



# SEPTEMBER 2017

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# FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

- **NOTE CHANGE:** The August meeting will be at the EAA Warbird Hangar at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 9/26/17. 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 Philip Buckalew to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 this month.
- Because of the interest in BasicMed, this month's program will be an open discussion of the BasicMed program with Ken Enger and Larry Jensen relating their personal experience in using BasicMed. Time permitting, we will also see the latest EAA video.

## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 9/26/17 @ 7:00PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. 10/10/17 @ 6:30 PM	Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
Tues. 10/24/17 @ 6:30 PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Thursday Coffee	Warbirds Hangar @ 8:00 AM

The Chapter 228 monthly social with dinner at Vito's Italian restaurant happens on the 2nd Saturday of the month. To make reservations, please advise Brian Briggerman by the Thursday before if you are planning on attending. Dinner time is at 4:00 pm.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of chapter officers for 2018 is coming up fast. In the September meeting we will need to start the process by taking nominations for the various positions that will need to be filled; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Unfortunately, our current president, Steve Martin has informed us he will not be able to fill that position for us next year. Please give consideration to filling one of these four positions or help in finding someone who will. We all need to do our part in continuing to make Chapter 228 the successful and fun chapter it is. We need to assemble a slate of officers at the October meeting, and the election of new officers will take place in the November meeting.

### **EAA Chapter 228 Falcons Membership Meeting Minutes Summary**

August 22, 2017

The August meeting of the Falcons was held at the War Birds hangar at Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.

Vice President Gary Hertzler brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There were 24 members and guests in attendance.

Steve asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

- Derek Hadyka, age 14, recently experienced a Young Eagle ride and is interested in getting his pilot license. Derek was accompanied by his mother, Renee
- Bill York met Gary Hertzler at Oshkosh and was told of our Chapter. Bill has an RV-7 (?) at Stellar Air Park and is building a Long EZ
- James Busch came to check out our Chapter

Welcome to all our guest/new members!

The treasurer reported that the balance at the end of June 2017 was \$2,832,78 and at the end of July 2017 it was \$2,952.78.

VP Gary Hertzler asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project.

Trent H. has removed his turbo and is installing a new exhaust system on his Prescott Pusher. Larry J. (Lancair Legacy) is close to first flight. Gene M. reports that Don H. is working steadily on his Onex. Mike C. reported that Bob S. is also making progress on his Sonex (but is away for the summer).

Brian B. reports that the Thursday coffee in the War Birds hangar (8:00 AM) is still going. The dinner socials at Vito's are on the second Saturday of the month. Let Brian know if you are coming and bring the spouse/significant other.

Jim Timm started off by saying that the Luke range safety officer is seeing a lot of incursions into the restricted airspace by the Goldwater range. This range sees a lot of combat training with live ammo and if an incursion is detected on radar, the military ops activity has to stop. It is a very costly to stop and reschedule and is very dangerous to the intruding aircraft. If you are planning a flight in the vicinity of R2301, R2304 and R2305, be aware of where you are at all times and don't fly into this airspace!

Since our last meeting, there have been 10 accidents with 4 fatalities. The first fatal was an RV-7 that departed Buckeye Airport and did not return. The wreckage was found by the sheriff's department in the Gila mountains. Both occupants were killed. The tail was found some distance from the main wreckage site suggesting a structural failure. There have been 10 RV accidents involving lost of the tail. The FAA is concerned and is contemplating a mandatory safety bulletin.

The second fatal involved a Lancair Evolution that crashed just East of Falcon Field while approaching to land. The pilot reported that he was having electrical issues and thought he was about to lose all electrical power. The plane was seen

entering a steep left turn, then entered a nose low, near vertical decent, crashing onto a golf course. Both occupants were killed. Some members say they discussed this accident with the Evolution factory rep at Oshkosh and they believe it was a classic stall-spin accident brought on by the pilots distraction of the electrical issue he was having.

Andy Elliott introduced the safety topic for tonight: Complacency. Andy showed a video about the Aero Commander that flew into the Superstition mountains on a moonless night killing all occupants. There were several factors that contributed to this tragic event. First, the accident aircraft was not equipped with terrain awareness instrumentation as it should have been, just a GPS moving map. The pilot was known to use a tablet with a moving map program with terrain, but it was not known if this equipment was in use. Second, the pilot flew a similar plane two days earlier using direct to routing from Safford to Falcon Field and back, also at night. This route provided clearance of the Superstition mountains. The pilot did not ask for Flight Following or permission from Tracon to enter Bravo airspace, thus keeping his plane at 4500 ft before the accident. It was common practice of the Phoenix TRACON at this time to deny requests to enter Bravo airspace, so most pilots did not ask.

After picking up passengers at Falcon Field, the aircraft departed East but was told by the tower to fly runway heading and the tower would call the turn onto course. This put the pilot off his intended course that he had flown two days earlier. It is speculated that upon turning, the pilot may have selected "direct to" on the GPS which now put him on a collision course with the mountain.

VP Hertzler gave a presentation of his working trip to England. Gary has been hired by Bill Allen, who has been building, with help from Gary and others, a diesel powered Long EZ. This year Gary was asked to help design and install a larger oil cooler. Bill also had another Long EZ project that needed attention to get flyable again. The Long EZ was build in the 80's and sat in a corrosive environment for many years. If this had been a metal airplane, there would be no hope for it. As the EZ is mostly composite, the corrosion was limited to aluminum

fuel lines and brake components.

VP Hertzler continued the program with some photos from Steve Martin's impression of Air Venture 2017. First off, Steve had several photos of Gary Hertzler and his friend Terry Shubert receiving their Master Pilot Award this year. Congratulations to Gary and Terry. After viewing Steve's photos and comments, Gary showed some of the airplanes/ events he captured as well. Gary asked for others who attended to let us know what they had seen and thought. Thanks to Jim (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo space program with 11 astronauts in attendance), Myron (impressed by the Blue Origin space craft) and Trent for their inputs on AirVenture 2017.

Since we had some time left over, we were able to watch the latest EAA video. This segment included comments from Jack Pelton on the economic impact of ATC privatization and urged everyone to help defeat this in Congress. Jack went on to tell us about the improvements made this year in structures at AirVenture for camping, meeting and entertainment.

The next segment was a plans built 1/3 scale B-17. What a project! Jack Baily put thousands of hours into this project, aptly name "Obsession", using plans for a 1/9 scale model and making everything from scratch. It actually flew. What an impressive sight.

This was followed with a look at Stallion 51, a company specializing in P-51 transition training. They are celebrating 30 years in business. Some great shots of the P-51.

Finally, tonight's hint for home builders was how to get cotter pins installed so they don't cause injury. The trick was simply to use a ball peen hammer to finish off the installation. The cotter pin is completely out of harms way.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectively submitted  
Michael Cycon, Secretary

## **COPPERSTATE FLY IN**

The 44<sup>th</sup> annual COPPERSTATE Fly-In will be held this year again at Falcon Field on October 27 and 28. As the host EAA chapter, we would like to show our hospitality and overwhelming support of the event by recruiting as many chapter volunteers as possible. Your chapter leadership encourages you to take an active role in supporting this once a year event. Whether assisting with parking, trams, safety, aircraft marshalling, security or a host of other volunteer positions, your help and support of the event will be greatly appreciated. Important to note is that the COPPERSTATE Fly-In organizers have graciously agreed to provide us a booth during the event at no cost to us, partially in return for our pledged support of the event.

You can sign up directly at the COPPERSTATE Fly-In website, <https://www.copperstate.org/volunteers/> or add your name to the list of volunteers we will be circulating at our next chapter meeting on September 26 in the Warbirds Hangar ready room. Either way, please consider helping out this year and demonstrating our chapter's commitment to furthering aviation education and awareness through this venue.

## **ATC PRIVATIZATION**

The proposal to privatize air traffic control hasn't make it to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote as planned, but we have been assured that within the next few weeks, legislation will be introduced containing the ATC Privatization proposal. While "privatization" sounds good, this is not privatization and the free enterprise system of checks and balances would not exist. Only the motives of the majority of the 13 member board would drive the direction of this new corporation. The new "American Air Navigation Services Corporation" board of directors would consist of several directors with air carrier interests, and general aviation will be represented by a single director, two if Business Aviation was included. The results will be devastating for G/A. Contact your U.S. representative ASAP, and simply tell them you are in opposition to ATC Privatization!

## **CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The planning is still underway for this years Christmas party which is planned to be combined with the Falcon Warbirds party. To do this, those planning on attending the party must be a member of the Warbird Chapter. Their membership application has been sent out, so please fill it out and bring it to the August or later meetings. If you can't find a copy of the application, contact Mike Cycon.

## **CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE**

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

## **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 or get your order in for polo shirts.

## **NEWS LETTER REQUEST**

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

## **PLACES TO FLY FOR BREAKFAST**

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08) should restart next month.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast and car show on the third Saturday is also anticipating restarting next month..

The third Saturday of the month there is a fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation. (There are special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

Also on the third Saturday, around noon, the lunch that was made available by APA at the USFS Grapevine Airstrip next to Roosevelt Lake is also restarting next month.

The last Saturday of the month there is a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). The Airport's restaurant, Foxtrot Cafe, operating in the Terminal Building, is open 6:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Saturday. On the last Saturday of the month they have a "Fly in Breakfast Special" that will continue to be available.

### PARTNERSHIP AVAILABLE

We are looking for a 4th partner in a Zenith 701 based at Falcon Field. It has a Rotax 912ULS - 100HP with only 130 Hours on it. Flies Great. Contact;

Todd Bristol <[djtoddb@yahoo.com](mailto:djtoddb@yahoo.com)>

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