



# FOR THE JUNE MEETING

• The June meeting will be at the CAF Hangar at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 6/24/14. Enter through the south door. The pre-meeting food (served at 6:00) will be Pizza & soda for a \$5 donation. (Note the 6:00 serving time.)

• It's membership renewal time. With everything else going up in price, your Chapter dues are still only \$20 per year. See Mike Cycon to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 this month.

• For the program this month, we will have Andy Elliott present a safety program on something interesting and we will have an update on the EVIT airplane project. We will also see the latest EAA Chapter video.

• **NOTE:** A reminder that the Thursday morning coffee is still being held in the EAA Falcon Warbirds Hangar.

# THE FALCONS JUNE 2014

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## CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 6/24/14 @ 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
No July Meetings	Board Meeting Warbirds Hangar
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Every Thursday @ 8:00 AM	Coffee at EAA Warbirds Hangar

**It is with great sadness that EAA Chapter 228 has lost a long time friend and fellow pilot, Dave Searle, who passed away on May 28th. Dave was a long time chapter member, having served as president, news letter editor and active director. He was always there to lend a helping hand when ever the chapter or anyone needed a helping hand. Dave was a long time leader of the Falcon Breakfast Organization (FBO) that flew out for breakfast, weather permitting, every Sunday Morning for a fun breakfast destination. He was a good friend and will be much missed by all who knew him.**

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons  
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary  
May 27, 2014

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

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by President Todd Nuttall. There were 18 members and three guests in attendance, Alex Ramirez and Tom and Julie Dempsey. Alex is a corporate pilot and has flown DC-3's, Convairst, Citations and 737's. The Dempsey's recently relocated from Missouri where Tom was active in another EAA Chapter. The treasurer reported that the bank balance at the end of April was \$2222.03. The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as published in the May Newsletter.

Announcements: The next Noise meeting will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Mesa City Council at 7:30 AM. Please try to attend and show your support of Falcon Field and opposition to any kind of additional fees.

Todd turned the meeting over to Andy Elliott. Andy announced that the EAA approved his application to be a Flight Adviser. In addition to Andy, Mike Andresen and Rich Petty are also Flight Advisers. Andy stated that each flight adviser has a unique base of knowledge and you should select an adviser who is familiar with the type of aircraft you intend to fly. If Andy, Mike or Rich don't have the required knowledge, you might want to check the

website at [www.EAA.org/flightadviser](http://www.EAA.org/flightadviser) to find the right person.

Andy emphasized that the primary job of a Flight Adviser is to help you safely transition to a new aircraft. This is done by you and the Flight Adviser completing an evaluation sheet that compares the characteristics of the aircraft you are currently or have previously flown with the new aircraft you want to transition to. The form also captures your flight experience. Based on the data in the completed form, the Flight Adviser will tell you if you are ready to fly or he will make a recommendation for you to receive additional transition training. The recommendations are not binding, but by signing the form, you are acknowledging that you understand the risk.

The Flight Adviser can also help you develop a first flight test plan. This will give you specific first flight objectives and a plan to achieve those objectives.

Andy turned the meeting over to Gary Christensen for a presentation on his proposed panel for his RV-6A. Gary said the first step is to determine the mission profile. For him, he decided on VFR, some possible night flying and cross county legs about 2 hours duration. The next step in the process is to sit in the plane, preferably the one you are building, to visualize the ergonomics and desired instrument placement. Since building often takes years, Gary showed the progression of his panel plan as he observed what others were doing and taking note of the advancements in glass panels. Gary has settled on a Dynon SkyView EFIS with Dynon radio and transponder and a VP-100 power management system. The presentation ended with a short question and answer session. Thanks Gary for sharing your plans with us.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectively submitted  
Mike Cycon, Treasurer

## **FALCON FIELD NOISE ISSUE UPDATE**

In an effort to placate the noise complaint group and take their concentration off Falcon field

exclusively, the city council appointed a “Falcon Strategic Visioning Commission”. The Commission was charged with examining the Economic development of the Falcon Field Area and northeast Mesa. The group has met three times and at the initial meeting, the pilot community was very well represented and the large number of pilots attending was well noted by the commission members and city staff. Thanks to all who made the effort to turn out. It was worth it, as we made everyone very aware that we, as pilots and tenants of Falcon, are interested in our airport and care what is happening. In that initial meeting it was also made clear that the commission would be examining the entire Falcon Field area and not just the airport. In the commission’s last meeting they defined the Falcon economic development area boundaries as Brown Road on the South, City Limits on the north, Gilbert Road on the west and Ellsworth Road on the east.

The home owners with the noise complaints are probably still planing for a ballot initiative this fall. As this progresses we may have to get involved to inform the public of the value of Falcon Field to the City as it is currently being operated.

### **NOTICE: HELP STILL NEEDED!**

The team that is working with EVIT on the WAIEX project still needs two or three more members with build experience to help with the project !!! Currently David McNeill, Mike Cycon , Ron Smith and David Searle are working every Saturday with other teenagers on the project. Additional assistance is needed to provide some alternate leadership when one of the principals are required to be elsewhere on Saturdays. We need builders/craftsman/A&Ps/engineers with sheet metal and/or composite experience. If you have considered building your own aircraft, this is a chance to get additional experience to determine whether building is appropriate for you. Please contact David McNeill at [d1m34077@gmail.com](mailto:d1m34077@gmail.com) if you want to help and learn.

### **2013 General Aviation Survey Underway**

The FAA would like to collect accurate information on aviation activity across the United States, which is used to calculate fatal accident rates for general

aviation and Part 135 aircraft. They need to hear from everyone who received the 36th annual General Aviation and Part 135 Activity Survey (GA Survey) invitation in the mail. Even if you did not fly your aircraft in 2013, they still need a completed survey.

The surveys have been sent to approximately 85,000 aircraft owners/operators from the categories of turbine aircraft (turboprops and turbojets), rotorcraft, special light-sport aircraft, aircraft operating on-demand Part 135, aircraft registered in Alaska, and aircraft manufactured since 2008. Because this study is a random sample, only those who receive an invitation can participate. If you have already completed this year’s survey, they thank you!

Be assured that your responses are confidential. The information is used only for statistical purposes and will not be released in any form that would reveal an individual participant. Tetra Tech, an independent research firm, is conducting the GA Survey on behalf of the FAA. If you have questions, please contact Tetra Tech toll-free at 1-800-826-1797 or email at [infoaviationsurvey@tetratech.com](mailto:infoaviationsurvey@tetratech.com).

### **FLY IN BREAKFAST VENUES**

The first Saturday of the month fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08) has ended for the summer. Watch for their restart notice in the fall.

On the second Saturday of the month, the Ryan Field (RYN) fly in buffet breakfast has ended for the summer. It is expected to restart in September.

The Falcon EAA Warbirds Squadron Breakfast on the third Saturday has been suspended until October when the weather cools down again.

The third Saturday of the month there is a fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation. (Often there have been very special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

The last Saturday of the month there is still a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ)

that runs from 7:00 am until 10:00 The breakfast is inside the air conditioned terminal building and it is anticipated to continue thru the summer.

## NEWSLETTER WANT ADS

If you have anything aviation related you would like to sell, buy, or trade, or aviation service to offer, submit the necessary information 2 weeks before the monthly meeting (Please submit via e-mail to; [jtimm@amug.org](mailto:jtimm@amug.org))

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.

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