

Flight Training Workgroup

Meeting Minutes For March 20, 2003

Meeting Place & Time: Westwind School of Aeronautics, Deer Valley Airport, 09:00 – 11:18

Meeting Facilitator: Jim Pitman

Members Present:

Mike Halloran	Jim Harkin
Matt Miller	Scott Sutton
Bill Tobey	Dave Vangsnes
Randy Payne	Dennis Smith
Fred Gorrell	June Bonesteel
Bill Sander	Elvind Boe
Kenneth Larsen	Brian Calendine
Dean Edmonds	Kevin Shirer

Welcome - Jim Pitman welcomed all in attendance.

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 get back to Mr. Schmidt, and the group on the subject. A suggestion was made that the group could petition the airport/city managers to request the change on the AWOS. Mr. Schmidt said that he would inform the group when progress is made. He also said that he'd talked to Kevin Harrington, the Manager of the Prescott FSS. Mr. Harrington had agreed to include a link to the AFTW's website from the Prescott FSS's homepage.

*** Continued group discussion on "Best Practices"**

Jim Pitman gave a presentation as an example of Best Practices, concentrating on Aeronautical Decision Making and Human Factors in order to reduce hazards in flying. Examples included: - Midair Collision Avoidance, Runway Incursion Avoidance, Adhering to Standard Operating Procedures. During the presentation he offered obtaining a copy of Advisory Circular, AC-60-22.

During this portion of the meeting, Mr. Halloran, offered that the Aviation Safety Advisory Group (ASAG) to come to an AFTW meeting and present accident/incident statistics. All at the meeting were interested in hearing this. Mr. Halloran will arrange to have this happen.

*** Continued group discussion concerning how the group could make these “Best Practices” known to the public:**

Dennis Smith offered talking to the pilots that frequented the aerobatic practice area to the east and explain to them about the potential hazards surrounding the airspace that they are doing aerobatics in. Matt Miller also offered to publish and distribute information about the website to all tenants at the Falcon Field Airport.

The focus of the meeting shifted to how to get the word out to pilots about the airspace issues surrounding the Phoenix airspace.

Mike Halloran offered to dedicate a portion of the monthly “Arizona Airman” newsletter to the group so that more people would know about the website.

Dean Edmonds suggested that some of the news media might be contacted so that something positive would be published regarding general aviation and flight training. This would be in contrast to the negative press that the public reads about aviation. In articles could be a mention of the website. Kevin Shirer offered to draft a press relief that could be distributed to the media to publicize the flight-safety information compiled through the AFTW, and members could use as “talking points” if talking with the media.

There were other mentions about how to outreach to the public what the AFTW is doing.

*** Stacy Howard, Western Region representative, Airplane Owners and Pilots Association:**

Ms. Howard presented proposed VFR route structure from the West to Southeast of the Phoenix Class B area. This was drafted up in response from an AOPA traffic service questionnaire that pilots filled out on AOPA’s “e-pilot” mailer. The survey revealed that the service in Phoenix’s airspace was good from North – South. However the East to West was not good, so this route was developed. This route is being tested right now with the PHX TRACON for viability to see if it decreases radio congestion as well as mitigate TCAS resolutions.

Stacy also stated that the PAUWG (Phoenix Airspace Users Workgroup) tasked NATCA with coming up with coded routes for flying around the PHX Class B airspace and practicing instrument approaches as well as other work. Stacy recommended that the AFTW come up with input to be put on as an agenda item for the next meeting because there has been nothing established or done on this yet. All were in agreement and will come to the next meeting with suggestions to help NATCA make this a reality.

At this point in the meeting it was agreed that the AFTW hold meetings on every fourth Thursday of every month. All were in agreement to the permanent change. This change was made so as not to conflict with the PAUWG meeting.

The next AFTW meeting is to be held at the Williams Gateway airport at the University of North Dakota facility.

Kevin Shirer presented the Scottsdale Pilot Noise Abatement Pledge. The document presented to the group is a draft suggesting input for changes. Small changes were offered to the draft. The plan is to mail this out to all tenants to sign based at the Scottsdale airport as well as including a Noise Abatement section included in the training before giving them (tenants) a contract. Some concerns raised were that this could be used against someone in a legal tort action if they were to sign. As well as this mailer, Mr. Shirer was looking into the possibility to get more "yellow" on the sectional charts identified around the north part of the Phoenix Valley.

Open floor discussion items:

June Bonesteel, mentioned the Designated Pilot Examiner Advisory Committee, as well as acting as a communication lead for the DPEAG to make them aware of what had occurred at this meeting that might impact the group there.

Randy Payne, stated that there will be a meeting on Monday, March 24 concerning arrival and departure routes at the Williams Gateway airport.

Conclusion:

The meeting was concluded at 11:15 and all attendees were dismissed.