

# Arizona Flight Training Workgroup Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 23, 2005, 09:00 – 11:00

**Location:** Deer Valley Airport, PAIFA Ground Bldg.

Attendees:	Andre Eagleton	Phx. PD	Marc Hatfield	PAIFA
	Tim Clark	Phx. PD	Brian Mehrtens	PAIFA
	David Ammon	Turf	Bill Tobey	SATC
	Kevin Harrington	PRC/AFSS	Matt Miller	Falcon Exec/DPE
	Jeff Moss	Cirrus/Lancair	Randy Payne	COP
	Harold Sharp	FAA DVT ATCT	Laura George	MPD
	June Bonesteel	DPE	Mike Halloran	SDL FSDO SPM
	Beamer Bermant	FFZ ATCT	Scott Fredrick	LUKE AFB
	Vince Masciotra	PHX Tracon	Jackie Whitford	CFI
	Greg Black	PAIFA	Daren Gallacher	Makarion

## Old Business:

A brief discussion ensued about formalizing the AFTW. While the members continue to have some concerns over actually formalizing the group with officers and the like, there is a consensus that a Point of Contact should be named. This POC has not been determined. Will discuss further at next meeting, there was concern by the government groups represented at the meeting, ie FSDO, FSS and ATCT that by formalizing the group, our ability to effect change would be greatly enhanced!

Also discussed was the possibility of a Forum on the AFTW website for people to ask and have answered questions concerning flight training in the area. Since none of the group could speak for the web master, it was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

The power lines issue raised at last meeting was discussed; John from ATCA was not in attendance. Jim Pitman, via message, indicated that the city of Casa Grande had two different locations for the lines to run. There was much objection to plan "B" and that plan "A" didn't appear to be quite so problematic. More to come on this when John gets back to the group at next meeting.

ODP update at DVT: Jeff Moss indicated that he had not had any problems with IR arrivals into DVT, but that the DVT tower was still required to read the entire ODP. Jeff will check with NACO to see when the change in the NACO publications will match JEPP!

## **New Business:**

Stellar Airpark has changed significantly with respect to practice approaches and pattern work. Please read the AFD dated March 17<sup>th</sup>. Student training is to be conducted by permit only.

A discussion was centered around the practice area frequency, specifically the north 122.75. Several folks had contacted PAIFA to complain that transient air-to-air users were being told not to be on the air and verbal altercations ensued. A reminder was given that we must share like good little boys and girls!! Bill Tobey from Sabena asked if a special training section on the web site might help with the confusion.

At the request of a local DPE, the web site [www.plansaplenty.com](http://www.plansaplenty.com) was shared with the group. This site is hosted by an OK City FAA fellow that trains all new DPE's. There are several links to sample questions for the practical test. Also of note is the marshmallow blow gun for \$4.95.

Kevin Harrington asked for a several minutes to bring the group up to date on what's been going on with FSS. As many know, Lockheed Martin has won a contract to provide the FSS services for 10 years. (5 years with another 5 year option) There will be a push to downsize FSS and streamline the products. PRC is one of the 20 sites that are scheduled to remain after the downsizing. FSS will also be updating their briefings to include interactive web based briefings. Kevin was quite optimistic about the changes that Lockheed is planning on making and will provide additional data as it's received.

Beamer from FFZ related that there are two tower freqs at FFZ now. However, he cautioned that users should listen to ATIS carefully, as you must first contact them on 124.60 and then be 'handed' to the 119.70 controller. Also, Beamer reminded all users to include your entire request on initial call to reduce radio transmissions.

Vince Masciotra from TRACON would like to show about a 15 minute video at next meeting to show the traffic arrivals and departures into and out of sky harbor.

The group was advised of a new aerobatic box going in near the Coolidge airport. According to the waiver request, there doesn't seem to be any infringement on our ability to use that facility.

Users of DVT were reminded by Harold Sharp, ATCT manager, to contact ground ASAP when clearing the runway.

## **Next Meeting:**

April 27<sup>th</sup> at Sky Harbor, City of Phoenix is hosting.

Meeting Adjourned 11:00.