FOR THE JANUARY MEETING

• NOTICE! The November meeting will be at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Officer’s Club Room at Falcon Field on Tuesday 1/22/2019 at 7:00 PM. Use the entrance on the south side of the building as before. The pre-meeting food (served at 6:00 PM) will be Pizza & soda for a $5 donation.

• It's membership renewal time. A real bargain, your Chapter dues are still only $20 per year. See Don Croyle to renew your commitment to Chapter 228 this month.

• For our January meeting we will have a “Favorite Tool” session. If you have a special tool that saves you much time and anguish or is very unusual to solve a usual problem, please bring it to share with the group. We will all be interested in seeing your “special” problem solving item.
CHAPTER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the Thursday morning coffee at 8:00 in the Warbirds Hangar, a Chapter 228 monthly social with dinner at Vito's Italian restaurant happens on the 2nd Saturday of the month. To make reservations for dinner at Vito's, please advise Phillip Buckalew by the Thursday before if you are planning on attending. Dinner time is at 4:00 pm.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons
Membership Meeting Minutes Summary

November 27, 2018

The November meeting of the Falcons was held at the CAF hangar at Falcon Field, Mesa, AZ.

President Trent Heidtke brought the meeting to order at 6:57 PM. There were 32 members and guests in attendance. Everyone who paid for pizza tonight got a raffle ticket.

Trent opened the meeting with a short video of recent flight from Falcon Field to Ak-Chin (fuel stop) and on to Pinal Airpark for lunch.

Richard Reuland addressed the group with info on the Buckeye Air Fair on February 8, 9 and 10, 2019. Copperstate will be held in conjunction with the Air Fair and therefore, admission will be free. There is a video on the Copperstate website with more info on the event. Richard is in charge of camping and needs a few more volunteers to help out. The busiest time will be the day before the Air Fair opens as there is a lot of set up work. Each day is divided into 3 four hour shifts, 8 AM to 12, 12-4 PM, and 4 to 8 PM. Please contact Richard if you can volunteer. Meal tickets will be issued for all volunteers.

Lynn Spencer from the Falcon Field Admin attended our meeting. Lynn announced that the Falcon Field Open House will be on March 30, 2019. They are looking for volunteers to help with set up.

Trent introduced a new item, the Maintenance Minute. The idea is to ask if anyone has a maintenance issue they need help with and to connect that person to someone who may be able to help.

Trent reminded us that the Holiday party will be with the Warbirds party again this year on Saturday, December 8th. Doors open at 5 PM and the party starts at 6 PM. You must be a Warbirds Squadron 50 member to attend ($20 dues), or pay $15 per person at the door. Members can bring a spouse (or date) for free. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Dec 7th at 10 AM.

This was followed by the first of three trivia questions, for which a correct answer earned an additional raffle ticket.

A motion was made to accept the October meeting minutes as published in the Newsletter. The motion passed. Trent reminded everyone he will be ordering EAA calendars and if you want one ($8 ea), please let him know.

The treasurer, Don Croyle, reported that the current bank balance is $3,917. Don also reminded us that he has membership data forms and asked everyone to update the info. He also had a sign up sheet for logo hats, tees and polo shirts.

Trent noted that our recent inquiry on Craig's List resulted a strong response tonight. He asked all of the guests to introduce themselves and tell us a little about their aviation goals. It was suggested by Myron N. that maybe we should all introduce ourselves as well. Due to a full agenda tonight, Trent opted to have only the Chapter officers/directors present tonight to introduce themselves. After that, each of the 12 guests introduced themselves. Welcome to everyone and we hope to see you at a future meeting.

Trent gave a shout to Gary C. and Jerry K. for helping the Aviation Explorers with a aircraft sheet metal project.

Trent asked builders present tonight to give an update on their project. Bob S. is ready to start his Sonex wings. Keith P. updated us on his Velocity project. Pete W. is making progress on his RV-12. Gene M is working on a PA-22 restoration.

Brian B was absent so Trent reminded everyone of the Thursday coffee (0800-0900) in the Warbirds
hangar and the dinner social on the second Saturday of the month at Vito’s.

Jim Timm was absent so Mike C. gave his report. During the recent presidential TFR there were four incursions into the outer ring. No one got intercepted but remember that these TFR’s are enforced by the Secret Service and violators face serious penalties. The NTSB reported only one minor accident but there were two serious accidents reported in the media. One was a Zenith CH601XL at the Overgaard Airpark (two fatalities) and the other was a Scottish Aviation 100MDL Bulldog (a small 3 place military trainer) that ditched into Lake Pleasant. There were two injuries in that accident. With only one month left, Jim wished everyone to fly safe.

Andy Elliott reminded everyone that the next YE event will be on December 8th. Andy continued with this month’s safety topic: over the counter (OTC) medications. The FAA reports that they find pilots in fatal crashes to be using some form of medication 42% of the time. Allergy medications containing antihistamine cause drowsiness and can make flying unsafe. The FAA recommends waiting 5 times the dosing interval before flying. A medication taken every 6 hours would mean waiting 30 hours before flying. Read the labels: Most sleep medications contain Benadryl, the same ingredient found in OTC allergy medications. So it is not safe to fly the next day if using this.

Trent continued with the final business for tonight, election of new officers for 2019. All officers and directors from 2018 with the exception of Brian Briggerman, agreed to continue for 2019. Phillip Buckalew was nominated to fill Brian’s position on the board. There were no other nominations and a motion was made and approved to close the nominations. The slate as presented was approved by the members.

In lieu of a guest speaker, Trent showed the EAA monthly chapter video which featured the Bally Bomber, a 1/3 scale of the B-17. This project took 18 years and over 40,000 hours to complete. It flew in and was displayed at AirVenture 2018. The video also featured the Planes of Fame Airshow in Chino, CA. This event celebrated its 19th show this year and features the largest collection of rare and unique military aircraft. The video concluded with an overview of various kinds of snips to cut sheet metal. Invest in quality tools and you will save time with your project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectively submitted
Michael Cycon, Secretary

CHAPTER 228 WEBSITE

Check out the new chapter website 228.eaachapter.org and please give us your thoughts.

121.5 ELT’s DEMISE

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a rule prohibiting the certification, manufacture, importation and sale of Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) that operate only on 121.5 MHz. Similar rulemaking was issued in 2010, but at the request of the FAA and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the Commission stayed the amendment prohibiting 121.5 MHz ELTs.

The new rule lifts the stay on prohibiting certification, manufacture, importation and sale of 121.5 MHz-only ELTs, but does allow for the continued operation of existing units. Certification of new 121.5 MHz ELTs is prohibited effective Jan. 11, 2019. The prohibition of manufacture, importation and sales will go into effect after a six-month transition period.

EAA FLIGHT TEST MANUAL

The long-awaited EAA Flight Test Manual (FTM) is ready to ship, and the EAA is now accepting orders; the member price is $17.95 and $22.95 for nonmembers.

The EAA Flight Test Manual is a new, comprehensive program for test flying your new airplane. Unique to the EAA’s system are test cards that take you through each test flight point-by-point and allow for easy data collection.
Builders who use the EAA Flight Test Manual will complete the program with a thoroughly tested aircraft; a full understanding of their craft’s performance, characteristics, and limitations; and have enough data to easily build a comprehensive operating handbook for the airplane.

THINGS TO DO - PLACES TO GO FOR BREAKFAST:

The fly in breakfast at Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08), is restarting, and is on the first Saturday of the month starting October 6.

The Falcon Field EAA Warbirds Squadron fly in breakfast and car show is on the third Saturday of the month and will resume October 20. Starting this year they will also have a Fly Market during the breakfast. If you have an aviation item to sell, bring it and sell it, or come and see what’s for sale that you must have.

On the third Saturday, the fly in breakfast at Benson (E95) at Southwest Aviation is now on a quarterly basis and the next one is scheduled for Oct 20, 2018. (There are still special fuel prices for breakfast attendees.)

The Grapevine Airstrip (88AZ) next to Roosevelt Lake is open to fly into any time, but the BBQ lunch hosted by APA is on the third weekend each month.

The last Saturday of the month there is still a fly in breakfast at Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ). The Airport’s restaurant, Foxtrot Cafe, operating in the air cooled Terminal Building, is open 6:30am to 2:00pm Monday thru Saturday. On the last Saturday of the month they have a “Fly in Breakfast Special” available on the menu; the price for adults is $8 and kids $5.

NEWSLETTER WANT ADS

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.

228 CHAPTER APPAREL

Do you have Chapter 228 apparel for the upcoming flying events? If not get your’s on order now. Caps with our logo are available. See Mike Cycon to get your caps. To get your order in for polo shirts, contact Don Croyle. We have shirts available for sale in the following sizes, White 2 XL and 2 2XL.

Cost $25 for the grey and $15 for the white.

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