



Wickenburg EAA Chapter 883

MARCH 2025

Message from the President

We are into the 3rd month of 2025 and chapter activities are going smoothly, thanks to all the help I get from the Chapter members. At the February meeting **Mac Engh** and **Dennis Huwe** collected dues, sold lunch tickets and kept track of what was going on. **Russell Kuck** and **Margaret Sucher** made sure we had Audio/Visuals. **Glen Floe** and **Mike Arensmeyer** led a lively discussion on pattern etiquette. **Ray Lee**, gave an interesting program about surveillance flying to observe the wild life in Arizona, New Mexico and Baja. **Bruce Rosenthal** up-dated us on the Fly-Outs and **Belinda Kuck** and **Sandra Campbell** served a delicious lunch.



My new airplane !

Status of our Chapter

Chapter membership is increasing. Our latest new member is **Mike Clancy**. He was introduced to our chapter at the “Learn to Fly” event held last November. He is now taking the ground school course taught by Margaret Sucher, along with five other “students”. They meet once a week and are using Sporty’s on-line course along with several text books and the electronic E6B. Chapter finances are looking better. Since we increased dues to \$20, 34 people have paid their dues for 2025. Karen C. will give us an update on our finances at the March meeting. Over 100 newsletters and meeting notices are sent out each month and we have an average attendance at meetings of 40 people. Our new “Fly-Out” event has been well attended and we look forward to more trips. If you have been to the pilot’s lounge at the Wickenburg airport lately you will notice the nice arrangement of snacks and coffee. Mike and Marcie Arensmeyer are maintaining that for visiting pilots.

On a Sad Note

It is always sad news when we hear of a plane accident with injuries or death. It is Especially devastating when it involves friends and neighbors. On Wednesday morning, February 19, at Marana Airport. Mike Reinath and Linda Gifford died when their airplane crashed near the runway. It is not our place to speculate on what exactly happened, but it is only natural to wonder. We do know we have lost two of our friends. Mike, a meticulous builder and plot built his Lancair from a kit 20 year ago. He and Linda spent thousands of hours flying in North and South America. They moved to Eagle Roost 3 years ago. We share our concerns and sympathy with their friends and family.

FLY-OUTS

The February fly-out was fun. We got to see the Colorado River and were impressed at the number of military aircraft that flew into Havasu while we were there. A total of 16 chapter members enjoyed the flight. The next fly-out will be on Friday, February 28 to Payson.



Photo caption: The food was good too! Seen here (left to right, basically) are Glen Floe, Tim & Kathy Hulme, Gordon Bowen, Ray Lee, Bob Symns, Dale Zogleman, Joe Eiting, Randy Owings, Mike Arensmeyer, Mac Engh, Ron Erlinger, Brent Wenger & Linda. Photos by Carolina Baertsch and Phyllis Wells. Randy and Ray Lee are pictured with Ray's beautiful C182.

NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 8
10 AM
GUEST SPEAKER: GARY WIGDAHL
EAGLE ROOST COMMUNITY CENTER
719-429-4999



The title of our program is: WHAT IS A CROSS CHECK and will be presented by Gary Wigdahl from the San Diego area. This is what he says: "After reading many articles on instrument flying, I was frustrated by not finding anything on how to "cross check". By "Cross Check" I mean what do you look at and when do you look at it. As a T38 pilot in the USAF, we learned how to fly the aircraft perfectly. I like to teach what I learned in the Air Force to illustrate how it is done."

Report on EAA Chapter 883 Fly-Out to Payson AZ

On Friday, February 28 the sky was filled with dust from the strong winds that blew the day before. That did not stop the intrepid pilots who were looking forward to eating at the Crossroads Restaurant in Payson AZ. And so it was that 9 airplanes and 22 people flew eastward into a hazy sky. Average flying time was about One hour. The variety of airplanes was fun to see, such as a Husky, a Cherokee, a Maule, an Arrow, a Cardinal, a C170 and three C182s.

Since we all arrived at different times, we were scattered throughout the restaurant, but we managed to mingle while bumping into waitresses with trays of yummy looking food. Phyllis was so excited to see everyone that she forgot to pay. She remembered just before closing the airplane door.

Here is a list of who attended:

Larry and Wanda Cooper flew their C182 and brought Jan and Lynn Goos.
Steve Murphy brought Kevin (lives at an airpark in Morristown) in the Maule.
Phyllis Wells flew with Paul Shulin in Paul's fairly new Arrow.
Joe and Sherrie Eiting brought their neighbor, Bob Symns.
Margaret Sucher brought her students, Sheryl and Tom in their Cardinal.
Our FOC, Bruce Rosenthal, flew with Ray and Sue Lee.
Glen Floe flew his Cherokee and brought horse (Mustang) trainer, Larry.
Randy and Jane Boykin received a lot of attention in their Husky.
Tim Hulme and Kathy arrived in their shiny blue and silver C170.

The event was a success. Thank you to Bruce for making all the arrangements and to all the good natured and highly skilled pilots who delivered their passengers safely to and from. We look forward to the next Fly-Out, sometime in March!



If we had given an award for the best looking airplane it would have gone to Randy and Jane Boykin for their beautiful yellow and black Husky!