

# ***AFTW Meeting Minutes***

November 8, 2022 at 1:00pm

**Conducting: Jim Pitman**

**Helping with live chat: Brent Crow**

## **Housekeeping items:**

1. We are recording this
2. Please do not have side conversations in the chat
3. Welcome to new attendees
4. For WINGS Credit (1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3) AMT Credit
  - a. Registration at [faasafety.gov](https://faasafety.gov) required
  - b. Post your [faasafety.gov](https://faasafety.gov) email address in the chat for attendance
5. See our Facebook group for time-sensitive information and communication between meetings: [www.facebook.com/groups/azftw/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/azftw/)

## **Airports**

1. P08
  - a. Airport closed to transient traffic Nov 14-16 for runway sealing.
  - b. Watch for old commercial aircraft that will be disassembled at the airport.
  - c. Check NOTAMs.
2. P08 and AVQ
  - a. General AFTW Feedback 10-4-2022: I wanted you to be aware that about a week ago on two separate occasions at two different airports I had close encounters with parachute jumpers while practicing landings with a student. These occurred at Coolidge and Marana airports. In each case the jumpers were attempting to reach their drop zones but because of winds they were dropped from the opposite side of the runway so that their path took them through the departure and crosswind legs of the aircraft pattern. In both cases they underestimated the winds and came short of their target, putting them immediately in the area of multiple aircraft. I don't know that anything can be done but I personally believe they shouldn't be allowed to jump when the winds necessitate they be deployed from the direction of the traffic pattern. Thanks for your work.

## Airspace

1. Rainbow Valley Practice Area update
  - a. Everything seems to be working well.
2. From Scott Tinnesand:
  - a. There is extensive helicopter training in the area south of Chandler/Gateway to Casa Grande. They DO NOT join the practice area frequency, rather, they use a bootlegged FSS frequency (122.25). Altitudes are surface to ~3,000 MSL and mostly Robinson R-22's. The school's student population is high so it's not uncommon for up to a dozen helicopters to be out all day.
  - b. For Boeing testing, the area to the south and east of Gateway is typically where we do commo range testing with the comm van. It's not something we do often but there is another test within the next few months that will be doing that for about two weeks.
  - c. We're not currently doing any Chinook testing out of Mesa but for the past two years, we have used Casa Grande as a refuel and sling-load location so that's worth mentioning.
3. Website feedback 10-10-2022: Noise complaint (the Anthem neighborhood off Hunt Highway in the southeast practice area)
4. Barrett Jackson Car Auction - January 21-29, 2023
5. Phoenix Open - Feb 6-12, 2023
6. Super Bowl - February 12th 2023
  - a. Plan Ahead for airspace saturation, IFR slots, airport VFR impacts. Impacts will be felt a few days before/after the event.
  - b. Possible SPANS event on airspace awareness for unfamiliar arrivals in advance? Brent Crow and Bryan Baker
7. Four Air-to-Air Frequencies for flight training areas in the PHX airspace
  - a. ASAG hopes that training operations air-to-air use of 123.3 is compatible with Tuscon Soaring Club's use of the frequencies, being on the same frequency points to increased safety.
  - b. If Tuscon Soaring Club members are in attendance, we would like to determine if this is acceptable to them. Then, we can move forward with our request for waivers for 121.95, 122.775, 123.3 and 122.85.

8. Recommended Procedures for Practice Instrument Approaches in the Phoenix Area.
  - a. Nothing new since last meeting.
  - b. Link to view work in progress:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-THIsu2Yg7IRcdxkq7D\\_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-THIsu2Yg7IRcdxkq7D_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/)
  - c. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this project. Please email [jim@jimpitman.com](mailto:jim@jimpitman.com) if you are willing and able. Thank you!
  - d. Please submit feedback related to this project at: <http://aftw.org/contact/>

### **Training Updates / Concerns**

1. “Line up and wait” is not appropriate at non-towered airports.
2. “Casa” or “Casa traffic” is not appropriate at KCGZ.

### **Other Comments / Questions**

1. General Aviation Safety Awards
  - a. Nominations are due by 30 November.
  - b. May be submitted at [generalaviationawards.com](http://generalaviationawards.com) or a link on ASAG’s website [asagaz.org](http://asagaz.org).
  - c. Banquet is January 28, 2023 Phoenix Airport Hilton.
  - d. CFI of the Year, Maintenance technician of the Year, Airport of the Year, FAASTeam Rep of the Year, and ATC Communicator of the Year.
  - e. We need nominations or no banquet.
  - f. With all the instruction taking place in our state we should have a bounty of nominations. Unfortunately flight schools are not submitting their qualified folks.
2. Interested in having students or instructors go through a “hypoxia” (Nitrogen) chamber?
  - a. Email Ernie ([ernest.r.copeland@faa.gov](mailto:ernest.r.copeland@faa.gov)), as he is coordinating to bring the mobile simulator to Phoenix.
  - b. We need many schools to participate to make it worthwhile.
  - c. Cost is free, expect it to be here for a week or so, and the class runs approx. 1 hour per group.
  - d. Jan 11-14, 2023 at Lux Air Jet Center at KGYR.

### **Next AFTW Zoom Meeting: TBD**

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