

Flight Training Workgroup

Meeting Minutes For January 23, 2003

Meeting Place & Time: Scottsdale Flight Standards District Office, 09:00 – 11:18

Meeting Facilitator: Michael J. Halloran

Members Present:

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| June Bonesteel | Anne Quigley |
| Jim Pitman | Randy Payne |
| Brian Moody | Jim Harkins |
| Kevin Shirer | Scott Sutton |
| Matt Miller | Steve Hover |
| Missy Parlang | Guy Lennon |
| Steve Wyloge | Juergen Tank |
| Greg Schmidt | Mike Halloran |
| Bill Tobey | |

Welcome - Mike Halloran welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting, this was the send meeting held at this location. Mr. Halloran thanked everyone for coming together for the special date so as not to conflict with the Phoenix Airspace Users Workgroup (PAUWG) meeting.

Agenda Items Covered:

*** Update on advisory/warning over the Casa Grande AWOS, *Greg Schmidt – ATCA:***

Mr. Schmidt had contacted a Mr. Rodriguez, the person who oversees the Casa Grande AWOS station. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he would contact his people in Utah to see what it would take administratively to change the verbiage on the Casa Grande AWOS. Mr. Schmidt also contacted Kevin Harrington of the Prescott Flight Service Station with a request to have the briefer mention the AFTW's website when they give a briefing. This has not been implemented yet.

*** Information updates on website for the AFTW, Jim Pitman Westwind School of Aeronautics.**

Mr. Pitman, presented the finalized version of the practice areas and aerobatic boxes for the website. He demonstrated how to use it during his presentation.

*** Specific emphasis items, policies, best practices used for the AFTW, Jim Pitman Westwind School of Aeronautics.**

Mr. Pitman also challenged the group with a request of what the group could do to reduce accidents, incidents and deviation within the scope of the AFTW. Mr. Pitman suggested to the group that it could adopt a set of "standards", or "best practices" that the group could agree on and incorporated in everyone's training program.

Mike Halloran introduced the Pilot Examiner Advisory committee Working Group and explained that they were starting to adopt something that was similar with them.

June Bonesteel, Pilot Examiner, was introduced and explained that the Pilot Examiner Advisory Committee is starting to put together “standardized” check rides where there will be some best common practices that will be agreed upon by all DPE’s in the district. Mr. Halloran stated that there could be a possible interaction between the two groups for a win-win situation to occur.

Kevin Shirer suggested that the Group could create a working model that would be a minimum standard. An example mentioned was on a Flight Review by an instrument rated pilot, have him/her complete an ILS approach.

It was also mentioned that, as a working group, each member could agree not to teach merely to the Practical Test Standard (PTS) minimum level, but to hold themselves to a much higher level, and to identify such.

Jim Harkin of Luke AFB, offered that each member of the working group could share their “best operating practices” and share this on their website. As an example, best practices for preventing gear up landings.

*** Noise Abatement, Mike Halloran – Scottsdale Flight Standards.**

Mr. Halloran offered to the group a proposal to address the noise issues over the Phoenix metro area. One proposal was to have the workgroup send out a questionnaire to the flight schools and FBO’s asking for they’re input on what topics they would like us to address.

Kevin Shirer, City of Scottsdale, offered that there might be “best practices” adopted by all in the group to fly friendly and keep their altitudes up over the minimum altitude required.

It was also recommended that the FAA meet with the Medical Helicopter, News helicopter and police to see if they could also adopt a fly friendly policy.

Bill Toby, Sabena, stated that whatever we did as a group, we needed to positively publicize it to the general public. He stated that there was too much negative press being mentioned, and more positive representation needs to be reflected.

It was also stated that the Phoenix noise office could provide noise information charts if it could help the flight training schools.

It was also mentioned that the topic of noise was outside the scope of what the AFTW was intended to accomplish. The topic of noise abatement was tabled until a more appropriate time.

*** Mission Statement, Jim Pitman – Westwind School of Aeronautics.**

The mission Statement was revised after a group discussion that better reflected what the working group represents.

The Group agreed to hold the next meeting on February 20, 2002 @ 09:00 – 11:00, at the Embry-Riddle Flight Training Center at Prescott, AZ.

With the above mentioned the meeting was adjourned.