

Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW)
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2008

Sabena has received more than 100 noise complaint phone calls so far this year. We need to avoid the Gold Canyon development. The AFTW recommends staying at least 2,000 feet above all residential areas whenever possible.

James D agreed to provide a map depicting noise complaints around the Phoenix area. Jim P will post on the AFTW website.

James will also send Jim an electronic version of the new TAC for use on the practice area information AFTW web page.

Westwind School of Aeronautics stated that they have not been receiving very good traffic advisories from Luke Approach. We need better service if they want everyone to talk to them.

Estrella Sail port acrobatic box does not match depiction on AFD. Use caution. Need more info.

Falcon Tower is a training tower. Be patient with them and be careful. Rising terrain NE of the field – when busy it becomes a noise complaint hotspot.

The group agreed to change the dividing line of the southwest and southeast practice areas. We will now use I-10 as the dividing line. Jim P will update the website.

Oxford reported that the entire Rainbow Valley area is extremely busy. Use caution.

Curtis S updated the group on the improvements that are in process for the transition routes on the Phoenix TAC. It will model the L.A. TAC and be more user-friendly.

PHX TRACON is training new people also. Be patient with them and be careful.

The group suggested a page on the AFTW website that will allow pilots to log complaints/suggestions related to PHX operations and airspace. Jim P agreed to put something together.

The group briefly discussed the problems TFRs could cause if McCain is elected president. No solutions. Just FYI.

Fire season is coming. Avoid areas with smoke even if there is no TFR. The AF/D has more info on fires.