

A Message from The President



Wow! Here we are at March already, and we have had a warm and dry winter so far. I hope that you have been enjoying this weather and enjoying aviation!

I attended the EAA Chapter Leadership Academy in Chandler in February, and learned new techniques and information which built on the webinar I took last year. It was also a great chance to meet with Arizona chapter leaders and EAA staff and build relationships. I would like this chapter to become known as a great aviation hub by joining with other chapters and organizations and supporting their events.

Congratulations to Elam Branham, our Ray Scholar, for overcoming a lot of challenges to pass his flight physical and to pass his written with a very good score. I am very proud of this young man.

We have some changes at Cottonwood Airport this month: Rob Propst will take the reins as Airport Manager on March 3rd, and he has airport management experience at Sedona, San Diego and in the Tacoma area. We plan to have him come visit as a guest speaker after he has settled into his new role. Most of you have heard that Leighnor Aviation is closing operations at Cottonwood at the end of February, and we will be working with Untethered Aviation at Sedona to take over training. They fly Piper Cherokees, so getting a DPE should be easier.

Coming up in April will be our Spring Young Eagles on the 12th, with a backup on the 26th. Please join us in making this a very successful event. Last year we flew 99 Young Eagles, which is a fantastic number of youngsters introduced to the wonders of aviation. Thanks to all of the volunteers who make this possible! Please check out the calendar for all events.

We continue to improve our facility, focusing on health and safety matters, then livability. We recently replaced the access ramp on the east side of the building with Trex, and with the recent cold wet weather found out it could get slippery, so we coated the ramp area and the front steps with non-skid paint to improve traction. The next big project will be replacing carpeting in the main meeting room. We've gone back and forth with Air Methods on whether it should be vinyl or carpet, and I think we have now settled on commercial grade carpeting. We will also do some floor repairs in the nurse's bedroom before re-carpeting.

Thank for all you do to promote and support aviation, and to make this a successful chapter.



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Chapter Meeting Location and Time

Chapter 952 meets: First Tuesday of each month, Social time begins at 6:00pm with our program starting at 6:30pm (VMC Club, held bi-monthly)

Location: Chapter 952 Meeting Center, Cottonwood Airport (P52)

West side of airport behind hangars. Additional information can be found on our website. [Click Here for more details!](#)

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NOTAMS (Notice To All Members)

Chapter Dues:

Have you renewed your Chapter Membership?
Please submit your dues to James Hauke.
(Be sure your National Membership is up to date as well)

We also accept Zelle:
EaaChapter952@gmail.com

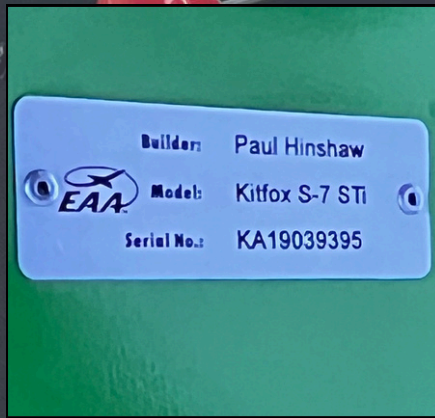
Single Membership - \$20
Family Membership - \$30

New Members:

Bruce Browning

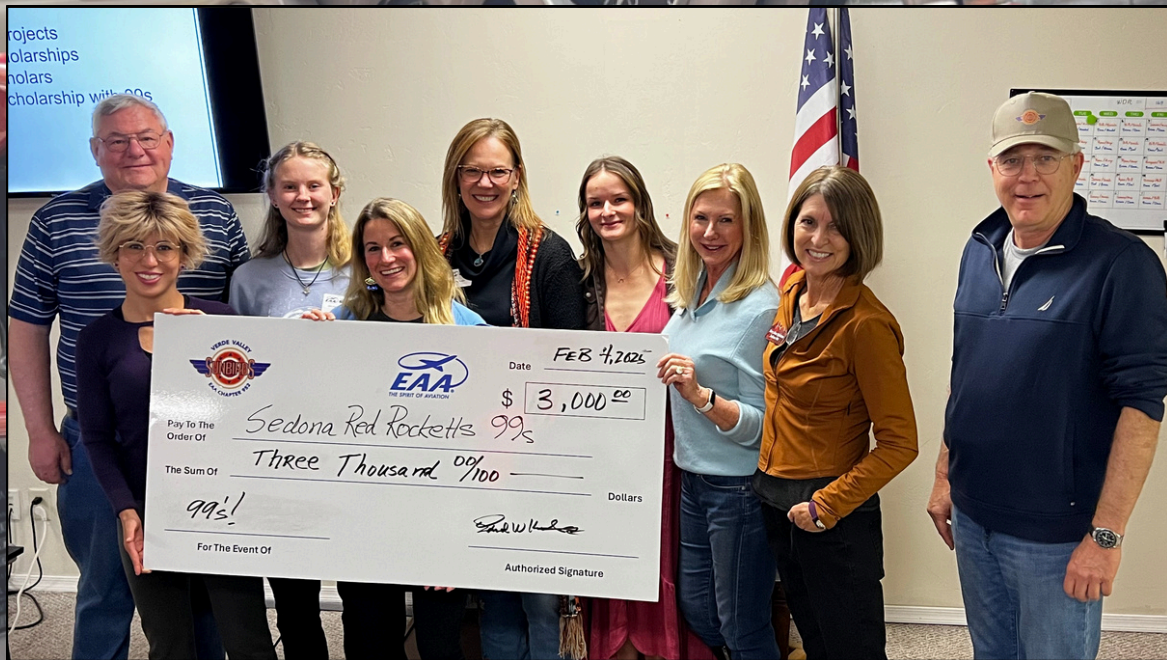
February Debrief

Paul Hinshaw: Thank you to everyone who attended our February Chapter Meeting and a special thanks to our guest speaker, Paul Hinshaw, for sharing his beautiful Kitfox build and photos! We hope you enjoyed the presentation and came away with some new insights, knowledge, and inspiration for your own build! Our March meeting is quickly approaching, Tuesday, March 4th at 6pm. We hope to see you there!



February Debrief

Supporting Women in Aviation: A special shout out to the Sedona 99s whose Chapter has grown exponentially over the last year! Chapter 952 was honored to present Lori Parker and the 99s with a donation to help more women achieve their aviation dreams and careers!! Pictured below representing the Sedona 99s (from L to R) are Grace, Matraiya, Genie, Brenda, Alicia, Lori, and Mary Anne! [Click Here](#) to learn more about the Sedona 99s!



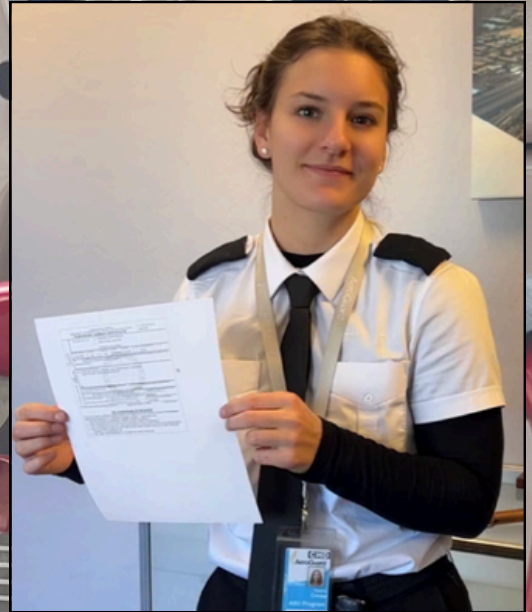
Ray Scholarship Update: Talk about a story of persistence! Chapter 952 officially presented Elam Branam with his Ray Scholarship award after working through a long process with the FAA to obtain his 1st Class Medical Certificate! Elam also recently passed his written exam and will be completing his solo any day now! We'd like to make note that Elam worked very closely with the FAA directly to get his medical! Way to go Elam!



February Debrief



Our Sunbird Scholar, Quincy Mabry, recent took to the sky in Brian Johnson's beautiful Cirrus



Former Ray Scholar, Aleana Cricks, recently passed her Instrument Checkride! Congrats Aleana!



Chapter Member and Sling TSi builder Rich Gay recently passed his Instrument Checkride! Congrats Rich!



Chapter Secretary James Hauke recently received his Tailwheel Endorsement!

Calendar of Events

Date

Program

Mar. 4th

Chapter 952 Meeting - Guest Speaker: Jay Selman Aviation Photographer and Journalist - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

March 8th

Casa Grande Fly-in and Hot Rod Show - Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ) 3225 N. Lear Ave., Casa Grande, AZ 85122. Click [Here](#) for event information.

March 15th

City of Page 50th Anniversary Festival Fly-in - 8:00am - 12:00pm. Click [Here](#) for more information or contact - Lore Davis -McCluskey PGA Admin Assistant (928) 645-4240 ldavismccluskey@pageaz.gov

April 1 - 6th

Sun-n-Fun - Lakeland Linder International Airport; Click [Here](#) for more info!

April 1st

Chapter 952 Meeting - Special Guest Speaker: Ed Rose, Sedona Airport Manager; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

April 12th

Chapter 952 Young Eagles Rally - 8:00am - 12:00pm; Click [Here](#) for event website!

2025 Airshow Calendar

Want to know where all the airshows are taking place in 2025 [Click Here](#) for more information.

Join the members of Chapter 952 for bi-monthly VMC (visual flight rules) Club meetings in which pilots can network and share knowledge and experience using real-world scenarios. The intent is to foster communications, promote safety, build proficiency, and have a great time doing it! Meetings will be held every other month during the Chapter Meeting in the EAA Building in Cottonwood, 1003 W Mingus, Building O.

VMC Club - Question of the Month

Question: Pyrotechnic Signaling Devices (e.g., flares, flare guns) are often carried on general aviation aircraft to be used in emergencies. However, these can also pose a hazard when the aircraft is in flight. Does the FAA provide guidance regarding precautions to be taken to reduce the safety risks? [Click Here for the Answer!](#)

Young Eagles Spring Rally

The dates for our next Young Eagles Rally has been set!

Saturday, April 12th 8:00am - 12:00pm

Back-up date is Saturday, April 26th, 8:00am - 12:00pm

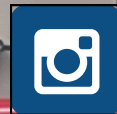
We are asking for volunteers for ground operations as well as pilots!

This year we would like to get the word out to as many local kids and their parents as we can to help promote our event and our Chapter's community involvement! Click [Here](#) for Event Website!

Events such as Young Eagles not only inspire the next generation of aviators but also helps foster more positive community attitudes towards our airport.

Be sure to follow our Chapter on social media (Instagram and/or Facebook) and share our posts, reminders, and announcements to help spread the word!

Click each icon to be taken to our social media and Follow Us!



Supplemental Briefing

Mock Checkride - What is a mock checkride? A mock checkride is an opportunity for you to assess your preparedness for your upcoming FAA Practical Test. Meet with Scott Kinney, an experienced FAA Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI/AGI/IGI), for a comprehensive mock checkride experience from the comfort of your own home. Our mock checkrides follow FAA Order 8900.2C and use a Plan of Action, similar to that used by FAA Designated Pilot Examiners (DPEs). We will cover all required ACS/PTS subjects as well as Special Emphasis Areas. *For more info and pricing, Click [Here!](#)*

Embry riddle Survey - Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) is soliciting input for its Survey on Private Pilot Flight Frequency, Optional Recurrent Training and Attitudes to Flight Proficiency. The five-minute, anonymous survey is designed to gather data on annual flying/frequency hours for private pilots as well as evaluate attitudes toward recurrent flight training as a means of improving general aviation flight safety. *Click [Here](#) to participate in this survey!*

Leighnor Aircraft AeroNews - AeroNews is a monthly publication of Leighnor Aircraft to provide updates and news to their customers. *Click [Here](#) for their Newsletter!*

WINGS Credits/Courses

Free Aircraft Accident First Responders Training - FAASafety.gov

Topic: Aviation Emergency Responder Training 2025 on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 10:00 Eastern Daylight Time (07:00 PDT; 08:00 MDT; 09:00 CDT; 04:00 HST; 06:00 AKDT; 07:00 Arizona; 14:00 GMT)

Select Number:

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Phase I (Free)

We are offering two sessions: (you only need to attend one!)

PRESENTATION OFFERING #1: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 10:00-14:00 ET

This is a fast paced, multi-faceted training complete with live presenters, detailed slides and video-based training.

To view further details and registration information for this webinar, [Click Here](#).

The sponsor for this seminar is: FAASTeam

The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs:

Basic Knowledge 1 - 1 Credit

Classifieds

Aeroprakt A22LS: Leighnor Aircraft LLC is proud to present this beautiful 2022 Aeroprakt A22LS. The A22 is a blast to fly weighing in at only 1323lbs (596lb useful load) and having a takeoff roll of 344ft. Enjoy 100mph at only 3.5 gph! If you're looking for a fun plane or a newer time builder, look no further than this A22! Aircraft is located at KPRC. Year Built: 2022; Total Time: 1,611.6; Tach Hours: 1191.9 (Times subject to change as aircraft is flown regularly) Contact Davis Riffe at Leighnor Aviation for more information.



Local Businesses

Click on the banners for more information

If you have a local business you'd like to advertise in our newsletter, see one of our board members!



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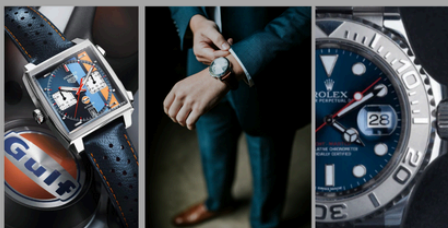
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Scholarships

EAA Aviation Scholarships - Are you interested in pursuing flight or a career in aviation or an aviation-related field? We encourage well-rounded individuals who are involved in their school or community and interested in the world of aviation to apply for an EAA scholarship.

[Click Here for more Information!](#)

Questions should be directed to Scholarships@EAA.org.

Aviation Careers Podcast Scholarship Guide - The scholarships guide includes over 200 Aerospace scholarships with a combined value of over \$120 Million. Entries are updated regularly to assure accuracy.

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[Click Here for more Information and to purchase the Scholarship Guide](#) and use promo code STRATUS at checkout!

Is There a Doctor On Board?

Need to obtain or renew your Medical Certificate? You have options!

Dr. Travis Allen (MD) - AME (623) 469-4688 (Goodyear)

[Click Here for More Info on Dr. Travis Allen](#)

Dr. Jason Wesley (MD) – AME (928) 660-6960 (Behind Walgreens in Sedona)

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Dr. Debra Dykema (DO) – AME (602) 978-1555 (Deer Valley/Prescott once/mo)

[Click Here for More Info on Dr. Debra Dykema](#)

Search for other Aviation Medical Examiners (AME) by *[Clicking Here](#)*

Other EAA Events & Resources

EAA News: <http://www.eaa.org/news>

EAA Aviation Calendar of Events & Experiences: <http://www.eaa.org/calendar>

AirVenture Information: <http://www.airventure.org/index.html>

EAA SportAir Workshops: <http://www.eaa.org/sportair>

EAA Webinars: <https://www.eaa.org>

Prescott Practice Area Instructions

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