



Wickenburg EAA Chapter 883

October - November 2024

President's Message

October was a busy month for me as we finished having our house in Lincoln IL painted and landscaped, then arriving in Wickenburg just in time for the October EAA meeting on the 16th. A few other “snowbirds” were here by then, so along with those pilots who endured the summer, we had a good turnout for a most interesting program. Natalie Stewart Smith representing the Arizona Humanities presented the early history of aviation in Arizona. The program was co-sponsored by the library in Aguila. We invited the public to attend which brought 7 interested non-pilots to the meeting. It was fun to share our aviation stories with them.

The Board has been busy preparing for several activities that are on the near horizon. We will have election of new officers at the November meeting. And on the 23 we will have an Adult Eagle Event at the Wickenburg Airport. On December 21, we will relax and have fun at our Christmas party. In January we will help with the Classic Auto and Airplane Show. More details on these events appears in the rest of this newsletter.

Chapter 883 Election of Officers for 2025

Thank you to Brent Wenger, VP, for recruiting an excellent slate of candidates. We will vote on this ballot at the November meeting. Nominations can also be made at the meeting. The President's term is for two years, so we will not be voting for President. All others terms are for one year. The ballot:

Vice-President: Glen Floe

Treasurer: Karen Chapman

Secretary: (to be assigned from list of Directors)

Directors: Mike Arensmeyer, Randy Boykin, Mac Engh
Ron Erlinger, Tim Hulme, Bob Way

Looking for a “Techy”

It seems that most of us are “Round Gauge” pilots. Or so it seems when it comes time to set up the audio/visuals at a meeting or create a web page. If our chapter is going to keep up with the rest of the world, we have to use these new electronic devices and social media communication. There must be someone in the chapter who knows how. Would you please step forward and keep the rest of us from having an anxiety attack. Please call Phyllis Wells and offer your services. You will be rewarded with extra dessert at every meeting. (719-429-4999)



Student Pilot Progress

In January 2024 we introduced 6 people to the joy of flying. In February we started them in ground school by using the Sporty's online ground school course and the guidance of instructors, Matt Hulme and Carl Storkman. All of the students completed the course and were endorsed to take the FAA Knowledge Test. So far, Josh Porter and Anthony Burton have taken and passed the exam. Flight lessons will start this month with the arrival of Maggie Sucher, Flight Instructor from Minnesota. Maggie will spend the winter in Arizona and will no doubt be involved with our chapter activities. She will be available for flight reviews and advanced endorsements including tail wheel. You will have a chance to meet Maggie at the chapter meeting on November 16.

Adult Eagle Program

The Board has decided to offer wanna-be pilots in the Wickenburg area the same opportunity given the pilots in Aguila. Glen Floe will coordinate another Adult Eagle Program, starting on Saturday, November 23. We will offer the first 10 adults who register a free 30 minute flight with a chapter member and a 30 minute program on how to proceed toward getting a pilot certificate. If the group is interested we will offer a ground school similar to the one we gave before. If you know of an adult who would be interested in getting a pilot's license have them call Glen to register for the free flight. Glen: 602-938-9353 or go to: www.flyingstart.org

Note: Glen will need volunteers to help him on November 23. He already has Mike Chapman, Mike Arensmeyer, Bob Symns and Bob Way as pilots but he needs one or two more. Pilots must be EAA members to have the event covered by EAA insurance. Glen also needs people on the ground to help with registration, moving people around safely, refreshments, socializing, etc. We will discuss this more at the meeting on November 16.

See you at the November 16th meeting.
Eagle Roost Community Center
Look for our new signs!

Speaker: Rep from Luke Air Force to
discuss Safety In Flight with Military
Aircraft.

