



# News Letter October, 2007 [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org)

## News Letter a Success

Tommy Thomason, President

The first news letter e-mailed to our members last month resulted in lots of positive feedback and input from several pilots. It looks like we were able to reach about 73% of our members. Some members don't have an e-mail address on file with us and some came back as undeliverable for different reasons. In discussion with the president of another flying organization, this is pretty normal although I would like to reach 100%. Please invite a friend to join and get involved in helping to preserve aviation in Arizona.

We will be staffing the Zenith Aircraft Booth this year at the Copperstate Fly-In. Stop by to say hi and get your raffle tickets for prizes to be given away during the show.

## Event Schedule

October

6<sup>th</sup> - Coolidge  
Fly-In breakfast  
520 723-5354

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Kingman  
Air & Auto Show

6<sup>th</sup> - Prescott  
Sky Fest - Air Show

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Casa Grande  
Copperstate Fly-In  
[www.copperstate.org](http://www.copperstate.org)

25<sup>th</sup> 10-12 - APA Safety Seminar  
Bob Littlefield - The new WINGS program  
APA Team - Safely Flying AZ's back country

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 99's Treasure Hunt  
<http://www.tucson99s.org/resources/treasurehuntflyer.jpg>

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sierra Vista Municipal Airport  
Open House and Young Eagles event

16<sup>th</sup> - Safety Seminar  
Pan Am facility from 7 to 9 PM, Fred Gibbs will present a seminar on the New FSS

**December** 1<sup>st</sup> - Safety Seminar  
Pima Community College at the Tucson International Airport from 10 to noon, Fred Gibbs will present a seminar on the New FSS

15<sup>th</sup> - Safety Seminar  
Sierra Vista from 10 to noon, Bill Turner will present a seminar on the FFAST Team and the Wings Program.

### **Around the State**

Do you have any news, an event, or information you'd like to share about your local airport? Send me your inputs and I'll work them into the news letter.  
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### **Phoenix Class B Changes**

Ed Chauza, Treasurer

The Phoenix Class Bravo airspace will under go a radical change scheduled for October 25, 2007. The changes include lowering floors on the east and west sides, increasing the number of airspace sectors and lowering the ceiling from 10k' to 9k'. The Arizona Pilots Association along with AOPA countered the many changes with an unsuccessful simpler concept. The objective for the massive change is to contain the Sky Harbor arrival and departure routes within the airspace and accommodate simultaneous ILS operations to increase traffic flow. You will for sure want to update your navigation databases and maps for this significant airspace change.

The changes proposed for the LUK airspace in the Special Air Traffic Rules (SATR) proposed this past spring are being delayed and will be addressed under the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) process. The proposed plan would essentially create a mini-Class Charlie type of airspace surrounding Luke AFB. Arizona Pilots Association and AOPA have countered the proposal based on the

adverse hardship it will create for general aviation. Watch closely as this proposal progresses through the NPRM process.

**Super Bowl 2008** - The 2008 Super bowl is being hosted by Phoenix on February 3, 2008. Along with the Super bowl, the FBR Open golf tournament will also be conducted during the week ending on Super bowl day. This will create an unusually large amount of air traffic into and out of the valley. During the Super bowl event a TFR will be in effect limiting airspace access. This may be a good time to consider leaving your aircraft in the hanger during this high traffic period. Many of the Phoenix areas flight schools will be participating in a "no fly" period on Monday Feb 4 until after 1pm. For more details go to [www.aftw.org](http://www.aftw.org)

**Gateway Airport (IWA)**—Gateway is being renamed to Phoenix Mesa Gateway airport in October. The identifier IWA will remain the same. Many people aren't aware, but Phoenix has a partial ownership in Gateway- - - so there are 3+ airports in the Phoenix Aviation consortium-PHX, DVT, GYR & IWA. Gateway is multi-ownership (Mesa, Phoenix, Indian Reservation and Chandler) arrangement and is run by an airport authority.

**Self Service Fuel coming to deer Valley** - It's slow but, steady progress is being made. There will be two pumps (with provision to go to four) with 75' hoses supporting a 22gal/min flow rate. A large 15k gallon above ground tank will provide storage. The equipment will be state-of-the-art credit card/printer station with large sunlight viewable readouts for pilots to monitor while fueling. The plan is to sell 100LL at \$1.00-\$1.30/gal less than the DVT transient price. Users will get an additional \$0.10 discount if a Chevron/Texaco credit card is used. Call 1-800-373-3277 for application. The projected in-service date is April 2008. Location is on the north side just south of Hangar 49, north of Ramp 8 entry.

### **Safety Seminars**

Howard Deevers, Director

The ARIZONA PILOTS ASSOCIATION works closely with the FAA to promote aviation safety. All pilots want to be 'safe' pilots, yet there is still at least one general aviation accident somewhere in the country every day. Why? We keep asking ourselves that question, and wonder if we can actually get to zero accidents. Well, you can't get to that if you don't try. Actually, the accident rate for general aviation has declined greatly over the years, due to the efforts of organizations like APA, AOPA, EAA, and others. Some years ago, the FAA decided to try a 'reward' program to help pilots become safer and act responsibly and thus reduce accidents. It was called the WINGS Program. Many pilots have participated in the WINGS Program, and the reward consists of a certificate, a nice Wings lapel pin and that served in lieu of the Bi Annual Flight Review. The WINGS Program still exists, however it is changing. Come to the

Copper State Fly In October 27 and attend one of the forums about the new FAAST Team Program. This forum will explain the new program, how to register and get credit for the training for the WINGS Program. APA will continue to present safety seminars all over the State and work with the Scottsdale FSDO to make safer skies for all of us. Check the web site: [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org) for more information, and the schedule for November and December seminars. As always, if you have an idea for a safety seminar or see a need, let us know.

Register for the new WINGS program at: [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov)

**Kartchner Caverns** - September 15 was the APA Kartchner Caverns Tour. Many planes flew into Benson Airport, and pilots and passengers were transported to the State Park, about 15 miles south of the airport. We had a full tour of 20 people for the 10am tour, and had reservations for 15 more at 10:20am with two tours so close together, it was a scramble getting everyone from the airport to the park on time. Thanks to Paul Pitkin for getting a 14 passenger van to assist in the transport. Ken Cada was already at the park and had the tickets to hand out to those attending. After the tours, some people stopped off for lunch in Benson. The Payson Pilots Association had the largest showing, and we thank them for their support. In a survey of those that attended we asked where they would like to go next. We are always looking for suggestions for events, so if you have an idea please let us know.

### **Giant Model Competition**

Barbara Harper, Vice President

**The Giant Scale Radio Control Aerobatics** event at the Tucson International Modelplex Park (about 5 miles northwest of RYN), on October 6 and 7 will have their international competition. (wing spans sometimes 8 to 15 feet).

### **Scottsdale Runway closures.**

<https://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/listserve>

This project will involve seal coating the main parallel taxiways and the connector taxiways that lead to the runway. It also includes restriping all of the taxiways that have been seal coated. In order to construct this project in the safest possible manner, we will be closing the runway and taxiways for nine consecutive nights starting on Monday, October 15th 2007. The closures will start at 9 pm and end at 6 am the following morning. The final closure for this project will end at 6 am on Wednesday, October 24th. There will not be any daytime runway or taxiway closures scheduled for this project.

Please direct any questions regarding this project to Scottsdale Airport Operations personnel at (480) 312-8478.

Come and join us for the next **pilot briefing at Scottsdale Airport** on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Building Conference Room -- 15000 N. Airport Drive, Suite 200.

These briefings provide a unique opportunity for pilots to learn and discuss information about SDL air traffic control, safety, security, noise abatement and environmental guidelines.

The feedback from attendees so far has been great! All pilots using SDL are encouraged to attend at least one of these sessions hosted in partnership by SDL ATCT and Airport staff. Space is limited to the first 20 pilots, so any pilots that are interested in attending are asked to reserve a space in advance by emailing [jmlewis@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:jmlewis@scottsdaleaz.gov), or by calling 480-312-7609.

Future briefing dates and times will be posted on the Airport's website: [www.scottsdaleairport.com/Pilot\\_Briefings.asp](http://www.scottsdaleairport.com/Pilot_Briefings.asp)

**There is a correction to the October Breakfast Club** schedule. We had previously scheduled Lake Havasu but since transportation became a major issue there, we decided to scrub that location. The October destination has been changed to Bisbee (P04). The folks at the airport have given us the use of three vehicles (one of them a van) that should be able to handle the Breakfast Club group. We were hoping to eat at a new restaurant there, aptly named "The Breakfast Club" (no kidding) but they will be closed during that week. We have decided to revisit the historic Copper Queen Hotel for breakfast. They have a vast menu as well as a buffet that should fill our needs. Be sure to arrive by no later than 0900 and come-up on 123.45 for our "group flight following". If anyone would like to schedule a van tour of the historic areas or maybe the underground mine tour, please let me know.

Warren McIlvoy, BC-1  
[www.ScottsdaleBreakfastClub.org](http://www.ScottsdaleBreakfastClub.org)

#### **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](http://www.azpilots.org/aeromedical_advisory_committee_.htm)

## **TSA proposes impossible rules for travel to and from foreign countries**

In a major rule change request, Homeland Security is proposing changes that will have a dramatic impact on all private aircraft crossing to and from foreign destinations including Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Their proposal includes the requirement to provide full information of pilot and all passengers 60 minutes prior to departure from any foreign country to the US as well as waiting for permission back from them prior to departing that country.

For the full story go to [www.bajabushpilots.com](http://www.bajabushpilots.com)

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