

Arizona Flight Training Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Scottsdale FSDO

January 4, 2006, 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Members in attendance:

1. Bill Tobey – SATC
2. Brian Mehrstens – Pan Am
3. Curtis Strickland – Phoenix TRACON
4. Dave Vangsnes – UND
5. David Ammon – Turf Soaring School
6. Frank Mercy – Human Factor Prescriptions/Westwind
7. Fred Gorrell – DPE
8. James Berry – Pan Am
9. Jim Pitman – Westwind
10. John Puster – ATCA
11. Juergen Tank – Embry Riddle
12. Marc Hatfiled – Pan Am
13. Paul Burns – ASU
14. Ron Vandervort – CFI
15. Shea Linehan – Oxford Aviation
16. Stacey Skrocki – Alliance Flight
17. Tommy Thomason – Alliance Flight

General Discussion Items:

New Runway Safety DVD's were recently mailed to CFI's. Contact Mike Halloran (michael.j.halloran@faa.gov) if you would like more copies for your pilots.

The new FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) is coming soon. This is the program that will replace the current FAA Safety Program. There will be more focus on human factors. We will have four program managers in our region. Mike Halloran has his name in for the position. Program managers should be selected by March or April.

The ILS at IWA will be out of service for an extended period of time due to construction that is scheduled to begin some time in the next couple of weeks. During that time, practice approaches *may* be available at Sky Harbor during early morning hours.

Curtis Strickland (Phoenix TRACON) briefed the group on how to utilize practice approaches at PHX.

- Available on workload permitting basis only.
- Probably only available between 12:30 AM and 5:00 AM.
- Be sure to say "Cancel IFR" at MAP or else ATC will be required to give you the full missed approach procedure (they won't like that).

Curtis also invited the AFTW to give a presentation during daily TRACON training sessions the week of January 23rd (12:15 to 1:15 PM Monday through Friday). Many controllers do not fully understand general aviation and flight training requirements. This is a great opportunity to bridge that gap. James Berry volunteered to take the lead on giving these presentations. All AFTW members are invited. Contact Tom Drysdale at 602-379-3684 if you would like to attend.

For the presentation, Curtis recommended that we focus on items such as:

- Number and types of students we are training.
- \$\$\$ spent by students for flight training.
- Type of equipment we are using.
- What we need from ATC.

Other than “red-eye” ILS approaches at PHX, we will have to use the ILS’s at CGZ and PRC while IIWA is down. Prescott welcomes the extra traffic. Everyone is also encouraged to review the “Practice Instrument Approach Procedures at Casa Grande” document that is available at www.aftw.org.

Luke AFB is moving forward with there plan to implement a Special Air Traffic Rule (SATR) that will require pilots to talk to Luke Approach near Luke AFB. More information is available online at:

www.luke.af.mil/CommunityInterests/MidairCollisionAvoidance/MCA_index.asp

The AFTW supports this initiative and views it as a significant improvement in flight safety.

Assignments:

- Dave Vangsnes will contact Fighter Combat International to determine if we can better define the areas they use.
- Jim Pitman will contact AOPA to inquire about advertising the AFTW in their airport directories.
- Bill Tobey will contact the individuals at Coolidge Airport who have been inhospitable to training aircraft and inquire about their aerobatic box.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be hosted by Alliance Flight at Scottsdale Airport February 22nd at 9:00 AM. Plan to meet in the Conference Room of the Aviation Business Center (adjacent to the Terminal Building).