



# News Letter August, 2008 [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org)

Tommy Thomason, President

I hope this news letter finds you having a great summer. I was unable to get a news letter out in July so I'm hoping this will catch you up on some of the upcoming events and news around our great state. For many of us our kids are already starting back to school / college. The Olympic Games have started, presidential candidates are in full campaign mode, the economy is struggling and the state aviation fund has been swept.

On October 11, the Tucson Airport will be hosting it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tucson Tower. The AZ Pilots association will be present and I hope to see many of you there to help celebrate.

Thanks,  
Tommy

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## **October 11, 2008 Tucson Event**

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Hi to All: The ARIZONA PILOTS ASSOCIATION is proud to announce that at the October 11 meeting at the Clarion Hotel, Tucson Blvd, near the Tucson Airport, our guest speaker will be Peter Smith, Principal Investigator and Project Leader for the Mars Mission at the University of Arizona.

October 11, 2008 will be the 60th birthday party for the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) . The event will be celebrated at the airport with static displays, fly overs, military presentations, booths featuring aviation, ceremonies honoring the Air Traffic Controllers, the National Guard, and more. There will be marching bands, and tours of the airport, and a film festival. This is not an air show, except for the fly over events. It is still a working day at the airport.

The day will end with the ARIZONA PILOTS ASSOCIATION dinner meeting at the Clarion hotel. Reservations are a must, and we will cut off reservations 5 days prior to the event to have an accurate count. We are pleased that Peter Smith has agreed to join us with information and updates on the Mars Mission, an event we can all look forward to.

Howard

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jim Timm, Executive Director

July / August, 2008

The city of Maricopa continues to move forward with their plan to develop a municipal airport. The city has filed a request with the FAA for approval for a landing site. Based on initial comments from the FAA survey team the city is confident they will receive approval of their proposed site which is where the present Estrella Sail Port is located. At the final meeting of the airport Planning Advisory Committee, the airport consultant presented a draft report covering the Airport Layout, Development Cost Estimates, Suggested Airport Management, a Cash Flow Analysis and a Noise Analysis.

We continue to work with several airports in the state that are in the process of updating their Airport Master Plans, representing the general aviation users needs and we attempt to make certain that these needs will be met in the airport's future development. In the coming months we will be working on a committee providing assistance to the consulting firm performing an FAR Part 150 Noise Study for the Chandler Municipal Airport.

A potential safety issue that has come to our attention is the use of non published non FAA approved instrument approaches to uncontrolled airports. It appears there may be several of these "unofficial" approaches in use around the state. Because of the unregulated nature of these approaches, be extra vigilant when approaching an uncontrolled airport and if you are using one of these approaches, make certain you are using the appropriate radio frequency to alert other pilots that may be flying in the area of where you are.

Lets all fly safe out there and Keep Cool.

Jim Timm  
Executive Director

## Garmin 496 Raffle



Get your raffle tickets by contacting Nancy at:  
[nanbabi@aol.com](mailto:nanbabi@aol.com)

Tickets also available at the following safety seminars;  
**August 16, Grand Canyon**  
**September 20, Williams Gateway**  
**October 23 – 26, Copperstate fly-in**

### Events

Carl Popawsky, APA Member

Check out some of the aviation related activities happening around our state.  
Hope to see some of you around.

More events are listed on our website at [www.azpilots.org/event\\_calendar.htm](http://www.azpilots.org/event_calendar.htm)

### August 2008

Fly-In Breakfast, Coolidge Municipal Airport. Saturday August 2 (first Saturday of every month), 8AM-noon. Contact 520-723-5354. Pancakes and more!

Scottsdale Breakfast Club Fly-Out to Ryan Field. Saturday August 9. Contact warren.mcilvoy@asu.edu. Breakfast and good company!

Thunder over the Coconino Fly-In, Valle Airport. Saturday August 23, 8AM-4PM. Fly-in, historic car rally, and chili cook-off. Contact 928-635-5280 ([www.valleairport.com](http://www.valleairport.com)).

September 2008

### September 2008

Fly-in Breakfast, Coolidge Municipal Airport. Saturday September 6 (first Saturday of every month), 8AM-noon. Contact 520-723-5354. Pancakes and more!

Scottsdale Breakfast Club Fly-Out to Canyon de Chelley. September 13-14. Contact warren.mcilvoy@asu.edu. Breakfast and good company!

Sedona Airport Fly-In. Saturday September 20, 9AM-5PM. **Fly-in, Sedona Festival, car show.** Contact 928-862-0210 (www.sedonafair.com).

Pima Air & Space Museum Volunteer Presentation, Tucson. Saturday September 20, 10-11AM. Women in Aviation and the 99's. Contact 520-574-

## **HOLY SMOKE IN THE COCKPIT & FLYING PIGS:**

### **FlyPrescott.com Editor's Opinion**

Did you know that Prescott Airport is reported to be one of the largest general aviation airports in the U.S.??? Last time I checked, Prescott Airport was ranked the 8th busiest General Aviation Airport in the U.S. Did you know that businesses which are located on or near a general aviation airport like Prescott Airport grow and succeed significantly faster and are more likely to succeed than businesses which do not utilize general aviation??? FlyPrescott.com was created out of frustration as it appears there is no single source of well organized, concise information that airport users and visitors can tap into as it relates to Prescott Aviation and Tourism, The Business Airpark, and our significant Prescott Airport. Moreover, there are simply not enough events (of any sort) at the Airport. I described the Prescott Airport as "significant" because I don't think people comprehend the economic impact of the Prescott Airport on our community and the importance of the Airport and the surrounding Airpark Businesses to the City's economic development.

Holy Smoke In The Cockpit, I see more Arts & Crafts Fairs going on in the City than I do events and news regarding the Airport. OK, don't get me wrong, the downtown fairs have their place and I am certain they must raise important revenues for the City, but I can't eat kettle corn every weekend nor buy another dog visor for my Jack Russell Terrier, "Mr. Murphy". Murphy likes chewing on his visor more than his dog bone and I think the Visor Vendor likes it that way. There must be other venues that could be entertaining, informative, fun and a source of tax revenue for Prescott. Hmmmm, let's see, airport, airplanes, fly-in events, pilot seminars, static airshows/carshows, bar-b-ques and eventually a real airshow with flying airplanes! Well, we may have to wait for lawyers to disappear for the flying airplanes bit, but then again, flying pigs may begin reporting inbound for full stop before lawyers depart.

FlyPrescott.com's mission is to change all the above while promoting Prescott Aviation. First off, I promise there will be no crafts of the Elmer's Glue sort on the

runways and flying pigs will be limited by the FAA to 10ft agl. Seriously, check out OUR MISSION on the website and JOIN US for UPCOMING EVENTS. Make certain to click on "Join Our Mailing List" at the bottom of this page in order to get your monthly newsletter and Aeronautical Chart reminder for pilots. It's free!

Isn't it time to make Prescott Fly. JOIN US to make it happen.

If you have a story, suggestion, comment, or, want to correct any of the content herein, we welcome your thoughts: Contact Us.

### **Deer Valley Pilots Association**

[www.dvtpilot.com](http://www.dvtpilot.com)

Last weekend (Aug 2) Deer Valley Pilots Association held one of their quarterly "Hospitality Hangar" events. It was hot but well attended. Arizona Pilots Association was invited to attend and sell Garmin Raffle tickets.

### **2008 Safety Seminars**

Howard Deevers

[http://www.azpilots.org/event\\_calendar.htm](http://www.azpilots.org/event_calendar.htm)

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

### **Breakfast Club**

Warren McIlvoy, BC-1

Don't forget to make your reservations for our September over-night event to Chinle and Canyon de Chelly. As of now, we have 13 people taking the tour and staying the night. If you have forgotten the details, please email me and I will resend them to you. See you all next Saturday at Ryan.

[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)

### **Help Wanted**

APA members / volunteers needed to help with fundraisers, membership drives, flipping burgers at the \$100 Hamburger / Pancake Fly-ins, news letter input, and airstrip clean-ups.

Contact: Tommy Thomason at [tethomason@cox.net](mailto:tethomason@cox.net) or 602 708-2040

### **Arizona Pilots Association Supporters**

#### **Scottsdale, Gateway, Goodyear Pilot Shops**

Scottsdale 480 948-8994

Gateway 480 988-7780

Goodyear 623 451-4577

Online Store: [www.scottsdalepilotshop.com](http://www.scottsdalepilotshop.com)

Mention you are an APA member and get 10% off (not applicable to electronic and Jeppesen express packs)

#### **Sun Western Flyers**

[www.Sunwesternflyers.com](http://www.Sunwesternflyers.com)

#### **The Wolf Aviation fund**

[www.wolf-aviation.org](http://www.wolf-aviation.org)

I know I have missed several of our other supporters and promise to make sure I mention you in future news letters.

#### **For Sale**

If you have any aviation related stuff you would like to advertize in the news letter, send your info to [tethomason@cox.net](mailto:tethomason@cox.net)

## **Glendale Airport Hangars**

### **Hangar and Shade Rates**

Currently, Glendale Airport Hangars has large and small hangars, and shades available.

*Clare Pryke*

Property Manager

Glendale Airport Hangars

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