

AFTW Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2005

Host: Jim Pitman, Westwind School of Aeronautics

Time: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Members in Attendance

Jane Adams, Prescott AFSS
Karren Apple, City of Phoenix
Ondrea Benner, Pan Am
James Berry, Pan Am
Nancy Faron, City of Phoenix
Kevin Harrington, Prescott AFSS
Esa Harvela, Embry Riddle
Al LaVoy, Human Factor Prescriptions
Jennifer Lewis, Scottsdale Airport
Frank Mercy, Human Factor Prescriptions
Jeff Moss, AFD Training

Toby Olson, Regional Airline Academy
Randy Payne, City of Phoenix
Ethan Pearson, Airline Transport Professionals
Jack Pirano, Deer Valley Tower
Jim Pitman, Westwind
Juergen Tank, Embry Riddle
Tommy Thomason, Tango Aviation
Bill Tobey, SATC
Mike Volckmann, Glendale Aviation
Jackie Whitford, flight instructor

Visitors

Ed Chauza, Deer Valley Pilot's Association
Burney Helmick, Goodyear Airport
Sean Jeralds, Embry Riddle

Ken McKinney, Deer Valley Airport
Gerald Pennington, Phoenix TRACON

Old Business

Use of 122.85 – Jeff Moss reported that he has made several attempts to contact the right people at both the FCC and FAA to determine whether or not we are allowed to use 122.85 as a practice area frequency. Jeff was unsuccessful in obtaining any straight answers. Gerald Pennington (Phoenix TRACON) mentioned that he has a contact who may be able to help. Jeff Moss is moving out of the state and will no longer be able to participate in the AFTW. Jim Pitman agreed to take on the assignment to follow-up on this issue with Gerald. In the meantime, the group agrees that we should continue using 122.85 in the south practice areas.

New Business

Embry Riddle ADS-B presentation – Sean Jeralds gave a very interesting presentation describing how Embry Riddle has implemented ADS-B traffic awareness technology into their training fleet. The August AFTW meeting will be at Embry Riddle's Prescott campus. Sean has offered to arrange ADS-B demo flights for attendees before or after the meeting. If you are interested, contact Sean by calling 928-777-4304 or emailing jeralds@erau.edu

DVT and GYR master plan updates and review of voluntary noise abatement procedures – Karen Apple and Randy Payne shared the latest information related to the DVT and GYR master plans and voluntary noise abatement procedures. The group is reminded that we all need to fly friendly and encourage everyone in our organizations to exercise noise abatement procedures.

Practice area frequency questions – AFTW member Matt Miller had submitted some questions related to whether or not flight school aircraft in the northwest area are always on 122.75. Matt was unable to attend this meeting himself. The group discussed the fact that there are still a lot of pilots using the practice areas who are not talking on any frequency. We all need to remember to keep our eyes open and do whatever we can to get more pilots using the appropriate practice area frequency. It was also mentioned that pilots should announce when they are on their way to a particular area to give others a chance to respond if they are already there.

Deer Valley Tower – Jack Pirano reiterated the follow issues:

- Pilots are taking too long to call ground control after landing. This is especially a problem when another aircraft is landing and needs to get off the runway.
- Pilots are also not following directions to “monitor” or “contact” the other tower controller when directed.
- Everyone needs to remember to listen before transmitting.

Deer Valley continues to be very busy. The little things really make a difference.

Next Meeting

The group decided to skip July and hold the next meeting at Embry Riddle on Wednesday August 24th. We will meet from 9AM to 11AM as usual. Visit the aftw.org web site for more information.