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The 52nd Annual Arizona Safety Awards Banquet

**Saturday, February 7, 2026
Phoenix Airport Hilton
2435 S 47th St Phoenix, AZ
(Southeast of Phoenix Sky Harbor)**

The Awards Presentation Features

- *AZ Flight Instructor of the Year*
- *AZ FAA Team Representative of the year*
- *AZ Maintenance Technician of the year*
- *AZ Air Traffic Communicator of the year*
- *AZ Airport Safety Award*
- *Ruth Reinhold Award (presented by the Arizona Pilots Association)*

Keynote Speaker – Bob Mittelstaedt



Bob studied Mechanical Engineering at Tulane University and, through NROTC, earned his Private Pilot License and a Navy officer commission. After five years “seeing the world” on nuclear submarines he left active duty for The Wharton School and an MBA. Then, while with a consulting firm for two years he resumed flying and earned Commercial, Multi-Engine and Instrument ratings. He then returned to Wharton for a 31-year career in Philadelphia while co-owning airplanes and flying for business and family vacations all over the country.

He was a consultant to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to help design the investigation of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident. This spurred interest in accident chains in a variety of situations and industries, including aviation. He collected examples for years; tested concepts with executives and in 2004 wrote ***Will Your Next Mistake Be Fatal? Avoiding the Chain of Mistakes That Can Destroy Your Organization***. The book includes several aviation mistake chain accidents.

From 2004 to 2013, Bob was the Dean of the W. P. Carey School of Business at ASU. Over 40 years he served on numerous boards of directors and was a founding investor and board member of Innovative Solutions & Support, a mid-size avionics company, providing support for military, commercial and business aviation markets.

He has volunteered with the Deer Valley Pilots Association and as the AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteer at DVT for over 15 years. He is a recipient of the FAA’s Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.

His talk will address the importance of identifying and mitigating mistakes with Crew Resource Management, especially for single pilot operation with a non-pilot spouse or companion. Real life personal examples, audience interaction, and a quiz for the chance to win a prize (without requiring you to admit any mistakes) will be part of the presentation.



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HAVE BEEN PRESENTED.**



\$65 per person

Table for 10 - \$625

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**Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 7, at
6:00 pm. (Social Hour & Silent Auction begin at
5:00 pm and Doors open at 6:00 pm)**

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