continue thru the summer to have a "Fly in Breakfast Special" available on the menu; the price for adults is \$8 and kids \$5.

## EAA AirVenture 2019

Anyone with an empty seat, and looking for a passenger to AirVenture, or if you are looking for a ride to AirVenture, be at the next Chapter 228 meeting, and make the connections.

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## TOOLS FOR SALE

An RV-8 builder is selling his sheet metal tools used to build his RV-8. All tools half price. Too many to list. Contact John by email: [john@jvick.net](mailto:john@jvick.net).

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