

Arizona Flight Training Workgroup Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2005 09:00 – 11:00

Location: Scottsdale FSDO, 17777 N. Perimeter Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85255

The meeting commenced at 09:10 with introductions, which were made around the room.

- AFTW Involvement with FAA's AFS-840: Mike Brown, the manager of the FAA's Flight Training Branch, AFS-840, gave a presentation of what his branch is responsible for and working on. Mr. Brown was in Washington D.C. and gave the presentation via a Telcon to the group. Mr. Brown solicited help from the group in helping his office develop new instructional guides, validate & critique current training & regulatory initiatives as well as provide recommendations. Mr. Brown would like to work with a few points of contact from the group that would act as liaisons. Jim Pitman & Jackie Whitford have volunteered to be those points of contact that will work with this office and the AFTW.

- Power Lines at Casa Grande, AZ: A discussion was brought up concerning this issue and John from ATCA has volunteered to attend the meeting and speak on behalf of the group as well as report on the status of the power lines at the next meeting. The meeting on this will be on February 14 & 15, 2005.

- Training Aircraft operating through the Aerobatic Box at Turf Soaring: An advisory was announced stating that there were training aircraft flying through Turf Soaring School's Aerobatic Box when it was active. Re-iterated was the location of the Box and when it was active with a word to look out – heavy glider activity as a suggestion, check 122.90 and see and avoid.

- Deer Valley Airport IFR Procedures: Jeff Moss, brought up the issue that aircraft were being vectored east past DVT when arriving from the west and to avoid this crazy routing he was canceling IFR and proceeding direct to DVT. This was apparently from the Obstacle Departure Procedure for the airport. Randy Payne said that he would give us a progress report on the issue at the next meeting.

- Class B Redesign: Jim Berry, gave a presentation of the Class B redesign and announced some of the issues that they were working on that were on that would be bad for General Aviation aircraft. The Class B was going to go from a circular design to a "bow-tie" type of look.

- Special Aircraft Activity Waiver in Rainbow Valley: Mike Halloran, announced a recent waiver that was issued to a certificate holder who was going to be flying in the Rainbow Valley southwest of the greater PHX valley. Details are:
When: February 17, 2005 – March 8, 2005, Dawn until Dusk

Area of Operation:

Flight between 200 ft and 3000 ft AGL within a 5 NM miles of a point at N33deg 9.160min, W112deg 21.785min (Radial 220 from PXR VOR at 24 NM).

What: Embraer, ERJ-190 Twin Engine Jet.

Detailed description of proposed operation:

This is a certification flight test to be conducted in Rainbow Valley, on a racetrack pattern. Passes will be North-South direction, West or East crosswinds. All wilderness areas around the place of test will be respected (no overfly). The aircraft will be an ERJ-190 - a twin turbofan 100 seats airliner - midsize, in experimental category, registration PP-XMI, white fuselage with longitudinal blue and yellow strips - light gray wings. Minimum crew will be on board - 2 pilots and 3 flight test engineers. Only test personnel and vehicles will be within 500 ft of the flight path. Contact: Mr. Bruce Conze, ANM-112 at the LAACO, phone (562) 627-5261.

- Prescott Airspace Change: Juergen Tank announced that there has been a change in Prescott's ATC airspace from a "Pie-wedge" to a "full circle" type of pictorial display.

- Environmental Assessment for the ASR-11 Radar: It is in the process of being renamed the DVT radar. This is being done so as not to have to go through the 3-letter process for "NVA". The date for the EA workshop has been set for February 17, 2005. It will be held at the Prime hotel at Union Hills and I-17. There will be two sessions, one at 2PM and the other at 6PM. There will be a pre-meeting at noon, with personnel from hdqtrs. (unknown as to who) and with the EA people.

- A motion was suggested that the AFTW meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month. This was acceptable to all in attendance, therefore the next meeting will be held on, March 23, 2005, starting at 09:00 at the Pan-Am Ground Training Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 22.