

AFTW.org Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

Airports

- KFFZ – Boeing helicopters is using the runway 22R from 0600 to 0800 for the next couple of days. Lighting project completed.
- KPRC – Runway closures coming due to construction July 30th for 23 days. Expect nighttime closure of airport.
- KIWA – Taxiway Charlie construction. Tower is still short staffed.
- Glendale – Houses being built to SE of airport in the Runway safety area will have a no complaint clause in the HOA.
- SDL – striping completed on the taxiway A project. Expect continued construction through Sept 15th. Signature ramp is under construction.
- Sky Ranch – Noise sensitive community, please no practice power off approaches to the airport, watch out for departing traffic when in nearby airspace. There is also rising terrain to be aware of.
- KCGZ – City still negotiating with parachute operators. Jeppesen approach plate shows incorrect CTAF frequency. It is still 122.7. NOT 122.75. Will be corrected on next cycle. LiveATC feed approved and will be installed end of July-ish. CAE donating equipment to the City who will be installing it. Brent Crow would like to host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony once online along with an FAA Safety Seminar at CGZ with CGZ government officials to aid networking and awareness. Watch FAAafety.gov for seminar information.
- DVT – Taxiway construction, with an LOA being developed with local schools to shorten taxi clearances. DVT Tower manager leaving shortly, presumably to go to KFFZ.
- Cottonwood – Red Rock Skydiving has shutdown. Wiseman Aviation FBO is live.

Airspace

- Charting Team Update:
 - KML file is available for download on the website into Foreflight. Garmin Pilot file to follow shortly. Instructions are available on the site to download into Foreflight, however some users report issues with the site showing a bunch of code when you click on the file. Foreflight and Apple have no feedback on this and do not know why it sometimes does this. Some tests have shown that downloading Google Earth app to your iPad may fix the issue. If not being successful, email the charting team and we can email you the file. There was discussion over zoning out the NW Luke Sectors so that Luke RAPCON can help segregate traffic in their sectors, but the group decided that it would be better to leave the sectors off the AFTW chart and just put the reporting points (issues with non-participating traffic and Luke's sketchy hours of operation).

Schools using the LOA with Luke will carry their own charts of those sectors. Hot spots are left out at this point, since we hope the new charting may help with some issues already. All reporting points go through a committee of various users to determine what should get put on the chart. If you have a reporting point that you think should be on there, please submit to the Charting team. Two waypoints were considered for addition – the Casino near Fountain hills, but was too close to Fountain Hills. The other was a campground 3 miles north of the Fountain hills area, which will be added cause there is no other nearby reporting point. Fountain Hills point will be moved over the fountain.

- Stanfield VOR Procedures
 - It's not first on frequency, first served to determine stack altitude, but rather first to arrive at TFD. For example, a Baron 10nm out and a Piper Archer 10nm out... the baron gets priority for the next available altitude as they cruise much faster and will arrive at the VOR first. This is why calls approaching the VOR shall state a time to the VOR, not just distance.
 - Instructors only on the Stanfield VOR frequency (CGZ CTAF) please.
- Jim Pitman
 - Can you please make PDF's of the practice areas now that the waypoints are solid (after the updates discussed today are put on there)? If not, let Brent know please.
- "I'm over the shooting range heading back to Deer Valley, last call..." Please drop the use of "last call" we already know you are going to Deer Valley and will be leaving frequency soon.
- There was discussion that stating "SE Practice Area, 2 nm southwest of Mr. Volcano, XXXXX Southeast" is a bit redundant. Perhaps only including SE Practice area on initial call and drop the tailing "southeast" as it has caused confusion with stating they are SW/SE of a reference point. That's a lot of cardinal directions in one call.
- If approaching Glendale from Deer Valley, please angle to enter on the 45 to the downwind, Tower seems to hold departures when someone is on a straight in, and it has caused large delays for aircraft holding short. Go to the Powerplant.
- Remember that if you are flying a practice instrument approach with Phoenix approach into a Towered airport, you do not break off the approach prior to entering class D just because you have not been handed off. The only exception is when shooting a practice approach with Luke to Deer Valley. However, there is an LOA being drafted between Luke and Deer Valley at the moment which will delete this from being the exception.
- GPS Rwy 23 into KCGZ is slated to come back in September. The group is against this change, as it caused nothing be a continuous battle of opposite direction approaches into a very busy airport. We will work with contacts at PHX TRACON to push this off the publishing list.

Training

- There are new updates to the AC regarding non-towered airport operations
- FAA has dropped the requirement for a complex aircraft on the Comm/CFI check requirements as of August 27, 2018. More here:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/27/2018-12800/regulatory-relief-aviation-training-devices-pilot-certification-training-and-pilot-schools-and-other#p-239>

- There is also a newly revised AC regarding BFR's and IPC's (AC 61.98D)
- It has been reported that student solos are using incorrect verbiage when describing the "upwind" of the traffic pattern. AIM, PHAK, AFH all state it is called the "departure" leg, not the upwind leg. Brent is looking into this, and plans to publish an article on AFTW with findings.

Other

- "First Draft of Stanfield Stack Procedures" banner needs to be updated on the Website home screen – this is not a draft... it's the live version.

Next AFTW meeting is: September 12th at 0930 at the Scottsdale FSDO. See you there!