

AFTW Meeting

July 8, 2025 at 4:00pm

Conducting: Bryan Baker

Housekeeping items

1. We are recording this
2. Welcome to new attendees
3. Please do not have side conversations in the chat
4. For WINGS Credit (1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3) AMT Credit
 - a. Current procedure:
 - i. The Zoom meeting attendance list will be used
 - ii. We **only** need your faasafety.gov email address **if** it is different than the email you used to register for this Zoom meeting
5. See our Facebook group for time-sensitive information and communication between meetings: www.facebook.com/groups/azftw/
6. See our website for great local info and all of the FAASafety Team Safety Topics of the Month: <https://aftw.org/safety-topic-of-the-month/>
7. YouTube gives us more functionality/exposure when we have a certain number of subscribers. Please subscribe to our channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@AFTWorg>

Upcoming local events

1. There is no ASAG meeting in July because of Air Venture. Our next ASAG meeting will be a one time shift to the **FOURTH Wednesday, 27 August at 1200 AZT.**
2. Remind everyone of the August Safety Day Brent Crow offered to coordinate. Sept 19th 9am-4pm. Size limited to about 34ppl. Possible livestream / record.
3. We are getting towards the end of the Runway Safety Meetings for 2025 with six left: PHX, DVT, FFZ, GEU, GYR, and SDL. If you missed the Pilot/Controller Forum for these airports, the RSAT is a good opportunity to hear of all the hazards and forthcoming improvements to the airport.

GEU	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	Glendale ATCT	GEU	7/25/2025
PHX	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	10	Phoenix ATCT	PHX	7/29/2025
FFZ	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	8	Falcon ATCT	FFZ	8/5/2025
DVT	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	9	Deer Valley ATCT	DVT	8/6/2025
GYR	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	Goodyear ATCT	GYR	8/25/2025
SDL	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	6	Scottsdale ATCT	SDL	9/9/2025

AFTW website updates

1. Current KML/overlay: https://aftw.org/library/kml/AFTW_NOV2024.kml
2. We need to continue our efforts to get this completely filled in: <https://bit.ly/AFTWPOC>
3. We all need to continue sharing/posting this flyer: <https://aftw.org/brief/>

Airports

1. FFZ: Falcon has coded departure and arrival routes for flight schools based there. Can we publish those routes on AFTW?
2. P08: Coolidge Airport Procedures / Mitigations - Stacy Elliott - Personal minimum for number of AC in the traffic pattern for student pilots. Still some opposite direction approaches primarily from a couple schools that are being contacted.
3. PRC: Prescott has procedures for the practice areas around the airport and I have attached the brochure for inclusion in AFTW's web site.
4. GCN: Construction July 14-Aug 11. Notice Number: NOTC4434 Closure: Expect Runway 3-21 to be closed to all aircraft operations (excluding helicopters operating from the ramp) with lighted X's on the runway ends. NAVAID's and lighting will be disabled. CHECK NOTAM
5. PGA: Runway numbers have changed at Page. NOTAM: PGA RWY 15/33 NOW RWY 16/34
6. RYN: Limited practice instrument approaches:
<https://notams.aim.faa.gov/Ita/main/viewIta?lookupid=3627427604924994770>

Airspace

1. Amazon 135 drone operations
 - a. Will provide a briefing in the future.
2. Stanfield procedures (reminder from previous meeting).
 - a. It appears flight instructors/schools are passing on information from one "generation" to another without referencing the TFD source document.
 - i. Example 1: Instructors are often reporting at 5nm and 3nm on final approach instead of the 4nm/2nm we changed it to 5 years ago (see page 30).
 - ii. Example 2: Many instructors are still reporting Procedure Turn Inbound when they are on the outbound leg with a full-scale deflection (see page 33).
 - b. Please use the source document when training new instructors:
https://aftw.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/AFTW_Stamfield_VOR_Procedure_s_Rev6.pdf
3. We seem to be doing well on the NO Maneuver Zone between SDL and Carefree Sky Ranch, although I still see some crews that do know about it - SDL based Cirrus aircraft seem to be the main culprits. Please remind all to avoid the area for maneuvering flight.

4. The “Pickle” - Brent Crow (reminder from previous meeting)
 - a. We’ve seen some instructors getting caught in the pickle of filing IFR to KCGZ, and being “dropped” into the stack with “Maintain 5,000, cleared for the approach” and finding that the stack at TFD is stacked to 7000 feet. In this case the crew didn’t want to cancel IFR because the flight was a long cross country IFR qualifier, and doing so would invalidate the flight. Thus, they told ATC that they were familiar with the TFD stack procedures and would follow those procedures and accepted the instruction from ATC. The pilot then received a PD for climbing to 7,500 to get in the stack. We’ve seen this several times, and we’ve now prohibited our crews from filing IFR to KCGZ during VMC conditions as the VFR traffic there will likely be difficult to mix with. If other crews find themselves in the same circumstance they could ask for 7,500 (which ABQ was unable to give due to traffic above them in this situation), or divert to P08 or KAVQ or KCHD as necessary to maintain the integrity of their lesson requirements. Accepting an IFR altitude restriction and then jumping into the stack and changing altitudes will give the pilot a PD every time. And jumping into the stack at their restriction could lead them to a mid-air collision and chaos for VFR aircraft established in the hold (unless a nice VFR crew wants to depart the pattern at their assigned IFR altitude). Avoid IFR flights into the stack.

Current projects we need help with

1. Flight School Safety Summit - Brent Crow
 - a. I’m willing to spearhead the “Flight School Safety Summit” and host it at CAE’s facility in late August or early September. I’m unable to make the AFTW meeting on the 13th due to international travel for work. Perhaps the group can discuss a date?
 - b. The event would likely start at 0900 at CAE at Falcon Field and end around 4pm, and we would like to have all Safety Officers from each flight school invited as well as leads from ASAG, AFTW, PAUWG, FFAST team leadership. CAE will provide lunch.
 - c. We would have presentations from each school that wants to speak on aviation safety topics and best practices/case studies so we all walk away with some new safety insights into how to manage aviation safety challenges.
 - d. I’ll host a few planning meetings for this prior, the first to be in June. At this meeting, it would be good to get a feel for the date and location needs.
 - e. I’m open to alternative locations/dates/times/content/format.... Just throwing out what was on my mind and available.
2. Recommended Procedures for Practice Instrument Approaches in the Phoenix Area.

- a. We've had a couple of new people volunteer to help with this project recently
 - b. Link to view work in progress:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-_THIsu2Yg7IRcdxkq7D_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/
 - a. We are still looking for more volunteers to help with this project. Please email jim.pitman@gmail.com if you are willing and able. Thank you!
 - b. Please submit feedback related to this project at: <http://aftw.org/contact/>
2. Initiative to get better flight school representation at these meetings.
- a. AFTW points of contact: <https://bit.ly/AFTWPOC>

Other Comments / Questions

- 1. We have had several fatal events recently, one involving a CFI and student with a CFI who may have been a new arrival to the area. For CFIs and DPEs that may not be aware of the Arizona summer time hazards, I have attached an article I wrote which is available at www.asagaz.org
- 2. Please share this link far and wide: <https://aftw.org/brief/>

Next AFTW Zoom Meeting: September 9, 2025 at 4:00pm MST

Register at: <https://aftw.org/next-meeting/>