



# Arizona Pilot's Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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Asa Dean, Editor

### Don't forget to get your Garmin 496 raffle ticket(s)

**\*\* Time is running out \*\* Drawing is October 26, 2008!**

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- Scottsdale Airport pilot shop (see cashier or Joe Monks)
- Springerville Airport (see manager, Emillio)
- September 20, 2008 at Williams Gateway Airport in the AZ pilots safety seminar (see Nancy)
- COPPERSTATE Fly-In October 23-26th, 2008 Casa Grande Airport (see Nancy or any APA director)

### Executive Director's Report August, 2008

During the very final minutes of the last legislative session, our legislators raided the entire aviation fund. Initially they were only going to sweep approximately one half of the fund, but at the last minute they took all of it. By the time we heard of it, there was nothing that could be done. It was a one time raid and we will have to try to lay some ground work to prevent it from happening again next year and support the aviation friendly legislators. What all this means is that there will not be any state grants for airport projects for 2009. Because the funds are being taken in quarterly installments, the Aeronautics Division believes it will be able to provide matching funds for federal grants.

All this happened just after I had left for Oshkosh and was a very rude awaking when I returned. As usual, this years Oshkosh event had many spectacular old and new things to see. The old was a 1928 Boeing 40C biplane and the most unusual was the only remaining specimen of a 1929 Zenith Z6A biplane. Both were huge biplanes with a closed passenger compartment and open pilot's cockpit. They were restored to a, no doubt, better than new condition. The new were two airplanes that put on exciting demo flights, the new F22 Raptor and the rocket propelled Rocket Racing League (RRL) Velocity. The performance demonstration of the Raptor was very impressive. I was also impressed by how much noise could be generated by burning kerosene. Also, by burning kerosene with liquid oxygen, a rocket motor producing 1,500 - 2000 pounds thrust propelled the RRL Velocity in a manner as you could only imagine. The rocket motor was stopped and restarted several times during the flight and in operation; the

rocket exhaust was a very intense white. It should be interesting to see some of these airplanes racing in the future.

As usual there were a lot of new things introduced at the show. From new VLJ's to an electric powered airplane (no it didn't have an extension cord attached) and many new gadgets to buy for your airplane.

The meeting with the acting FAA Administrator, Bobby Sturgell, was a bit disappointing. He was very brief and did not get into the FAA funding issue but did place an emphasis on trying to see what can be done to improve flying safety.

In all, it was a great show with good weather and if you haven't gone yet, you do need to go sometime. You will like it!

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

Lets all fly safe out there and Keep Cool.

Jim Timm

Executive Director

## **Membership rates**

### **Board of Directors**

Note to our members – The Arizona Pilots Association Board of Directors recently voted to change our membership rates. Please note that the new rates will be as follows when you receive your renewal letter. \$35(1 yr), \$65 (2 yrs), \$90 (3 yrs)

## **APA Report**

### **August, 2008**

There has been an on-going problem of delays for IFR departures out of Falcon Field, Mesa (FFZ). At the last Phoenix Airspace Users Work Group (PAUWG) meeting, the problem was brought up to determine if a solution to the delays could be found. The problem has also caused IFR delays out of PHX. The PHX TRACON Procedures Office is reviewing the problem and a special directive will be implemented to provide immediate relief for both PHX and FFZ traffic by lowering a departure procedure altitude from 5000 ft to 3000 ft to “de-conflict” the FFZ traffic from the traffic out of PHX.

Once again the problem of tall buildings near airports has come up. A proposal had surfaced for the construction of an approx. 500 ft tall building next to the Cardinal Stadium in Glendale. If permitted, this would have required raising the traffic pattern at Glendale airport. Fortunately, the FAA has determined the construction to be a hazard and denied their approval. We need to continue to be vigilant for construction proposals near our airports.

We are still involved with the State Airport System Plan study and we are continuing to work with various airports in the state that are in the process of updating their Airport Master Plans, by representing the General Aviation user's needs. We attempt to make certain that these needs will be met in the course of the airport's development. APA will continue to work with a committee providing

assistance to the consulting firm performing an FAR Part 150 Noise Study for the Chandler Municipal Airport and we also represent the users on a noise committee for Falcon Field.

Some late news, I just heard that the Falcons Roost at FFZ will be reopening the first of October. Same format as before and some of the same employees.

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Jim Timm

Executive Director

## **Baja Alert! - 406 MHz ELT Requirement**

### **Baja Bush Pilots**

Mexico has further defined their requirements for the 406 MHz ELT that is required for aircraft operation in Mexico after July1, 2009 or earlier if your 121.5 ELT has its battery changed. Per our interpretation, they are allowing four classes or "types" of 406 ELT.

Visit the Baja Bush Pilots Web Site at [www.bajabushpilots.com](http://www.bajabushpilots.com) for the full story.

## **WINGS Safety Seminar**

### **September 20**

The Arizona Pilots Association will present a WINGS safety seminar on September 20 in the conference room at the Chandler Municipal Airport, (CHD) from 10 to noon. The subjects are: Aging Pilots and Aging Aircraft. Register for this event on the FAA website, [www.FAASAFETY.gov](http://www.FAASAFETY.gov). Max seating is about 30 in this room.

## **Birthday Party!**

### **October 11**

October 11 will be the Tucson International Airport's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the airport. Events start at 9 AM and end at 3 PM. Open to the public with static displays of aircraft, exhibit booths, marching bands, military color guard, a film festival by APA, and a speaker from the U of A about the Mars Mission. For APA members that fly in for this event and want to stay over we have a special price for rooms at the Clarion Hotel near the airport. If you wish to go to dinner as a group, at Pinnacle Peak, a well known Tucson steak house, contact Howard Deevers at 520-877-3201. We will arrange transportation from the hotel and back.

## **COPPERSTATE Fly-In**

<http://www.copperstate.org/>

Just two weeks away. Make your plans to visit. Lots of vendors with stuff you just gotta have! Exhibitors, displays, events, workshops SLA airplanes, forums, and new this year, the Front Porch with experts waiting for you to walk up and ask those really tough questions. But, **DON'T FORGET THE TEMPORARY TOWER!** Click here for the [NOTAM](#) or see it on the COPPERSTATE website.



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## APA Caps, T-Shirts and Patches

These t-shirts are soft & comfortable! Perfect for your next fly-in. They are available in large or extra large. Only \$18.00. Caps \$12.00. Patches \$3.00.



Contact Nancy Benscoter at [nanbabi@aol.com](mailto:nanbabi@aol.com) or call 480-580-0974 to order your caps and t-shirts. You may also contact any APA board member if you have questions or need additional information concerning caps and shirts.



## APA in Tucson!

# ARIZONA PILOTS ASSOCIATION

***In conjunction with the  
60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY of the  
TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
presents a very special  
program for our members -  
Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
1:00 PM - 3:00PM  
In the MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING,  
UPPER LEVEL, near the ticket counters***



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Surface Operation Center Mars Scout Phoenix Mission

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