



# News Letter

## January, 2008

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### **Happy New Year**

Tommy Thomason, President

I hope everyone had a fun Holiday season and a good start to the New Year. This year should prove to be another fun and exciting one for the Arizona Pilots Association. We have several interesting safety seminars and events scheduled throughout the year with more in the works. This is our third news letter (I missed December), which I hope you all find of interest. I welcome your inputs and comments to help improve the content. As always, we welcome volunteers willing to get involved with various fund raising events, safety seminars, and other membership activities. Hope to see you around.

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Aviation Day at the Capitol**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**11:30am – 1pm**

We are very excited to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arizona Aviation Day at the Capitol! Aviation interests from around the state will set up aviation exhibits on the Capitol lawn, Wednesday, January 23, 2008 for Aviation Day. Aircraft owners, airport managers, aviation manufacturers, and members of the Arizona Air National Guard want to show state legislators the importance of aviation in Arizona and the impact of aviation in their legislative districts. The event tentatively begins at 11:30 am and ends at 1:00 pm. Come and enjoy the speakers and displays, and don't forget to register for lunch.

<http://www.azaviationday.org>

### **2008 Safety Seminars**

Jan 19 – Buckeye

Feb 16 – Yuma

Mar 7&8 – Casa Grande – Cactus Fly-In

Mar 15 – Mesa

Apr 19 – Goodyear  
May 8 – Tucson – Annual Member Meeting  
June 21 - Winslow  
July 19 – Prescott  
Aug 16 – Grand Canyon  
Sep 20 – Gateway  
Oct 18 – Bullhead City  
Oct 23 – 26 Casa Grande – Copperstate Fly-In  
Nov 15 – Ryan Field  
Dec 13 – Deer Valley

Go to the following link for more detail on the upcoming safety seminars / events.  
[http://www.azpilots.org/safety\\_seminar\\_schedule.htm](http://www.azpilots.org/safety_seminar_schedule.htm)

### **Pilot Briefing**

Pilots of all experience levels are invited to participate in the Scottsdale Airport pilot briefing. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Building Conference Room -- 15000 N. Airport Drive, Suite 200 (Second Floor). Light refreshments are provided.

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.

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)

### **\$100 Hamburger Fly-In**

Sunwestern Flyers  
Goodyear Airport

Last month Arv Schultz, Linda and Tommy Thomason, and Paul Rhodes served over 200 **free** hamburgers to hungry attendees at the first monthly \$100 Hamburger Fly-In. The Sunwestern Staff was busy marshalling in airplanes and providing all the drinks and eats for the fun filled day. We even had a B-17 fly in so the crew could enjoy the delicious burgers and hot dogs.

Join us again on the following dates:

Jan 19, 10 am to 2 pm  
Feb 16, 10 am to 2 pm  
Mar 15, 10 am to 2 pm

Apr 19, 10 am to 2 pm

Volunteers needed to help flip burgers & dogs at these fly-ins. If you are interested in helping, call or e-mail Nancy Benscoter at 480 580-0974, [nanbabi@aol.com](mailto:nanbabi@aol.com).

## "Arizona Flight Training Expo"

[Come Join the  
Arizona Flight Training Expo](#)  
Monday, February 4, 2008  
[Mesa Public Works Training Facility](#)

[Contact the Arizona Flight Training Workgroup \(AFTW\)](#) for more information.

## **Breakfast Club**

Warren McIlvoy

One of our members suggested that I check to see if the restaurant at the Grand Canyon Inn would be open for our fly-in next Saturday. I checked this morning and, low and behold, it will not be open until the first of February. I don't believe that it would be a pretty picture to fly all the way to Valle and then having to dine at the Bedrock City snack bar. So, after a quick consultation with the event committee (the same folks who suggested Valle in January), we will flip-flop our January/February schedule. Next Saturday, we will fly to Kingman and move Valle to February. Everything else remains the same, arrival at 0900 and come-up on 123.45. One other thing, the restaurant in Kingman is in the terminal building. No hiking required at this event.

[www.ScottsdaleBreakfastClub.org](http://www.ScottsdaleBreakfastClub.org)

## **WINGS Safety Program**

Have you registered with the FAA so you can participate in the new WINGS program? The new FAA Team program is in effect. 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.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx](http://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx)

## **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)

## 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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Phone: 480-988-7780

Goodyear Pilot Shop

Online Store:

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