



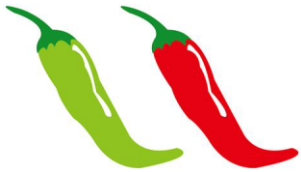
Wickenburg EAA Chapter 883

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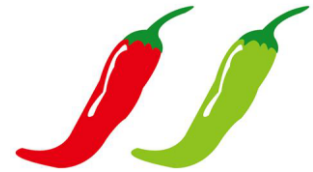
WOW! What a dynamic meeting we had on January 11. It was a great way to start the New Year. Over 40 people attended the meeting. Jim Truitt, Ray Lee and Al Weiser joined as new members. Jeff and Lonnie Hasson visited as well as Marcie Arensmeyer and her friend Sandy. Gary Wigdhal visited from the San Diego EAA Chapter.

The first order of business was to vote for a dues increase. The members unanimously approved an annual dues increase to \$20. Karen Chapman, Treasurer, collected \$320 which will bring us closer to a balanced budget. January and February are the months we need to collect dues, so if you haven't paid yet, see Karen at the next meeting.

Lunches are a popular item of business at our chapter meetings, especially the Annual Chili Competition. Every year a few members bring their version of Chili. This year we had seven entries. Belinda Kuck supervised lunch which also included corn bread and salad. The expert judges took their job seriously as they tasted samples of each entry from numbered cups. Barbara Greissing, who has had winning chili for several years in a row served as Chief Judge. Gary Dyer and Scot Porter were the other judges. Of course, the real winners were all the rest of us who got to eat the delicious entries.



the winners were: Gordon Bowen, 1st place,
Margaret Sucher, 2nd place
Dee Harding 3rd place



Remember, lunch is served at every meeting for the very low price of \$5.00. Anyone who brings their airplane to the meeting gets a free lunch. A mystery plane showed up at the January meeting. It was a Bonanza, but no one we've asked knows who the pilot and passengers were. The first one to identify this plane/pilot will get a free lunch at the February meeting!
Call me – 719-429-4999



FLY MARKET

Books: 1st Edition – “God is My Co-Pilot” by Robert L. Scott, 1943 - \$15.00



1st Edition – “Wind, Sand and Stars” by Antoine de Saint Exuprey, 1939 - \$50.00

Navigation - Garmin – 295 with Manual - \$30



Faro NRR Headset – Like new - \$100 (Retail Price from Sportys \$450)



Do you remember that at our November meeting we talked about flying in close proximity to F-16s and F-35s in the BAGDAD AND GLADDEN MOAs. Pilots from Luke AFB recommended we observe the posted altitudes and check the latest information before flying into active areas. We now have the latest manual on the subject from Luke. This will be available at the sign-in table at our meetings.

Put these frequencies in your flight bag.

Luke AFB (KAFB) Alert Area: North of BXK 118.15
South of BXK 125.45

Gladden/Bagdad MOA: ABQ Center 128.45

Restricted Areas SW of PHX: ABQ Center 126.45



Annual Wickenburg Fly-in and Classic Car Show

This was another exciting event provided by the Town of Wickenburg with the expert help of local pilots and car enthusiasts. Ron Erlinger was able to get over 200 cars on display while Glen Floe encouraged over 60 pilots to fly their unique airplanes to the show, including the gigantic PB4Y-2 Navy version of a B24. Brent Wenger was the “SKY BOSS” and kept the airplane traffic moving with volunteer chapter members helping him get the planes to their display parking spots. Other volunteers were busy checking pilots in and helping wherever needed. Thank you to all who made it a successful event.



Other projects for 2025

We are getting closer to getting a **Web Page** for the chapter. There is a learning curve to getting this set up and running, but we are determined to do it. EAA Headquarters does provide assistance, but you know what they say about us old dogs!

Young Eagles in Aguila. Mike A. has been helping Bill Dudley at the Aguila Library set up a program for youth, ages 10 to 18. Based somewhat on the “STEM” programs used in schools today, and using materials provided by EAA Headquarters, the program will expose the youth to the basic principles of aviation. Those who complete the course will be eligible for Y.E. rides.

Pilots’ lounge at E25. Our chapter is trying to make the lounge a friendlier place by providing coffee and snacks. Mike and Marcie have taken on this project. The bulletin board is used to share information useful to visiting pilots. We hope to have WiFi available soon for flight planning and weather.

Use of Eagle Roost Community Center. Chapter 883 is so thankful to have such a perfect place to hold our monthly meetings. We all need to be good caretakers of this facility. We do this by always leaving it clean, keeping up the supply of drinks, and using the audio/visual equipment carefully. We pay E.R. Management \$20 per meeting to help them with their expenses. We want it to be a good arrangement for everyone.

Fund raising projects. Our recent dues increase will help a lot to balance our budget, but we need to have some fund raising projects. One project is the **Fly-Market**. Members donate aviation related items to the chapter which are sold to other members. The income goes to the chapter. We are exploring the possibility of doing a **Pancake Breakfast** in conjunction with another chapter.

Let’s go flying. A group of pilots will be flying to Lake Havasu Airport for lunch at “Hangar 24”, on Saturday, Feb 1st. This is all part of a plan to get more of our pilots out flying. Bruce Rosenthal has proposed we have an organized flying event at least once a month to encourage pilots who have airplanes and empty seats to give rides to those who don’t. Bruce’s title is Fly-Out Coordinator or FOC. If you have an airplane and empty seats, call Bruce right away. We have 4 people who would like to ride with someone. The next Fly-Out will be in early March. If you want to participate, contact him at:

**Bruce Rosenthal
623-239-2813**

**NEXT MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
10:00 AM
EAGLE ROOST COMMUNITY CENTER
AGUILA AZ. (719-429-4999)**