

AFTW Meeting Minutes – Dec. 14th, 2011

Meeting called to order by Terry Brandt.

With only 12 attendees, the meeting was conducted informally without an agenda.

T. Brandt announced that AFTW had received the annual Ruth Reinhold Award from Arizona Pilots Association (APA). He also mentioned that AFTW had sponsored a table at the ASAG banquet and that donations to defray the costs of unfilled seats would be gratefully accepted. Donations weren't immediately forthcoming...

A variety of flight-related issues were presented and briefly discussed:

- Aircraft have still been using a makeshift NDB approach at Coolidge based on a local radio station. This unpublished, nonstandard approach causes conflicts with other traffic and has been removed from the AFTW website. Local instructors should cease using it.
- Carefree is a private airport with a very noise-sensitive community. Pilots should not use private airports for low approaches or touch-and-goes.
- The Red Creek landing strip, a very primitive dirt strip north of the Horseshoe Dam on the west side of the river, has been closed by the Forest Service. Several incidents/accidents involving local aircraft have prompted its closure. APA wants to educate pilots regarding the hazards of backcountry flying and intends to work with the Forest Service to reopen the strip for public use.
- In the upcoming AIM revision, due out Feb. 2012, there will be a new frequency allocation for gliders, fire fighting, SAR/CAP missions, etc. This frequency can be used for aircraft not in contact with ATC.
- Instructors may teach without a medical. But, they cannot act as PIC. This implies:
 - ✓ No instrument students or safety pilot duties
 - ✓ No primary students
- The Gateway Workgroup is working on the final draft of a letter to airmen regarding changes in use of airspace near KIWA. Compliance may avoid changing KIWA from Class D to Class C. Basically, this affects the northern half of the SE practice area. The aforementioned letter should be out in the next couple of weeks. *AFTW may reconsider redrawing the practice area allocation...*

Miscellaneous comments from various attendees:

- One instructor noted that "sloppy" shutdown procedures were evident during instructional flights at KDVT, including having an instructor exit a moving aircraft! Since instructors serve as models for students, it's imperative that instructors use checklists during all phases of their flights.
- June Bonesteel mentioned that she'll be publishing a new, oral prep guide for the Commercial checkride.
- One participant wondered if there ops procedures established by AFTW for summer training involving high cockpit temperatures. The group didn't know of any and didn't have any human factors suggestions beyond the obvious requirement for proper hydration.

There will be a Powered Parachute Fly-In at Phoenix Regional (A39) from February 3-5, 2012.

The next AFTW meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 9:30 AM.

Submitted by Craig Albright.

AFTW Meeting Minutes – Dec. 14th, 2011

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Stefan Jarick	ATCA
David Ammon	Turf Soaring School & West Valley Flying Club
Matt Miller	Falcon Executive
David Kitts	Phoenix Helicopter
Bruni Bradley	Goodyear A/P
June Bonesteel	AFTW
Terry Brandt	DPEAG
Tommy Thomason	Arizona Pilots Association
Craig Albright	Arizona Pilots Association