



News Letter

November, 2007

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Thank you Zenith Aircraft

Tommy Thomason, President

Thanks go out to Zenith Aircraft and Silver Sky Enterprises for allowing the Arizona Pilots Association volunteers to help staff their booth at the Copperstate Fly-in. We were able to set up our displays, sign up a few new members, sell some raffle tickets, and have fun. Jim Timm, Ken Cada, Arv Schultz, and Paul Pitkin held down the fort for the most part while Nancy Bencoter pushed raffle tickets for the dozen or so goodies we had.

We don't know what the turn out was for this years Copperstate but it seemed to be somewhat less than previous years. We hope to see more of you next year.

New Class Bravo

Jim Timm, Executive Director

The redesigned PHX Class Bravo airspace took effect on October 25 as scheduled. Look your new Terminal Area Chart over very carefully, including the back with the suggested VFR routing. If you encounter problems with the new airspace configuration, document them noting time and date and let us know at APA. Also advise us if you see problems with the VFR routes depicted on the back of the TAC. The TRACON did sign a letter of agreement with the soaring interests in the area before the implementation date permitting glider operations between 9000 and 10,000 ft outside Bravo Airspace within the Mode C veil.

Plans are well under way at the TRACON and the Valley Airports to accommodate the anticipated air traffic "crunch" for the Supper Bowl. Its anticipated transit parking may be a problem. Detailed plans and how the event will impact the local pilots will be covered in the November meeting of the PHX Airspace Users Working Group. We will keep you advised. I hope everyone is enjoying the great flying weather and Fly Safe.

Upcoming Events

Safety Seminar

7 pm Friday November, 16

Pan Am Training Academy

Deer Valley Airport

http://www.azpilots.org/event_calendar.htm

Safety Seminar

10 am Saturday December 1

Pima Community College

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Pilot Briefing

Come and join us for the next pilot briefing at Scottsdale Airport on Wednesday, November 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Building Conference Room -- 15000 N. Airport Drive, Suite 200 (Second Floor).

These briefings are hosted in partnership by SDL ATCT and Airport staff. They provide a unique opportunity for pilots to learn and discuss information about SDL air traffic control, safety, security, noise abatement and environmental guidelines.

Feedback from attendees has been extremely positive. All pilots using SDL are encouraged to attend at least one of these sessions. Space is limited to the first 20 pilots, so if you are interested in attending we ask that you please reserve a space in advance by emailing jmlewis@scottsdaleaz.gov, or by calling 480-312-7609.

\$100 Hamburger Fly-In

Saturday December 8

10 am – 2 pm

Sun Western Flyers

Goodyear Airport

Goodyear Airport now has an FBO! Tim Berger invites us all out for free burgers and discount fuel and supplies from the **new FBO and Joe and Vicki Monks new pilot shop**. Arizona Pilots Association volunteers will be cooking up burgers for you hungry pilots.

"Arizona Flight Training Expo"

Topic: CFI Career Fair, Flight Training information, Excellent networking opportunity.

On Monday, February 4, 2008 at 10:00 AM

Location:

Mesa Public Works Training Facility

3260 N 40 st.

Mesa, AZ 85215

Select Number:

WP0716985

Description:

This event is for both Flight Instructors and non-instructors alike. It will be especially beneficial for:

- Pilots who might becoming a flight instructor.
- Inactive flight instructors looking for part-time or full-time.instructing opportunities.
- Flight instructors moving to the Phoenix area looking for work.
- Pilots need more information about flight training activities.

To view further details and to register for this event, [click here](#).

Safety seminars for 2008

Specific dates and times TBD

JAN - BUCKEYE - program being determined - non-towered airport OPS

FEB - YUMA – UAVs (maybe "how ASOS work)

MARCH - MESA - new PHX airspace

APRIL - Holbrook, Winslow or Springerville - yet TBD -

MAY - annual meeting in Tucson - Guest speaker

JUNE - GLENDALE - new PHX airspace and (Luke ops?)

JULY - CHANDLER or IWA - TBD

AUGUST - GRAND CANYON - "Flying the grand Canyon" plus a filler.....

SEPT - BULLHEAD OCT - FHU or DOUGLAS - UAVs

NOV - SEDONA or COTTONWOOD -

DEC - DVT or SDL

Comment on U S Customs & Border Protection

Howard Deevers, Director

Hi folks: It seems that U. S. Customs and Border Protection has a great idea. Great, in the minds of some Homeland Security official in Washington that is. We general aviation pilots will be required to submit arrival *and* departure notices and passenger manifests via the internet before receiving approval to enter *or* leave the U. S. AOPA, ARIZONA PILOTS ASSOCIATION, EAA, and others are urging all pilots to contact U S Customs before the November 17 deadline and protest this unreasonable rule.

How do you email from Mexico or other places that have no internet access?

TIME RUNNING OUT FOR COMMENTS ON CUSTOMS PROPOSAL

AOPA

Pilots only have until Nov. 19 to point out flaws in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection proposal that would require general aviation pilots to submit arrival and departure notices and passenger manifests via the Internet before receiving approval to enter or leave the United States. On Oct. 31, customs [officially denied](#) AOPA's request for a comment period extension, stating that a delay in the rulemaking process would allow "vulnerabilities, which threaten U.S. border security, to continue." More than 1,000 pilots have commented already. Read [what they are saying](#), and learn how to [submit](#) your own comments now.

Back Country Report

A recent trip into **Chapman Ranch** by a Super Cub driver resulted in a call to Bob Carter (back country director) to tell Bob the strip was awesome. We still had a little work to do on the rough taxiway between the strip and hanger. Arv Schultz and Dave Taylor were able to do some blade work and get things smoothed out this past weekend. Now we just need some pilots willing to fly in and do a little hand work. If you have the time and / or inclination give ARV a call at 602 275-1016 to see what needs to be done. We still have a debt of about \$1800 to pay for the original equipment and materials we used to get the strip open. As always, donations will be greatly appreciated. To get more info on Chapman Ranch go to our website at www.azpilots.org and look under the latest news tab.

We are making a little progress on **Tuweep** thanks to Arv and his efforts working with the state land department, national park service, and multiple other agencies. We have received donations from various individuals and organizations to help pay for some of the expenses associated with trying to get Tuweep reopened. The largest expense so far has been the archeological survey on 240 acres said to be associated with the airstrip.

There are several other airstrips of interest around the state. **Forepaugh**, west of Wickenburg is one of those we are researching to see if it can be reopened. Anyone interested in helping with this project please let us know.

WINGS Safety Program

Have you registered with the FAA so you can participate in the new WINGS program? The new FAASTeam program is in effect and the old blue card will go away the end of this year. Unfortunately the FAA assumes that everyone has e-mail and you must register with the FAA on the following link to be able to participate.

www.faa.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx

For those folks who frequent the Flagstaff Airport, the new (1800') runway extension will be open this Thursday morning at 0800 local time. However, this extension is not for landing as runway 21 will now have a displaced threshold. This extension **will** be available for take-off. None of this effects runway 3 arrivals and departures. As of now, none of the runway 21 approaches will change due to the displaced threshold.

I have some good news regarding our 17 Nov Breakfast Club fly-in to Nogales (OLS). Our final destination for that trip is actually the Rio Rico Resort that is north of the airport and south of Green Valley. Allen Wallace has arranged vans for the transportation to the resort at \$5.00 a head for the round trip. Rio Rico is an upscale resort and should be a really nice place for our "meeting". Plan on arriving at OLS by no later than 0900 (earlier is preferred). Come up on 123.45 for our "group flight following" while in route. And, oh yes, pray for good weather.

Warren McIlvoy, BC-1

www.ScottsdaleBreakfastClub.org

Do you have aero medical Questions?

Ask Dr. Dave!

Click on the following link to ask Dr. David Bryman your personal and confidential aero medical questions.

www.azpilots.org/aeromedical_advisory_committee_.htm

Help Wanted

The Arizona Pilots Association is looking for volunteers to help with fund raising, back country airport cleanup / maintenance, a membership coordinator, and someone who would like to help with this news letter. If you are interested in any of these or other activities, please contact me:

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Stop by and visit us at one of our

Two Three airport locations:

Scottsdale Pilot Shop (SDL)

Phone: 480-948-8994

Gateway Pilot Shop (IWA)

Phone: 480-988-7780

Goodyear Pilot Shop

Online Store:

www.scottsdalepilotshop.com

Mention you are an APA member and get 10% off.

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Visit our newest Location in the Executive Terminal at Goodyear Airport