

# ***AFTW Meeting Minutes***

May 13, 2020

This was our first virtual meeting. Unfortunately, the FAA Zoom account we used did not allow recording and the screen-recording software Jim Pitman tried to use on short notice did not work, so there is no video recording of this meeting.

**Stacy Elliot conducted the meeting. Thank you Stacy!**

**Jim covered a few housekeeping items:**

1. Ensure your real name is displayed for attendance
2. How to turn your camera on and off (please be careful)
3. How to ask a question in chat
4. Please do not have side conversations in the chat
5. For WINGS Credit, send your faasafety.gov email address to the host (not to everyone).

**Airspace**

1. Jim reviewed the progress that has been made on the “Recommended Procedures for Practice Instrument Approaches in the Phoenix-Area” project.
  - a. Link to view work in progress:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-\\_THIsu2Yg7IRcdxkq7D\\_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-_THIsu2Yg7IRcdxkq7D_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/)
  - b. Thank you to the following individuals for helping with this important project:
    - i. Alex Mirabile
    - ii. Bryan Gmyrek
    - iii. Frank Shirvinski
    - iv. Paul Wegeman
  - c. Please submit feedback related to this project via: <http://aftw.org/contact/>
2. Jim reviewed the current Stanfield Stack procedures.
  - a. New web page: [aftw.org/stanfield-vor-procedures](http://aftw.org/stanfield-vor-procedures)
  - b. New notes and procedure added as first page of revision 5.
  - c. Referencing feedback from several other pilots/instructors, Jim proposed the following changes to reduce radio congestion:

- i. Encourage instructors/evaluators to stop reporting “Maricopa Highway” to eliminate confusion with pilots who are not familiar (this was removed from the recommended procedures long ago).
- ii. It is proposed that we remove the following calls/reports:
  - 1. Entering the stack (slide 26)
  - 2. Turning in the hold (slides 27 and 28)
  - 3. Procedure turn outbound (slides 30 and 37)
  - 4. 6 NM final (slides 33 and 34)
- iii. This would leave the following calls/reports as the new standard procedure:
  - 1. First call about 10 NM out (state how many minutes out) - Request top of stack
  - 2. 2 minutes from TFD
  - 3. Every altitude change
  - 4. Procedure turn inbound (please follow the official definition in the Pilot / Controller Glossary and do not call until “Established inbound”)
  - 5. VOR inbound, approach altitudes open
  - 6. 4 NM final
  - 7. 2 NM final
  - 8. Normal CGZ traffic calls
- d. Other proposed changes:
  - i. Change the example on slide 32 to say, "Approach altitudes open" instead of "3800ft. open."
  - ii. Remove the "Suggested entry altitude 4500ft. MSL" note on slide 41, making it okay to enter at approach altitudes when the stack is empty.
- e. Please provide input on these proposed changes as soon as possible via: <http://aftw.org/contact/>
- f. Once these updates are completed (hopefully within a few days), revision 6 will be shared at aftw.org and on the AFTW Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/azftw>
- g. DPEs taking cuts in the stack during checkrides is not appropriate.
- h. We need clearer direction for working with IFR aircraft at TFD. We are putting together a small team to work on this project.

## **Airports**

- 1. There are a lot of construction projects at several airports. Check NOTAMS before every flight.

2. DVT runway closure NOTAM: 05/023 (A0275/20) - RWY 07R/25L CLSD EXC XNG. 26 MAY 07:00 2020 UNTIL 02 JUN 00:01 2020. CREATED: 19 MAY 17:59 2020

### Training Updates

1. Relief for Certain Persons and Operations During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak:  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/04/2020-09472/relief-for-certain-persons-and-operations-during-the-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-outbreak>

### Other

1. Brent Crow summarized the Tucson area FAAS Team report (FAAS Team Representatives Lee Unger and Rick Whitaker in attendance)
  - a. Outreach is ongoing to reduce the unacceptable number of runway incursions and pilot deviations at KTUS, many in the vicinity of Hot Spot 2 with the remaining dispersed.
  - b. Request AFTW's continued support to improve safety at Marana Regional (KAVQ); submitted topics for discussion.
    - i. Tucson area FAAS Team Representatives will submit feedback asap for "Recommended Procedures for Practice Instrument Approaches in the Phoenix-Area" to <http://aftw.org/contact/> regarding [AVQ] RNAV (GPS) RWY 12.
  - c. An update from Steve Miller, Marana Regional Airport Director: "As far as our tower project, there is nothing new to report at the moment. Our next step remains to be a sitting study.  
...Nothing has been cancelled or even deferred for that matter."
2. Ron Berinstein of the Southern California Airspace Users Working Group (<http://scauwg.org>) shared some of what they are doing. SCAUWG continues to be a great supporter of the AFTW. Thank you!
3. Status of minutes from March 11th meeting? Brent will track them down.
4. From Steve Brimmer: EFB precautions and backups for applicants on checkrides.
  - a. AC: 91-78:  
[https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory\\_Circular/AC\\_91\\_78.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC_91_78.pdf)
5. Jim reviewed noise complaints near Sky Ranch at Carefree (18AZ)
  - a. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/158mGUOMcZO6JBa0D1xL6QS7p3MxYo3We2j-O0Ve4lls/edit?usp=sharing>
6. Jim encouraged the group to practice "Practical Risk Management" related to COVID-19.
  - a. We need to protect our local flight training community from the virus.

- i. With DPEs regularly working at different flight schools, an outbreak among pilots/instructors could quickly affect schools throughout the valley.
  - ii. The issue is the period of time (usually several days) from when people are first infected/contagious until the time they know they are infected and quarantine themselves.
  - iii. Wearing a mask is not to protect the person wearing it. It's to protect the other people they are near.
- b. Here is what Jim is currently doing:
- i. Until further notice, I am only working with flight schools and applicants that agree to:
    1. Perform a temperature check before beginning the checkride (I have my own non-touch thermometer). The checkride will be cancelled or postponed at no expense if either of us have a temperature above 100.0 deg F.
    2. Wear a face mask the entire time we are together (ground and flight).
    3. Follow CDC/WHO recommendations for hand-washing and physical distancing (as much as possible).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8th at 9:30am. We do not know if it will be in person or via Zoom. Watch [aftw.org](http://aftw.org), the AFTW Facebook page, and [faasafety.gov](http://faasafety.gov) for updates.