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FOR THE MARCH MEETING

- The March meeting will be at the CAF Hangar at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 3/22/16. 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 Jason Stevens, owner of Estrella Sailport, and accomplished aerobatic sailplane pilot speak to us about soaring and how to get a glider rating added onto your license. We will also have Steven Bass, manager of the Copperstate fly-in, give us an update on the plans for the 2016 event being scheduled for Falcon Field.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 3/22/16 @ 7:00PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. 4/12/16 @ 7:00 PM	Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. 4/26/16 @ 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Thursday Coffee @ 8:00 AM	Coffee at EAA Warbirds Hangar

We will also will have a brief safety briefing by Andy Elliott.

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

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

February 23, 2016

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

The meeting was brought to order by President Steve Martin at 7:02 PM.

There were 22 members and guests in attendance.

Steve asked for guests/new members to introduce themselves.

- Randy Irby – moved to Queen Creek a year and a half ago. Currently building a shop in preparation for an airplane build. Considering an RV7/7a.
- Leslie Dunn – built RV-6 and has completed "Phase I" test flights.

The January 2016 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 January 2016 was \$2900.63. Motion to accept treasurer's report and the motion passed.

Steve asked the attendees on any builder progress.

Jerry (RV-7A): Turning on electricals, checking for smoke, etc. So far, so good! Currently looking for assistance in wiring up a transponder

Keith Pickles (Velocity): Still working on sanding fuselage.

Trent Heidtke (Prescott Pusher): Passed along his goal that he is planning to fly to Oshkosh 2017.

Jim Timm started off by talking about the Aviation Day event at the state capitol. Rob brought his KitFox "Light". There was another aircraft on display. Thanks who all attended and partipated reported that there was "nothing new and exciting on Arizona airspace at the moment". Still a lot of talk going on with the issue of UAVs that are flying a bit too close to airports. No incidents so far. There fear is that this will not be looked at seriously until there is a fatality.

There was good news and bad news as far as accidents. There were four reported in the

- Cessna172. (Falcon Field) "fender bender"
- Enstrom Helicopter (Sky Harbor) engine out landed into Salt River.
- P-51D (Stellar) preliminary report; left very small debris trail, not too far beyond point of impact. Too soon determine cause
- Weight-shift Trike (Buckeye). Highly rated and skilled pilot (CFII-MEI), but no experience in weight-shift trikes. Stalled after takeoff. Pilot was killed (only occupant on board).

Jim tells us that "unfortunately we have met our quota on fatalities as we only had three in 2015". So let's be careful out there.

EAA Air Academy...

Steve Martin gave an update on us sending a candidate to the EAA Air Academy. Gary Hertlzer has a 15 year old student and possibly someone else from EVIT that would be a good choice. Candidate would be required to write an essay. From a cost perspective, it would be a bit expensive. The chapter will reach out to the Warbirds folks to see if they were able to help out as many of them are either current/retired airline pilots.

YE credits can be used, but we did not earn enough from last year to matter. More information on the EAA Air Academy can be found at: <http://www.eaa.org/en/aaa/aviation-education-and-resources/aaa-youth-education/aaa-aviation-and-flight-summer-camps/aaa-air-academy>

Andy started off this month's Safety Briefing by passing around a clipboard for volunteers to work the Young Eagles event set for 26 March 2016. Andy has had discussions with the new Falcon Field Tower Chief. The "CAE guys" are standing down on solo flights that day. As noted during the January 2016 meeting, 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 has asked for feedback on this change, and per Andy, it appears that there have been some changes to ease the process.

Upcoming events:

- 4-5 March Cactus Fly-In Casa Grande, AZ.
- 3-6 March Warbird guys having a formation flying training at Falcon Field.

Falcon field has restricted runway operations due to construction at approach end of 4L/4R.

29 February Single runway operations Long runway opened, short runway closed.

By the Falcon Field Open House (26 March), both runways will be opened. Should be opened by 21 March.

Andy also provided a good overview of the Wings Program. It is a phased program. Each phase has three components basic advanced masters. Each phase includes three ground activities. Has to include three flight activities and must be in the same category/class within the phase.

There was a lot of good information provided here. Unfortunately, too much to list.

Our guest speaker was Adam Barnett

Adam started off by introducing the meeting attendees to his family, then provided us with a very informative narrative of his experience as a professional welder starting with Honeywell which included aviation, medical and defense industries. Andy also provided samples of his work which

included an aluminum baseball and a door for a pressure vessel.

Andy is trained in CNC programming and operations, but does not currently own one. He does on the other hand have a nice milling machine.

The EAA chapter video started off with Charlie Becker (EAA Director of Chapters/Communities) and Bret Steffen (EAA Director, Education) providing more detail on the new Young Eagles Child Protection Program. Followed by an overview of the new EAA Chapter Gear website (www.eaa.org/chaptergear), a discussion with an owner of a Douglas A-26 fighter/bomber, overview of the EAA Founders Innovation Prize to address loss of control issues (www.eaa.org/prize) and ending with a discussion on control cable components in the Hints for Homebuilders section.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 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 still 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.

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.)

Also on the third Saturday, around noon, a donation lunch is served by the APA at the USFS Grapevine Airstrip next to Roosevelt Lake.

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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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.

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 website (search for AME listing).

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

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