



# News Letter

## September 2007

**This is the first** monthly news letter from the Arizona Pilots Association in an attempt to keep our members informed of current events and activities within the aviation community. Since joining the APA, I've come to the realization that a small group of officers and directors are trying to accomplish a whole lot of great things for Arizonans. Unfortunately, these guys and gals are volunteers with jobs and families trying to do everything by themselves. I know we have lots of members out there with the desire and skills who would love to get involved. Membership is dwindling along with funding needed to keep some of our programs alive. I'm guessing that this is due in part to keeping you effectively informed. The board of directors meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 pm at Chandler Airport. You are welcome to come and attend to see what's on our plate. Also, take some time to review our website.

Tommy Thomason, President  
[www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org)

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### Upcoming Events

October 6<sup>th</sup> - Coolidge Municipal Airport  
Fly-In Breakfast  
Contact: 520 723-5354

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

25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> - Copperstate Fly-In  
Casa Grande Airport  
Bob Hansson 520 400-8887  
[president@copperstate.org](mailto:president@copperstate.org)  
[www.copperstate.org](http://www.copperstate.org)

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

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## Back Country Report

Chapman Ranch is now open to pilots that have a hold harmless agreement on file. See our website for more details. [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org)

Tuweep continues to be an obstacle course of bureaucracy. Arv Schultz is still driving this one. We have received donations from multiple organizations to help pay for the archeological survey, insurance, and lease once we get final approvals to reopen this awesome airstrip.

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## Ryan Field Fly-In Success

*Howard Deevers, Director*

The *ARIZONA PILOTS ASSOCIATION* holds a **safety seminar** almost every month somewhere in the State of Arizona. We do this as part of our partnership with the FAA, FAAST team to promote aviation safety. These seminars count as the seminar part of the FAA "Wings" program. For more information on the "Wings" program go to [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) and click on the safety programs.

**Our August seminar** was held at Ryan Airfield in Tucson. We had 88 on line registrations, and many more that called to come. The room held 108 chairs, and they were all full, and a few standing. We had people fly in from Mesa, Chandler, Benson and a few other locations. The RYN new pilot facility is a great place for seminars, and we thank Scott Driver, manager of Ryan Airport for the use of the facility. The program was a two partner; Density Altitude, and Mountain Flying. Howard Deevers did the Density Altitude part of the seminar, and Fred Gibbs did the Mountain Flying part.

**Our summer programs** begin at 9 AM and end at 11 AM in order to 'beat the heat' of summer. Our winter programs begin at 10 AM and end at noon.

**Our next seminars** will be at the Copper State Fly in Casa Grande in October. In November we are planning two seminars for information on the new FSS. Check the Web site: [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org) for more information on those. In December we will be in Sierra Vista.

We are always looking for good ideas for seminars, so if you have an idea, or see a need let us know.

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## WINGS Safety Program Changes

Did you ever wonder what ever happened to those yellow safety program notices you used to get from the FAA? Well, they were done away with some time ago. You must register with the FAA to receive e-

mail notification. If you go to the following web site and follow the simple registration process, you will be back in the loop.

[www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov)

The WINGS Safety program as we currently know it is changing effective the end of this year (2007). The following link will help you get started with the new program.

[www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx](http://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx)

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

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### **What frequency do you use to transition the practice areas?**

Did you know that the Arizona Flight Training Work group (AFTW) has established separate frequencies for the north, south, and southwest training / practice areas? Established in 2001, the team formed by request of the Scottsdale FSDO has been instrumental in establishing safety standards for flight training in the high use areas around Phoenix, Casa Grande, and more. Find out more at [www.aftw.org](http://www.aftw.org)

North practice Area - 122.75  
South Practice Area - 122.85  
Southwest Practice Area - 128.925



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