



# The Falcons

## SEPTEMBER 2009

### For the September Meeting:

- The September meeting is at the CAF hangar at 7:00 PM on Tues. 9-22-09
- The meal at the September meeting will be hot dogs, chips, pop, for \$5.00 at 6:30
- Our program for September is presented by Horace Griffen. Horace was a WWII flight instructor and he ran the 1948 Yuma endurance flight. He will also have a DVD presentation

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### Treasurer's Report

As of 5/31/09 the treasury balance is \$1973.91

### Chapter meetings:

September	2009
Tue. 9-22-09, @ 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting (CAF)
October	2009
Tue. 10-13-09 @ 6:30 PM	Staff Meeting (i Hop)
Tue. 10-27-099 @ 7:00 PM	Chapter Meeting (CAF)

- **EAA Chapter 228 Falcons  
Membership Meeting  
Minutes Summary  
August 25, 2009**

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

Hot dogs, chips and soda were available for \$5.00 prior to the meeting. Thanks go to Larry Pritchard for manning the grill.

Chapter Vice President Larry Pritchard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Treasurer's Report:**

As of 7/31/2009 the treasury balance is \$1945.91.

**Attendance:**

There were 16 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. The chapter welcomed David Luther. David has worked in the aerospace industry and has been involved in the development of a prototype rocket propelled aircraft.

**In the Pattern:** (misc. stuff)

The Chapter 228 2009 Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 5 at the GrandView Steak House in Mesa. More information will be forthcoming.

Chapter 228 elections for 2010 will be held at the November 24, 2009 general meeting. Please consider running for a chapter office.

Your chapter needs you.

With the end of summer looming and the promise of cooler weather ahead, our

monthly chapter socials will begin again.

Join other Chapter 228 members for breakfast on Saturday, 9/12 at 8:30am at Fireside Grill in Fountain Hills, AZ.

Join other chapter members for coffee every Thursday morning at 8:00am at Brian Briggerman's hangar (JJ-6) at Falcon Field Airport.

Don't forget the fly-out breakfast at Casa Grande on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

If you have questions about the Young Eagles program or would be interested in helping out at a future YE event, see Chapter 228 Young Eagles coordinator Brad Carlson.

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 \$2.00/gal rebate on fuel for pilots flying Young Eagles. For more information on this program visit <http://www.phillips66aviation.com/YEagle.htm>

Visit the Arizona Pilots Association website at <http://www.azpilots.org/> to learn about issues concerning flying in Arizona.

**Tonight's Program:**

Chapter 228 Director Dave McNeill led a Q & A forum on homebuilding. Dave has built a Glastar and RV-10 and has owned certificated aircraft.

He advised prospective homebuilders to define their mission prior to choosing a design and to decide where they will build (garage/hangar), how much time

can they dedicate to building (per day/week), if they have the necessary skills and what the total cost to build/insure will be.

Dave also suggested enrolling in EAA SportAir Workshops to improve your homebuilding skills in working with sheet metal, wood, welding, fiber glass, fabric, etc. or take advantage of the knowledge and skills of fellow chapter members and to consult with an EAA Flight Advisor prior to first flight.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Bruce

Secretary

### **In the Pattern (misc. stuff)**

- We are in serious need for a speaker for the October meeting. Preferably someone from the chapter. The speaker, guest or member dose not pay for the food that evening.
  - Brian Briggerman is hosting coffee hour at his hangar, JJ6, every Thursday at 8:00 am.
  - The Cristmas party will be held at the Grand View Steak House at the Painted Mountain Golf Resort at 6210 E. McKelleps Rd., Mesa on Saturday, Dec. 5. Social hour and open bar at 6:00 PM , dinner at 7:00 PM. The cost will be \$20/person. Payment must be received by the November meeting. Door prizes will be given. More details later.
  - The October Saturday Family Social will be held on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> at Vitos on the southwest corner of McKelleps and Lindsey at 4:00 PM.
- Chapter "T" shirts have been put on hold due to the company under consideration having closed its doors. Don McGettigan will continue the search. More details later.
  - Our newsletter editor Dave Searle and webmaster Dan Billingsly have requested photos of members aircraft and home built projects.
  - Be sure to check out our new website at <http://eaa228.org/>. Webmaster Dan Billingsly has done an outstanding job.
  - Visit the Arizona Pilots Association website at <http://www.azpilots.org/> to learn about issues concerning flying in Arizona.
  - **IF WE DO NOT GET ANYONE TO STEP FORWARD FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENT FOR THE 2010 TERM, EAA CHAPTER 228 WILL CEASE TO EXIST AFTER NEARLY 4 DECADES.**
  - If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail, send Newsletter Editor – Dave Searle a note at [dsearle2@cox.net](mailto:dsearle2@cox.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fly-In breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month at Casa Grande airport will be starting back up in September.
- September 19. Sedona Airport Flyin. For more information, call (928) 8623-0210.
- October 22-25. Copperstate Flyin at Casa Grand Airport (CGS) For more info, go to [www.copperstate.org](http://www.copperstate.org) .

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

EAA chapter 228 will be having its annual election of officers and directors in October and all positions are open for nomination. This will be discussed at the August general meeting.

Last year our Chapter came close to closing down due to a lack of candidates. Brian Briggerman and Larry Pritchard generously offered to fill the vacant President and Vice President positions, respectively, and avert the termination of our Chapter. Both Brian and Larry have done a great job and on behalf of the members I want to say thank you!

Our chapter cannot exist without the support of its members. The officers and directors work as a team to meet the educational goals of our chapter and to grow its membership. If you want to see Chapter 228 continue and grow we desperately need your help. I sincerely hope you consider stepping up to the challenge by putting forth your candidacy for one of the officer positions. Please contact me ([mcycon@msn.com](mailto:mcycon@msn.com) or at 480-838-6353) or any officer/director for information on the duties of each officer or to offer your name for nomination.

Thank you.

Mike Cycon

Treasurer/Membership