AFTW Minutes March 11, 2020

Opening Remarks and welcome: Introductions

Guest Speaker

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* ASAP program similarities
* Air refueling operations/tracks
* “Chicks in tow” means airplanes on the refueling boom
* Midair collision avoidance program
* Copper 5 13 March 1982 accident impetus
* KC-135 relies on TCAS system for collision avoidance
* Callsign (by Tower) at Gateway: “The Wrecking Ball”
* Safety Swag

Airports

* KFFZ: CAE fleet expansion with commensurate congestion; both runways open after taxiway improvements completed
* KIWA: RSAT meeting March 25th FAA video in production; discussion re: contract vs regular controllers, KIWA has contract; issues with staffing levels, poaching of new hires by FAA, fatigue, etc.; the 9 published approaches not usable simply because Tower cannot handle the load due to insufficient staffing; second-biggest airport without an ASOS; problems with accuracy of METARS and coding improperly; Wx cannot offer real-time support as they have no real-time data; raise this issue at the RSAT meeting;
* Chandler: discontinue for approaches
* KSDL:
* Deer Valley: new taxiway construction
* Goodyear:
* KCGZ: HOA issue; RV park presented a petition re noise and airplanes banking over their homes as a safety issue; proposed voluntary noise abatement procedures; Green water tower cannot be seen at night; when able, will try to avoid overflights; voluntary; need to educate homeowners; Stanfield Stack procedures – don’t have the right to treat outsiders poorly as in recent cases – the Stack is NOT regulatory! May be way for established users to take outsiders under their wings and everyone have understanding when unfamiliar with area practices; procedures to help non-familiar pilots; radio frequency congestion becoming seriously problem; proposals for new taxiways with no closures anticipated; proposal for new parachute landing area offset from airport by about 2 miles next to Rodeo Grounds;
* P08; construction still underway; issues with Sherpas landing on taxiways have awareness;
* Sky Ranch:
* KAVQ: incorrect pattern entry issues;
* KTUS: upcoming taxiway D though the summer
* Luke March 18 airshow.
* Buckeye
* Glendale: airport doesn’t actually want more traffic; issues with calm-wind designated runway; declining level of service

Airspace

* No issues

Website

* Working on making Stack more obvious
* Godaddy golfcourse and The Orchards as reporting points?

Practice areas

* Issues with ineffective hand-offs from Luke to D airspaces
* Working with TRACON and Luke to get handoffs

Misc:

Open invite to see tankers at ANG contact Maj Spencer

May 6 2020 9:30 am next meeting