



The Falcons

June 2009

For the June Meeting:

- The June meeting is at the CAF hangar at 6:30 pm on Tuesday 6-23-09
- Our program for June is presented by one of our members, Gary Christensen, speaking about the proper way to legally transport (not carry) a gun through the airport.
- The meal at the June meeting will be sloppy joes, chips, pop, for \$5.00 at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00
- In the month of July (next month) there will not be a meeting.
- We need to start thinking ahead about our election coming up this fall. In order to keep our Chapter going, we need new people to come forward to fill the officer positions. Please help us out. Contact any of the current officers or Directors if you are interested in running for any office.
- There are a lot of aviation changes coming in Arizona and at Falcon Field. I don't want to be called an alarmist, but we are not going to like any of them. One of the easiest way to help yourself and flying is joining the Association. Cost is free and their

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Treasurer's Report

As of 3/31/09 the treasury balance is \$1865.18

Chapter meetings:

June	2009
23 Tue. 1700 h	Chapter Meeting (CAF)
July	
July 26th- August 2nd	EAA Airventure Oshkosh

meetings are at Anzios Restaurant.

EAA Chapter 228 Falcons

Membership Meeting

Minutes Summary

May 26th, 2009

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

Sloppy Joes, chips and soda were available for \$5.00 prior to the meeting.

Chapter President Brian Briggerman called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Attendance:

There were 10 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. The chapter welcomed Pete Duran who flies an Archer II.

Tonight's Program

- Our speaker for tonight was Horace Griffen. Mr. Griffen was a flight instructor at Falcon Field during WWII teaching Royal Air Force cadets from August 1943 to August 1945.
- He detailed much of the history of FFZ and other training air bases around the state of Arizona.
- Mr. Griffen donated two DVDs of stories that had aired on Channel 8 TV regarding Falcon Field and the training of RAF cadets to the Chapter228 Library.
- Also tonight, Larry Ryerson from the Falcon Field Tenants and Users Association spoke to our members

about what has been happening at FFZ.

- He urged Chapter 228 members to join FFTUA even if not based at Falcon and to attend their meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Anzio's Landing at 9:00 am.
- For more information on the Falcon Field Tenants and Users Association visit:
<http://www.falconfield.org/>

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Michael Bruce
Secretary

In the Pattern (misc. stuff)

- Treasurer Mike Cycon is collecting Chapter 228 dues for 2009. Chapter dues is \$20.00 per year.
- Regarding the Chapter 228 2009 Christmas Party, Don McGettigan is looking into the Grandview Inn and Brian Briggerman is looking into Marie Callandars. Both Don and Brian will get info on cost, dates open, menu items, etc.
- Don McGettigan has researched getting shirts and hats made. Golf shirts with embroidered Chapter 228 logo will cost approximately \$25.00 ea. and hats \$12.00.
- Chapter President Brian Briggerman asked the membership to consider running for chapter office for year 2010.
- The Chapter 228 Board has

voted not to donate \$1000.00 to EAA Founder's Wing.

- Brian Briggerman is hosting coffee hour at his hangar, JJ6, every Thursday at 8:00 am.
- Don't forget the fly-out breakfast at Casa Grande on the 4th Saturday of the month.
- Our newsletter editor Scott Mulhollan and webmaster Dan Billingsly have requested photos of members aircraft and homebuilt projects.
- Be sure to check out our new website at <http://eaa228.org/>. Webmaster Dan Billingsly has done an outstanding job.
- Have you flown Young Eagles and earned flight points? You can donate those points to the Arizona Council of EAA Chapters to help send a young aviation enthusiast to EAA Air Academy.
- Phillips Fuels is offering a \$1.00/gal rebate on fuel for pilots flying Young Eagles. For more information on this program visit <http://www.phillips66aviation.com/YoungEagle.htm>
- Visit the Arizona Pilots Association website at <http://www.azpilots.org/> to learn about issues concerning flying in Arizona.
- If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail, send Newsletter Editor – Scott Mulhollan a message at cactushp@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- The June program will be Gary Christensen speaking on guns and airports.
- Fly-In breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month at Casa Grande airport.
- EAA Airventure Oshkosh is July 26th – August 2nd.



At Paris Airshow 2009 – Scott Mulhollan

- Starting with the August edition, I (Scott) will be stepping down as newsletter editor for Chapter 228. The reason being that I am starting college next year at ASU, and I will no longer have the time available to commit to

producing the newsletter. I have had lots of fun with this, but I will still be an active member of the chapter in the future. Taking over my place will be Dave Searle.

- Scott Mulhollan

Introducing the “Newbie”

By Paul Gregory, EAA Chapter 1410

I am in many respects a “newbie.” I am new to this world of homebuilding and to aviation as a whole. Unlike some of our members, I have not assembled anything more complicated than a scale model aircraft, nor am I a high-time pilot.

Despite always being interested in aircraft since I was six, it wasn't until I was thirty-four that I did anything about it. At the time I had a false alarm regarding my heart and this scare made me change some of my priorities - so I decided to learn to fly. Every week I learned to fly despite juggling the responsibilities of launching my own software services company and the arrival of my second child. This was eight years ago.

Once I earned my wings in 2001, I enthusiastically took up friends and family for rides. But my friends at the time were not aviation junkies so the thrill of solo \$100 hamburger flights began to wane and I never got over being a newbie and an outsider to general aviation. Like many other newly licensed private pilots I began to leave the hobby.

For the intervening years I let my priorities shift back and let life take me over—I continued to build my company, Intervera Data Solutions (with two business partners), and watch my daughter Sarah and younger son Jonathon grow up. My passion for aviation never died and I never stopped reading about it as my wife Mary can testify to by pointing to all the boxes of magazines and flying books as evidence! Despite this, I stopped flying.

In 2004, I came across the International EAA website and I thought I'd join. At first I

enjoyed the articles in *Sport Aviation* magazine and I began to think about the possibility of building my own aircraft. But the stories covered people far away from home and as a newbie I remained intimidated that I could never tackle such a project alone.

A year later, a newsletter arrived in the mail from a newly formed group based in High River. From reading this newsletter, I realized that there were others in Alberta who not only considered homebuilding but also had done it! With encouragement from many, I decided to drive down from Calgary and see what this group was all about. From the first moment I walked into the meeting room in the flight services building, I realized that I had found a group of like-minded people from many different walks of life who were passionate about the same thing. I joined EAA Chapter 1410 High River that night.

Since joining the chapter, I changed and made aviation a priority again. I signed up for pilot recurrency training, got all checked out and now I fly regularly either renting or flying with chapter friends. I flew down to Oshkosh in 2006 and along with twenty other chapter members volunteered in the “Lancaster at Oshkosh” tent. I took two EAA SportAir Workshops courses at High River - Sheet Metal Basics and Electrical Systems. Last year my family hosted the Ram River Fly-Out and later we drove down with our trailer to the Arlington Northwest Fly-in. I volunteered to play an active role in the chapter.

It is 2008 now and I haven't committed to a homebuilt yet, but I am fine with this since I will know when the time is right. So, I still consider myself a newbie. But now I am among friends who are either newbies themselves or remember being one and are enthusiastically willing to help.

