



NEWSLETTER

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30 years of Arizona Pilots Association

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The APA recently held its annual membership meeting celebrating 30 years since inception. The meeting was held courtesy of Boeing at its Mesa, AZ manufacturing facility. We were honored to have Neil Planzer as our main speaker who talked about "The Next Generation Air Traffic Control System". The presentation and facility were excellent. Unfortunately attendance was low due to a number of reasons, ie. Mothers Day weekend, location of facility, security requirements, etc.

Thanks,

Tommy

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Timm, Executive Director

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) - Aeronautics Division has initiated a comprehensive State Airports System Plan (SASP) in February 2008. The SASP is intended to provide a framework for the integrated planning, operation and development of the State of Arizona's aviation assets. ADOT selected the Team led by Wilber Smith Associates to conduct the SASP. The SASP is comprised of work tasks to be conducted over a nine month schedule. The study will be accomplished using a performance-based approach, which will identify adequacies, deficiencies and surpluses in the Arizona airport system and provide a

recommended plan to guide future development.

A key component of the SASP will be to gather input from the users of Arizona's airports to provide the consultant team with information to develop the most useful plan possible. APA would like to request your participation by taking a few moments to complete the Arizona Pilots Survey which can be found at www.wilbersmith.com/azpilot We will be keeping you informed as the program continues to develop.

We also continue to work with several airports in the state that are in the process of updating their Airport Master Plans. In this capacity we continue represent the general aviation users needs and attempt to make airport.

We met with the PHX TRACON to discuss the East - West VFR Transition Routes for the new PHX Class B airspace. An attempt is being made to determine the cause and solution for reported communications problems in certain areas. Better depiction of the routes and associated route information is being investigated by the TRACON. Hopefully the new route information will appear on the fall charting cycle

Unfortunately Luke AFB is still encountering near misses and Luke Class D airspace intrusions. Most of the near misses occur from aircraft that are not in radio contact with Luke RAPCON. When flying near Luke, please contact Luke Approach and let them know you are out there.
Enjoying the good flying weather and please Fly Safe.

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Raffle Tickets on sale for Garmin 496
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Fire Fighters and Pilots, Working Together

Marie Fasano, APA Member



Firefighters are the experts in how to fight fires and how to evacuate people in cars and trucks.

If an airplane goes down, that's a little more challenging.

When it comes to airplanes, fuel lines, turn off valves and tank locations vary from plane to plane. The fuel lines are never where you expect them. They may be inside the opening to the door or under the fuselage.

To better understand these differences, Paul Pitkin organized a Payson Airport General Aviation Emergency Training Day. First Responders from Payson and surrounding communities came to learn more about what to look for when evacuating people from airplanes.

Assisting Paul were the sponsors of the program, members of the Payson Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter #810, and residents of Maztazal Airpark.

The Payson Regional Airport Authority representatives answered questions about issues of concern to the firefighters.

The firefighters went from plane to plane, learning about their differences and similarities. Pilots answered many questions about location of batteries, the best way to cut into an airplane, and of course, where the fuel lines were located.

The morning ended with all sitting down to a barbecue lunch and watching a video from the Federal Aviation Administration on emergency response. The fire fighters appreciated the hands on learning and one said it was more detailed than their Medivac training.

Payson Aerofair
Paul Pitkin, VP



The Payson Aerofair was a very big success and Nancy Benscoter sold several raffle tickets and made many contacts, I think she did a great service for the APA.



Events

Carl Popawsky, APA Member

Check out some of the aviation related activities happening around our state. Hope to see some of you around. To see more go to our website at www.azpilots.org

May 2008

2008 Aero Fair Honoring our Military, Payson Regional Airport. Saturday May 17, 7AM – 2PM. Free Admission and fly in campground, pancake breakfast, military flyovers, airplane rides, classic and vintage aircraft and car display, food and craft vendors. Fun for the family! Contact 928-978-5621 (Beth@PaysonAirport.com) or www.paysonairport.com.

Scottsdale Breakfast Club Flyout to Blythe and Catalina Island. May 17 - 19. Contact warren.mcilvoy@asu.edu. Breakfast and good company!

June 2008

Fly-in Breakfast, Coolidge Municipal Airport. Saturday **June 7** (first Saturday of every month), 8AM-noon. Contact 520-723-5354. Pancakes and more! Discover Aviation at Willow Springs Camp, Prescott. Sunday June 8 – Friday **June 13**. Access <http://www.girlscanfly.org/index.htm>. Girls ages 13-17 learn about aviation.

High Country Warbirds Fly-In; Valle Airport. Saturday **June 21**. Please call (909)597-3722; or visit the Planes of Fame website at www.planesoffame.org. Warbirds and a great museum!

Saturday, **June 21st** – Mogollon Airpark Pancake Fly-in Breakfast

Flying Thunder; Pima Air & Space Museum, Tucson. **Thursday June 5 – Friday June 6.** Please call 520-574-0462 or bewenson@pimaair.org. Celebrating the service of our men and women in uniform from the Vietnam conflict. Four Hueys from the Vietnam era flying from Washington D.C. and the memorial day events at the Vietnam Memorial Wall will land at the museum.

Fathers' Day, Pima Air & Space Museum, Tucson. Sunday **June 15**, 9AM – 5PM. Please call 520-574-0462 or bewenson@pimaair.org. Planes and Cars with the Arizona Street Machine Car Show, open cockpits, and food specials.

Scottsdale Breakfast Club Flyout. TBD. Contact warren.mcilvoy@asu.edu. Breakfast and good company!

Tucson Tower 50th Birthday

Barbara Harper, VP

Hello All,
Well Howard and I attended the first committee meeting for the birthday party of TUS this coming **Oct 11th**. It will be a celebration of the 50th year of the FAA and the 50th year of the TUS Control Tower, and the 60th year of the Tucson Airport.. This will be a community open house party.

APA has a room set aside in the Exe Terminal to show films and perhaps sell popcorn, displays for Back Country Airports, etc. The Tucson Airport Authority is very happy to help us.



2008 Safety Seminars

Howard Deevers, Director



Reminder, "Light Out" training in the Sells MOA. [\[details\]](#)

Fred and I have been talking about the June Seminar and think we will cancel it, and promote July harder.

Summer flying is here, and we have a seminar at the Grand Canyon August 16 on density altitude. Don't let density altitude get you!!

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. 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

Tuweep



The efforts continue to reopen historic Tuweep airstrip on the north rim of the Grande Canyon. Many individual and organizational supporters as well as the APA are anxious to keep this effort alive. Unfortunately it seems to take a lot longer to reopen an airport than it did to close it down.

Chapman Ranch

Lease and insurance payments came due to keep Chapman Ranch in Young,



AZ open this month. The Arizona Pilots association is attempting to keep this airstrip open but, it is proving to be a financial strain on the organization. We have held several fund raising activities in an effort to meet our expenses but are falling short. Unless we can

get local residents and / or more back country pilots to help finance this effort, we will have to suspend our involvement in this project. The APA is willing to manage the administrative and maintenance efforts but is financially unable to continue to keep Chapman open for much longer. Please help if you can.

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

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