



THE FALCONS MAY 2014

FOR THE MAY MEETING

• The May meeting will be at the CAF Hangar at 7:00 PM on Tuesday 5/27/14. 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 discuss the EAA Flight Advisor program, and Gary Christensen will talk about his RV-6 panel choices. We will also see the latest EAA Chapter video.

• **NOTE:** A reminder that the Thursday morning coffee is being held in the EAA Falcon Warbirds Hangar which is located in the old west Champlin Hangar.

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CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Tues. 5/27/14 @ 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Tues. 5/13/14 @ 7:00 PM	Board Meeting Warbirds Hangar
Tues. 6/24/14 @ 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Every Thursday @ 8:00 AM	Coffee at New EAA Warbirds Hangar

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary
April 22, 2014

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

The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM by Director Andy Elliott, filling in for President Todd Nuttall and Vice President Gary Hertzler, both of whom are on business travel. There were 24 members and two guests in attendance. The treasurer reported that the bank balance at the end of March was \$2075.80. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as published in the April Newsletter.

Announcements: We flew 58 YE's at the FFZ open house on March 22. Thanks to pilots and ground crew who helped out. The next public meeting on airport noise will be held on April 24, 2014 in the Warbirds hangar at 6:30 PM. It is expected that Mesa City council members will be present. Jim Timm emphasized the need for all Mesa residents and airport tenants to attend and voice their opinions. So far, only local residents have dominated the meetings and well connected people, who have their own agenda, are pressuring the City Council to implement landing fees and other measures to curtail flight schools. We all know this will have no affect on flight school activity and GA pilots will be hurt by these measures. Furthermore, if successful, this could spread to other airports.

Andy continued with a safety briefing on Hot Weather Operations. He focused on four areas: Aircraft Performance, Engine limitations, On the Ramp, and Survival. Andy reminded everyone that density altitude depends on the temperature on the runway, which may be 25 degrees hotter than air temperature reported by the tower or ATIS. Also, aircraft performance charts assume the engine is just broken in and is delivering its best available power. Play it safe and add plenty of margin to the published TO numbers.

On the ramp, run up in the shade if possible. Remember that shutdowns of about 1 hour duration result in maximum soak back. Ideal

conditions for vapor lock and or excessive oil temperatures.

Plan for surviving in the Arizona desert. Carry water, cell phone and PLB.

Andy introduced Mark Ellery of Airworthy Autogas. Mark spoke to us about six months ago and wanted to update us on his plans. Mark is trying to establish a self serve fueling facility on the airport and hopes to have it open in the next four to five months. He shared some of his concerns and asked for our input. One issue is whether to require some kind of access card to prescreen users so that 93 octane autogas is not used in certified aircraft unless they have the STC for autofuel. Several members advised against this as it would discourage out of town pilots from buying his fuel. Several suggestions were made and Mark asked us to visit his website (www.airworthyautogas.com) and email him ideas.

Lastly, the EAA chapter video was shown. This segment focused on changes that EAA is making to promote home building. There was also preview of a new kit plane called the Panther LSA. This is a low wing, all metal single seat plane that meets the LSA guidelines with up to 100 HP engines.

The video also covered flying a power paraglider. This looks like it could be a lot of fun!
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectively submitted
Mike Cycon, Treasurer

FALCON FIELD NOISE ISSUE

The home owners with the noise complaints are probably still planing for a ballot initiative this fall, but are now urging the city council to adopt landing fees and the appointment of another citizens commission for establishing fees and charges for services at Falcon Field so they won't have to go the ballot route. There is a lot of political pressure being applied. We need as many people as possible communicating in person and in writing with the members of the Mesa City Council about their interest flying and how they use Falcon Field

airport and how landing fees and this commission would be bad for them.

NOTICE: There is a Falcon Strategic Visioning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:30 am at the City Council Chambers (lower level). It is very important that we have a number of tenants (Pilots) there to show our concern. You won't be expected to speak, but be there to show them we are interested!!! Please be there. It shouldn't last too much more than one hour. Help support the battle.

GOLDWATER RESTRICTED AREA

This last month plus, there have been several intrusions deep into the Goldwater Restricted Area. Some appear to have been general aviation aircraft leaving for Mexico or leaving Mexico for the Phoenix area. Military fighters are firing live munitions in this restricted area and these intrusions could result in a major disaster. Because of the serious nature of these intrusions, the Air Force is now attempting to track down intruders and file civil charges against them. Be aware of the boundaries and stay clear of the range. A civil lawsuit could possibly be the least of your problems!

NOTICE: HELP STILL NEEDED!

The team that is working with EVIT on the WALEX 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 if you want to help and learn.

SUPPORT THE EAA 3rd Class Medical Change

EAA and AOPA is encouraging everyone to contact their representative in the House and Senate in Washington and either thank them for co-sponsoring the General Aviation Protection Act (HR3708 in the house and S2103 in the Senate), or telling your representative why the bill is so important to general aviation and ask them to become a co-sponsor.

Please tell them you are a constituent and that:

- * You support H.R. 3708 in the House and S.2103 in the Senate.
- * This bill expands on the FAA's successful sport pilot medical standard.
- * This measure will save pilots and the FAA money and time.
- * This bill addresses the number one concern of pilots.
- * General aviation is a vital part of the nation's transportation system and you hope they will be a cosponsor OR thank them for being a cosponsor.

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)

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.

For Sale

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