



# MEETING MINUTES

<https://asagaz.org>

President Cary Grant Called the Meeting to order at **12:03 pm**

**Jan 15, 2025**



## 71 attended:

Adrian Snellgrove, Alexander Peña, Andrew Taussig, Bob Katz, Bob Holliday, Bob Mittelstaedt, Brendan Umbs, Brett Richardson, Cameron Atkins, Carter Teeters, Cary Grant, Christine Perry, Craig Tompkins, Dan Fuller, Dan Von Flue, David Horvath, David Kitts, Deborah Blattstein, DeWitt Gibson, Dr Abraham Blattstein, Edward Daror, Emanuel Gathers, Ernest Copeland, Ethan McQuown, Felix Hernandez, Frank Frassetto, Galahad Davis, Garrett Dauphars, Greg Blunk, Gull Saarup, Hugh Funk, James Price, James Quinn, James Timm, Jason Gauer, Jennifer De Polo, Jill Gallo, Jim Anderson, John Cirino, John Keith, John Varljen, Julian Fruhling, Kenneth Winter, Larry Erdman, Lawrence Wippman, Lee Unger, Louis Vasquez, Mathew Corrigan, Michael Duane, Michael Little, Michael Folinsbee, Mike Mohle, Mitchell Raab, Neil Davison, Paul Rowley, Pete Hermes, Peter Troccoli, Phil Corbel, Philip Jossi, Randell Meyer, Richard Lee, Rodney Holberton, Rolf Dammrau, Ron Dziagwa, Ron Serafinowicz, Savannah Ivanitski, Scott Grane, Scott Woodworth, Sonny Durante, Thomas Cowan, Tito Sanchez, and William Winsberg.

**Welcome to our first time attendees!**

## Welcome – Cary Grant, ASAG President:

Cary welcomed the members and explained that ASAG is a 501c3 organization and we are all volunteers. When the minutes are approved by the ASAG membership, they are posted at <https://asagaz.org/>.

## Jim Anderson, ASAG Treasurer:



### ASAG TREASURER'S REPORT


Sales: Committed 9 tables and 9 individual tickets — (Gross sales of around \$6,700). Good for break even. The city of Phoenix has not bought a table, but Jim has sent them an invoice and hopefully they will pay that and commit. ATP always buys a table but last minute. Other contributors: CAU, Discount Tire, Brian Shultz, PhotosGRANTED, Jim Pittman, AFTW, APA, & Neil Davison.

This year, the hotel would like the bar to be cashless, credit card only.

Banquet proceeds are used to buy plaques, maintain our website and support AFTW.

[JimAndersonB4@gmail.com](mailto:JimAndersonB4@gmail.com)

**Jim Anderson & Cary Grant:** The December report (thought Dec 31) is displayed here. As of today, our balance is \$19,448.21.

	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
Aviation Safety Advisory Group of Arizona General Membership Meeting For the period December 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Fundraising (Ways and Means)</b>	
Fundraising Event	\$237.29
<b>Total Income</b>	\$237.29
<b>Expenditures</b>	
<b>Administrative and Operations</b>	
Advertising and Promotion	\$2.12
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$2.12
	\$235.17
<b>Opening balance as of December 1st, 2024:</b>	\$16,210.00
<b>Balance on hand as of December 31st, 2024:</b>	\$16,445.17
<b>Aviation SAfety Advisory Group of Arizona</b>	\$16,445.17
<i>James B. Anderson</i>	Treasurer's Signature

## To buy ASAG Banquet Tickets:

- go to <https://asagaz.org/>
- CLICK ON “MORE,” then “TICKETS AND DONATE”

A Banquet table for 10 costs **\$625**.

An individual Banquet ticket costs **\$65**.

Banquet sponsorship costs **\$100**.

**Jim Price** moved to accept the Treasurer Report

**Phil Corbell** seconded the motion.

The members unanimously accepted the December report.

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### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Guide for ARFF

AZ WX Hazards

LRSAT Dates

Posters Campaigns

### TICKETS AND DONATE

CONTACT

ABOUT

ASAG website visits in the past 30 days: 272.

### PREVIOUS ASAG MEETING MINUTES



### **Jim Price, ASAG Secretary**

**Paul Rowley** moved to accept the December 2024 minutes.

**Phil Corbell** seconded the motion.

The members unanimously accepted the December Minutes.



## Updates from Community Representatives

### LASER & UAS MITIGATION



### **LASER & UAS Mitigation – Cory Geffre/Jake Helms, Scott Woodworth, Jim Kennedy, Scott Joy, Jason Kaufman:**

**Scott Woodworth:** Tucson has experienced 8 LASER strikes and 1 Drone event.

**Ernest Copeland:** FISCAL YEAR: 1 Oct 24 – 30 Sep 25. 138 Laser strikes in this fiscal year.

There have been 49 laser strikes since the December meeting. At this rate, we will have 650 LASER strikes for the fiscal year.

### **Ways for Pilots to Report Laser Incidents – Cary Grant:**

Tell us where the Laser event happened. Was it at a gas station, intersection, etc.?

1. Hit the transponder identification button as soon as pilots are aware of being Lased. This will mark the plane's position on the air traffic controller's radar scope, which may help law enforcement triangulate where the laser light is originating from.

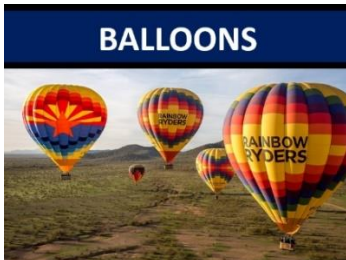
2. Verbally alert ATC of the attack using the phrase “laser attack,” including direction and location of the laser source, beam color and length of exposure (flash, pulsed or perceived intentional tracking).

3. Once on the ground, complete the [FAA-requested Laser Beam Exposure Questionnaire](#).

Upon arrival at destination, all pilots and crew members affected by an unauthorized laser illumination are requested to complete the FAA Laser Beam Exposure Questionnaire in order to provide critical information in support of law enforcement efforts to identify and apprehend the responsible parties.

- [Report a Laser Incident](https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/safety/report/laserinfo/report_incident) at [https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/safety/report/laserinfo/report\\_incident](https://www.faa.gov/aircraft/safety/report/laserinfo/report_incident) - or -
- You can download and complete the [FAA Laser Beam Exposure Questionnaire](#) (PDF) from your personal computer. Completed questionnaires can be saved and attached to an email to [laserreports@faa.gov](mailto:laserreports@faa.gov), or can be printed and faxed to the Washington Operations Control Center Complex (WOCC) — (202) 267-5289 Attn: Domestic Events Network (DEN)

If you are a member of the public who witnessed an individual aiming a laser at an aircraft, send an e-mail to [laserreports@faa.gov](mailto:laserreports@faa.gov) and include the following: Your name and contact information. Date and time you witnessed the laser incident.



## BALLOONS

### **Balloons – Neil Davison:**

The Balloon Association has a meeting every 3rd Tuesday at DVT restaurant. Dinner on your own at 6pm and at 7pm, they have a presentation. Website:

<https://arizonaballoonclub.org/>

There will be a balloon event, Arizona Balloon Classic at the Goodyear Ballpark this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in the NW corner of the ballpark. Glow event in the evening. The tether height is 100 feet. Details at <https://abcfest.com/>

Neil will contact Goodyear Tower and keep them updated on the event. Event details are also at <https://arizonaballoonclub.org/>



AZARNG PICACHO

### **AZARNG/Picacho - CW4 Hammond, Gary Jones**

Not Available



P50  
Phoenix

### **Phoenix Approach/Airspace issues and PAUWG – P50**

Not Available



PARACHUTE OPERATIONS

### **Jump Operations at P08 (Coolidge) and Bishop – Hugh Funk & Tom Cowan**

Full swing at Coolidge and Bishop. Coolidge NOTAMS cover more time. Bishop files a daily NOTAM. **130.475** at Bishop. Coolidge **123.075**. Jump information is available on Coolidge's AWOS.

Tom and his workgroup of Parachute Operators will make a presentation at the Marana Regional Hybrid Aviation Safety Meeting, Saturday, March 1,

2025 10:00 until Noon.

**Lee Unger** has posted **Tom Cowan's "15 Key Points of Military Parachute Training-For Pilots"** on social media and has sent it to <https://scauwg.org/arizona> and more websites.

The "15 Key Points of Military Parachute Training — for Pilots" can be found at:

[https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2025/WP07134455/15\\_Key\\_Points-Military\\_Parachute\\_Training\\_for\\_Pilots-Thomas\\_Cowan\\_-\\_2025-01-03.2.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2025/WP07134455/15_Key_Points-Military_Parachute_Training_for_Pilots-Thomas_Cowan_-_2025-01-03.2.pdf)

Special thanks to Justin Hodge, Pat Nikitenko, Hugh Funk, and Michael Coleman for their contributions to this project along with support from Ernest Copeland, FAA FPM, Craig Tompkins, FAA FPM, Cary Grant, Sonny Durante, Tito Sanchez and Lee Unger. **Please share this document on your websites and in social media, it is a great resource of information on parachute safety for pilots.**

**Jim Timm:** David Reffner is no longer in his position at CGZ.

**Cary:** Sky Dive Arizona, Eloy. Frank Frassetto. 24/7. Area off to the east of Eloy, Area 51 is also a drop area. 3 - 5-mile radius around Eloy.

**Cary:** Parachutists are now landing on SE corner of the CGZ property. It's in the area where instrument approach missed approach procedures fly.

**Cary:** In March, we will have a Marana Safety Seminar at Marana (AVQ). Hugh Funk will be a part of that.

### **RED STAR FORMATION – Mark Giannini**



**Cary Grant:** Their formation practices use the aerobatic boxes. AFTW is a great source.



### **Superior Glider Operations – Fairfax O'Riley**

**Not Present**



### **Ag and Fire Support Ops – Hunter Wall**

**Not Present**





Jim Price & Craig  
Tompkins

## ASAG Accident & Deviation Report

Mid-December through Mid-January 2025

### Accident Report & Pilot Deviation Summary



Accident Statistics, Comparing 2023 and 2024	2023	2024
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	122	119
PEOPLE INVOLVED	191	213
NON-INJURIES	170	183
MINOR INJURIES	8	12
SERIOUS INJURIES	5	3
FATALITIES	8	15
NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS	5	6

The following are the reports of aviation accidents, and incidents that have occurred in Arizona from mid-December through mid-January. We hope to use the following detailed accident/incident information to develop safety programs, briefings, and posters/flyers that would help pilots learn from the mistakes being made by others and be able to take the necessary action to prevent them from having similar occurrences.

The Accident/Incident report is a bit strange for this reporting. The number of occurrences that were available for this reporting period were down drastically.

Human nature being what it is tells me the numbers should be much higher. The numbers from the sources were all drastically down for some reason.

In continuing with the expanded scope of the report, we're using information from the Aviation Safety Network (ASN), FAA, NTSB, and APA Members. This more inclusive information source should suit our purpose of trying to get an idea of what is happening out there so we can help make flying safer.

## UNDESCRIBED CRASH, Dec 15, 2024



**Source:** FAA

**Location:** Near Casa Grande

**Type:** Unidentified, Unregistered Hang Glider

**Injuries:** 1 Fatal

**Unregistered Pilot**

The unregistered Hang Glider crashed under unknown circumstances within the city limits of Casa Grande, and the pilot was found 3/4 of a mile from the crash site. The Pinal County Sheriff took jurisdiction of the incident.

## OFF AIRPORT LANDING, Dec 19, 2024



**Source:** ASN, FAA, NTSB

**Location:** Mesa Falcon Field (FFZ)

**Type:** Piper PA-28-250 Comanche

**Injuries:** 2 Uninjured

**Unknown Pilot Certification**

The Piper Comanche sustained substantial damage in a forced landing shortly after takeoff from runway 22L at Mesa Falcon Field Airport (FFZ). According to air traffic control (ATC), the pilot reported "issues" shortly after takeoff and that he wanted to return. The controller told the pilot to make right traffic for

runway 22R and asked him if he wanted further assistance. The pilot said, "No," and the read back was correct. A few seconds later, the pilot said, "I need runway 4L, urgent." The controller cleared the pilot to runway 4L, and the controller then stated, "Your gear appears to be up." To which the pilot replied, "gears down." A few seconds later, a second airplane reported the Comanche was "off airport."

The FAA reported that the aircraft experienced engine issues and crashed into a tree while trying to land in a field. The airplane came to rest upright on a gravel road west of the departure airport. Both wings and aft fuselage section remained attached to the airframe. The entire engine separated from the airplane during the accident sequence. One propeller blade was bent aft, the second blade appeared straight. There was no post-crash fire.

## CONTROLLED FLIGHT INTO TERRAIN, Dec 22, 2024



**Source:** ASN

**Location:** Near Gila Bend

**Type:** Van's RV7A

**Injuries:** 2 Minor Injuries

**Commercial Pilot**

The RV7A departed Goodyear Airport (GYR) and was substantially damaged when it crashed under unknown circumstances near Gila Bend. Preliminary ADS-B data shows

that the airplane departed GYR, and climbed to a cruising altitude of 4,400 ft. About fourteen minutes after takeoff, the airplane entered a descending left-hand turn and crashed in a remote area near the Painted Rock Reservoir.



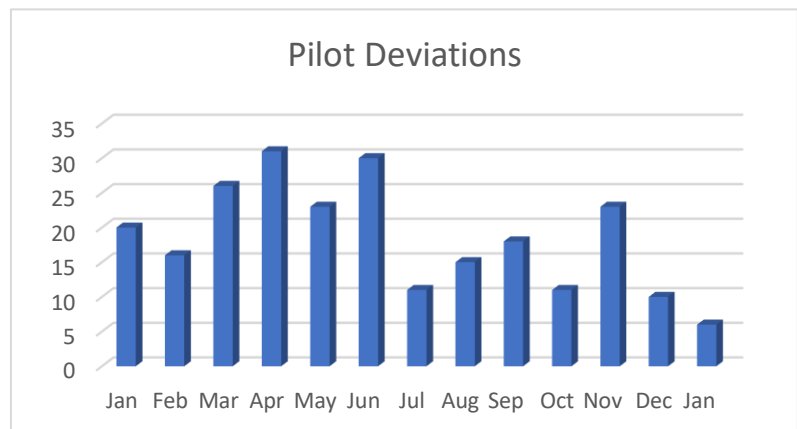
# Near Mid-Air Collision - NMAC (0) Dec 13 – Jan 10

December 13, 2024 – January 10, 2025 –

PILOT DEVIATIONS (6) 1 Out of State Pilot & 0 BRASHERS



These pilot deviations need to be examined to determine if a common thread exists that we should address to help reduce the number of deviations that continue to occur and thus enhance aviation safety.



In the reporting period from December 13, 2024 through January 10, 2025 there were **six pilot deviations** reported by the FAA SDL FSDO. These deviations were committed by pilots with certificates ranging from Private Pilot through Commercial/CFI, and **of the six deviations reported, there were no Brashers issued.**

## "The Brasher" – A Brief History



Maj Gen Jack Brasher

On August 13, 1985, Captain Jack Brasher, who was also a Major General in the Arizona Air National Guard, was the pilot in command of Republic Airlines Flight 77 from Chicago O'Hare (ORD) to Minneapolis-Saint Paul (MSP). During the flight, with the First Officer at the controls during a climb, the crew deviated from an assigned altitude by 700 feet; however, they quickly recovered to the correct altitude. At the time of the event, no mention of a potential pilot deviation was made to the crew. In fact, Captain Brasher was unaware that the FAA had any concern regarding altitude non-compliance. It was not until almost six months and 150 flights later, Captain Brasher received notification from the FAA of a Notice of Proposed

Certificate Action. During the investigation, when asked about the flight, Captain Brasher replied that he had no recollection of the flight, or any events associated with the flight. This event, and the subsequent investigation, served as the catalyst for the current FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, paragraph 2-1-27, Pilot Deviation Notification, also known as the "Brasher Notification."

When ATC issues the Brasher Notification, they are giving the airman the opportunity "...to make note of the occurrence and collect their thoughts for future coordination with Flight Standards regarding enforcement actions or operator training." (Ref. FAA Order JO 7210.632, Air Traffic Organization Occurrence Reporting, Paragraph 3-1 Note). The ability of the airmen to review the circumstances while still fresh in their minds enables them and Flight Standards to identify and mitigate risk that would otherwise remain hidden and possibly cause further problems in the NAS.

Pilots need to listen carefully to ATC instructions and comply with them, and if you can't comply, tell ATC why you can't. Also, when flying in controlled airspace, pilots should never be creative but talk to ATC before they do something that differs from the instructions given. Pilots must always be aware of what type of airspace they are flying in, or may be about to enter, and know what may be expected of them. Always fly with care and forethought, don't be part of the problem.

# D'oh!



## 6 Deviations, Dec 13, 2024 – Jan 10, 2025

# Deviations	Type of Deviation	BRASHERS
3	IFR Deviations	0
1	Delta Airspace Deviations	0
2	Runway Incursions	0



## 3 IFR DEVIATIONS & 0 BRASHERS

## Altitude & Route Deviation, 12/18/2024

Unknown Pilot Certification

Airplane Was Out of Mexico

Phoenix TRACON (P50)



The deviation was reported when the Gulfstream 5 climbed above the ATC assigned altitude, and failed to follow the assigned course, conflicting with traffic inbound to Phoenix Sky Harbor. There was no loss of separation.



## Altitude Deviation, 1/5/2025

Unknown Pilot Certification

Phoenix TRACON (P50)

The pilot deviation was reported when the Learjet 35 had descended below his assigned altitude of 5,000 feet.

## Altitude Deviation, 1/7/2025

Unknown Military Pilot Certification

Phoenix TRACON (P50)

The pilot deviation was reported when the Military KC-135 descended below the published altitude.



## 1 CLASS DELTA AIRSPACE DEVIATIONS & 0 BRASHERS *Entering Class Delta Airspace Without First Establishing Two-Way Radio Communication*

12/29/2024

Private Pilot

Phoenix Deer Valley (DVT)

The pilot deviation was reported by the Deer Valley ATC when the Piper Super Cub entered their Class Delta Airspace without authorization.



## RUNWAY INCURSIONS (2) & Brashers (0) *Entering A Runway Without Authorization*

12/17/2024

Commercial/CFI Pilot

Prescott Airport (PRC)

Ground Control (GC) instructed a Cessna 172 to taxi via Taxiway C and hold short of Runway 21L on Taxiway C5. The read back was correct. Later the Cessna crossed the Runway 21L edge line at Taxiway C5 without ATC authorization, and GC told the pilot to stop. A Bombardier CRJ200 was departing Runway 3R because of performance characteristics, and the Local Controller canceled the takeoff clearance. The closest proximity was approximately 2,800 feet lateral.

12/19/2024

Unknown Pilot Certification

Prescott (PRC)

The pilot deviation was reported when a Cessna 172 taxied across a runway without ATC authorization.



### Post Accident & Deviation Presentation Discussion

**Craig Tompkins:** Although our numbers were low this reporting period, he has checked with other FSDO managers, and they have similar low number. Our numbers seem to be accurate.

**Cary:** Kudos for putting together the statistics and bar graphs for this identifies the trends.



# Old Business



2025 ASAG Banquet

## **Awards Banquet, February 1, 2025 – Cary Grant**

**Cary Grant:** We have winners in all categories.

Ernie has taken the Trophies to H&J for engraving.

**Ernie Copeland:** We need a minimum of 5 frames. Jim Anderson will purchase 10 so we'll have frames for 2026. Jim will give them to Ernie Copeland for the nominees. FSDO will print the certificates for the frames.

The program will be going to Moore Graphics next week. **Phil Corbell** will take care of that. We will need 200.

**Ian Branson** is managing AV – He requests we have the entire evening in one presentation.

We have ordered a new \$180 screen for presentation.

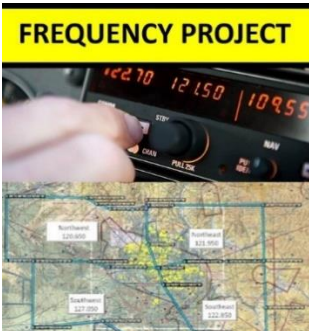
We already have one Projector. We will also use the FSDO's projector.

**Rich Lee** is to send his presentation to **Ian Branson** by January 28th.

Potential sponsorships were discussed, and Cary and Jim Anderson will contact those potential "sponsors."

Table sales – 99s, DPE, and AFTW?

**Download and print the flyer at:** [https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2024/WP07134264/1\\_ASAG-Banquet-Flyer7\\_2025.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2024/WP07134264/1_ASAG-Banquet-Flyer7_2025.pdf)



## **Frequency Project Update – Lee Unger, Cary Grant, Jim Anderson, and Brian Stamper, PhD**

**Lee Unger:** The request has been SUBMITTED!

No news yet. It is in the hands of the FCC.



## **SCAUWG Update – Lee Unger**

For news about Southern California and more, go to <https://scauwg.org/>

Drone interference with the fire fighters in southern California is a big problem.

There was a report of a near midair collision in California airspace. The takeaway is to monitor both practice area and TRACON or Air Route Traffic Control Center

frequencies in Practice Areas and, it was suggested and hoped that TRACONS or Air Route Traffic Control Center, as the airspace dictates, will do the same.

SCAUWG is developing committees, such as the CFI, Flight School, training and educational outreach committee. We hope to have Gary Palmer, Lead of the SCAUWG CFI/Flight School/Training/Education Outreach workgroup at the next AFTW meeting.



## **Marana Airport (AVQ) and Pinal Airpark (MZJ) Updates – Galen Beem Tito Sanchez, Sonny Durante & Lee Unger**

**Lee Unger:** Galen Beem, KAVQ Airport Superintendent has initiated plans for a hybrid Marana Regional KAVQ Aviation Safety Seminar on **March 1, 10:00 am to noon at the J D Russell Hangar**. It will be hybrid – a fly-in, drive-in or Zoom event.

We will have a Planning Meeting next Wednesday (Jan 22). Thanks to Galen Beem for planning and the J D Russell hangar for hosting this event.

### **Watch for SPANS for further details. The program will include:**

- Cary Grant, Aviation Safety Advisory group of Arizona, Inc. (ASAG), National FAASTeam Representative of the Year will open the meeting with information about ASAG, FAASTeam;  
ASAG's *From the Flight Deck* Video for Marana <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTBHrJnpGeo>
- Craig Tompkins, FAA said, "Often unseen hazards of helicopter wake turbulence both on the ground and in the air, and the importance of situational awareness when operating in their vicinity"
- Dr. Thomas Cowan, Lead for ASAG Parachute Ops; ASAG's Hugh Funk, CPS; Pat Nikitenko, Skydive Marana - Parachute Ops
- Cary, Scott Woodworth, Ernest Copeland and Craig Tompkins - Laser events
- Cary and Tito Sanchez - Approach Procedures
- Craig Graves – J D Russell Maintenance

Sonny Durante - coordinating ASAG Flyers to be printed compliments of Marana Regional Airport.

## **Avoiding the Casa Grande Stanfield Stack Approaches during the Jan 17 – 19 Formation Clinic**

**Ben York:** North American Trainer Association is holding a formation clinic at Casa Grande starting Friday January 17 through Sunday, January 19, 2025. Flights will be during daylight hours. We realize it's a huge ask to ask you to reduce your flying on those dates at Casa Grande. Please use extreme caution, we will be actively looking for you. Please look for us!"

## **Avoiding the Casa Grande Stanfield Stack Approaches during the Cactus Fly-in, March 8**

Cactus Fly-In is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 7:00am to 5:00pm AZ at KCGZ. Fred Borns asked us to proactively announce the fly-in and for safety's sake, "Optimally, we would like to discourage flight schools from performing practice approaches at KCGZ for this 10-hour interval on this single day."

## **RYN Pilot Checklist**



Thanks to Jim Pitman and Jon Micetic, Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW), Geoff Kusel, Ryan Field Tower Manager and Brian STAMPER, Ph.D. FAASTeam Representative, for posting the contents on <https://aftw.org/kryn-operations/> (Ryan Airport Operations). Thanks to Geoff Kusel, Ryan Field Tower Manager and Brian STAMPER, Ph.D. FAASTeam Representative, for the contents of "[RYN Pilot Checklist](#)" and

"[RYN Recommended NW Entry Procedures](#)."



## **AFTW and DPE Update – Cary Grant & Lee Unger**

<https://aftw.org/> If you need instrument work, rather than using the Stanfield Stack, Ryan (RYN) and Tucson (TUS) are very willing to accommodate you.

Reference the AFTW Jan 14, 2025 meeting, Jim Pitman wrote, "Thank you to everyone who participated in our meeting yesterday! **AFTW meeting video** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPtR\\_r5IXgo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPtR_r5IXgo)  
Find the next AFTW meeting at <https://aftw.org/next-meeting/>

**Ernie Copeland:** If you are a CFI, you should be participating in AFTW. We need more input.

AFTW Meeting Minutes can be found at <https://aftw.org/category/meetings/minutes/>

## Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW) *Pilot Brief*

### Safety Critical Items

1. Arizona has a high concentration of many different types of aircraft (especially Prescott, Phoenix, and Tucson). ADS-B in equipment and surveillance is highly recommended.
2. Many gliders, balloons, and exempted powered aircraft operate in the area without a transponder or ADS-B out. See and avoid procedures must be continuously implemented.
3. The AFTW has defined practice areas, frequencies, and reporting points for pilots to use. A free ForeFlight (EFB) overlay is available at [aftw.org](https://aftw.org) (and the QR code below).
4. There are extensive day and night parachute drop operations throughout the state, with a high-concentration between Tucson and Phoenix. If you are not on a practice area frequency or CTAF, we highly recommend receiving flight following from the appropriate ATC facility to avoid interfering with these operations.
5. The AFTW has also published recommended procedures for practice instrument approaches at Casa Grande (CGZ) and Coolidge (P08) airports at [aftw.org](https://aftw.org) (see direct links via QR codes below).
6. The airspace, traffic, and procedural norms associated with flight operations throughout the state are unique. We highly recommend getting briefed by a local flight instructor who is familiar with the area.

**Please share this information with pilots, instructors,  
and DPEs who are new to flying in Arizona.**

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[This Brief](#)



[Current Overlay \(KML file\)](#)



[Casa Grande Procedures](#)



[Coolidge Procedures](#)



Revision: 2024.3

**Lee:** Thanks to Jim Pitman for "Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW) Pilot Brief," found here: [https://aftw.org/brief/AFTW\\_Brief.pdf](https://aftw.org/brief/AFTW_Brief.pdf).

If you would like to be more familiar with the Phoenix airspace, come to AFTW meetings and fly with an instructor familiar with Phoenix area airspace and airports.

***Please share this information with all Pilots, including Instructors, DPEs and Flight Schools who operate in Arizona.***

***Please join us at AFTW meetings. We strive for, and welcome, a representative from each flight school in AZ to attend AFTW meetings.***

### **Landing Fees – Cary Grant:**



Airports are simply trying to obtain funds so they can maintain and upgrade their airports. The Arizona State Legislature has been “sweeping” airport funds from the Aviation Trust Fund and using it for highway funds. Senator Farnsworth, on the Senate Transportation Committee, has agreed to host a working group in his office to stop this. John Keith is also working with the Legislature. He has been promised that the “sweeping” will stop as of 2025.

We shall see.



### **Rainbow Valley – John Keith:**

Buckeye airport has been out of fuel, so many schools were using Goodyear for fuel. (Buckeye now has fuel). John reached out to the Director of Operations at Mesa Airlines, and he or she has not returned John’s call.

**Cary Grant:** We are still hearing a lot of unprofessional radio calls in the Practice Areas. Stop it!





# New Business



## **Goodyear & Glendale Tower Update – Cary Grant:**

SERCO Contract for FAA Towers was not renewed. Midwest ATC will take over the controller contract on 1 February. It will take them a while to increase their manning. Goodyear will be short of controllers through all of March 2025. The same thing has happened at Glendale. They only have 3 controllers and each is working 6 days a week, and only one controller at a time. Therefore, Glendale tower is limiting multiple pattern activity.



Glendale Municipal Airport has been renamed **Glendale Regional Airport**.

This could have been a political move to try to make Glendale the airport for Peoria, as well.

## **Approach Guide – Cary Grant**

The Approach Guide is for best practices for approaches around the valley, such as the best time get an approach. If you have any of that nice to know information, send it to **Cary Grant**, [arizonasag@gmail.com](mailto:arizonasag@gmail.com) and he can add it to the Handbook. See [https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-THIsu2Yg7lRcdxkq7D\\_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-THIsu2Yg7lRcdxkq7D_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/edit?tab=t.0) for the **Recommended Procedures for Practice Instrument Approaches in the Phoenix Area** Google Doc. *If you know people in the flight schools, please get the word out.*

## **Points of Content**

Jim Pittman and AFTW has established a Google Doc to gather the points of contact for all the flight schools. If you are a flight school representative, go to

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10hKoBOJFt6agX1JhBWYMKH5\\_7p0vekfBy\\_GsD8KBD-o/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10hKoBOJFt6agX1JhBWYMKH5_7p0vekfBy_GsD8KBD-o/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

and enter your information in the google doc.



## **Tucson International Construction Update – Lee Unger:**

Tucson International Airport (TUS) Long-Term Airfield Changes <https://www.faa.gov/tus>

"Check the NOTAMs and listen to ATIS closely for closed surfaces and other pertinent operational information." [KTUS Airfield Safety Enhancement](#)



## **IMSAFE – Emotion, Pilot Counseling – Bob Holliday**

If anyone would like to contact me to discuss any personal issues confidentially, you can email me at [pastorbobh@comcast.net](mailto:pastorbobh@comcast.net)

Don't wait. It is always better to talk, than to let things build up over time.



## **Video Project Update – Cary Grant**

Exploring the possibility of using ERAU Graphics Department resources to help with the "Bravo" production. Videos: [SEZ](#), [AVQ](#), [P52](#)

**Cary Grant** recommended that we put one together a video for Lake Havasu (HII). Jim Anderson agreed that would be a good subject.



**The Buckeye Airfare** is coming up, Feb 14 – 16, and AOPA gave us one whole hour on Friday, February 14, to give a presentation on Parachute Jump Operations around the state. Hugh Funk, Tom Cowan, and Frank Frassetto will participate in the presentation with Cary Grant.



### **For Monthly Meeting WINGS Credit – Lee Unger**

Our ASAG meetings qualify for 2 Knowledge WINGS credits for pilots and 1 credit for Aviation Maintenance Technicians (AMTs). Thanks to **Ernie** and **Craig** for providing the Zoom attendance list which we use to provide WINGS credit. If the email you use on FAASafety.gov is different than your Zoom registration email on a particular day, please be sure to put your FAASafety.gov name and email in the Chat. Thank you!



## **Links**

### **Arizona Pilots Association monthly newsletter**

<https://azpilots.org/pilot-info/newsletters>

### **More Links**

### **Northeast Phoenix No Maneuver Zone poster**

by Bob Mittelstaedt. Download at: <https://asagaz.org/posters-campaigns>

***Please print and share the flyer at your airport and publish the link in your print products and on social media.***

**Ryan Airport Operations page**, posted by Jim Pitman, Jon Micetic of the Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW).

<https://aftw.org/kryn-operations/>

#### **LOSS OF SEPARATION COULD RUIN YOUR DAY**

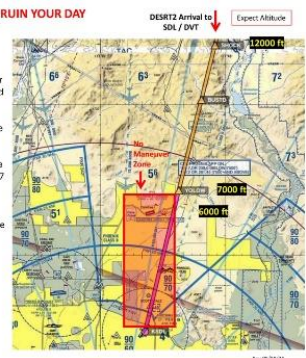
##### **VFR SAFETY TIP NE of PHOENIX**

PHX TRACON wants to help ensure your safety by avoiding IFR traffic arriving and departing SDL and DVT.

Please do not perform maneuvers in the shaded red "No Maneuver Zone."

It is also recommended that you receive flight following, or at least monitor 120.7 when transitioning through this "No Maneuver Zone."

This area is three miles either side of a line between SDL and Sky Ranch. (If you are familiar with the terrain, Pima Rd. is the approximate centerline.)



### **"Know Before You Go!! Parachute Operations at Marana Regional Airport (KAVQ)"** by **Sonny**

**Durante** and the Parachute Operations Safety Workgroup directed by **Dr. Thomas**

**Cowan**. [https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2024/WP07127584/Parachute\\_Operations\\_at\\_Marana\\_Regional\\_Airport\\_240220.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2024/WP07127584/Parachute_Operations_at_Marana_Regional_Airport_240220.pdf)

This document may be used as a template for a flight planning document for other non-towered airports that have parachute operations.

### **Safety Products by Brian L. Stamper, Ph.D., FAASTeam Representative**

### **KRYN Ryan Airfield Recommended NW Entries**

[https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2023/WP07124011/KRYN\\_NW\\_entry\\_procedures\\_stand\\_alone\\_230510\\_.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2023/WP07124011/KRYN_NW_entry_procedures_stand_alone_230510_.pdf)

### **Greater Tucson Practice Areas**

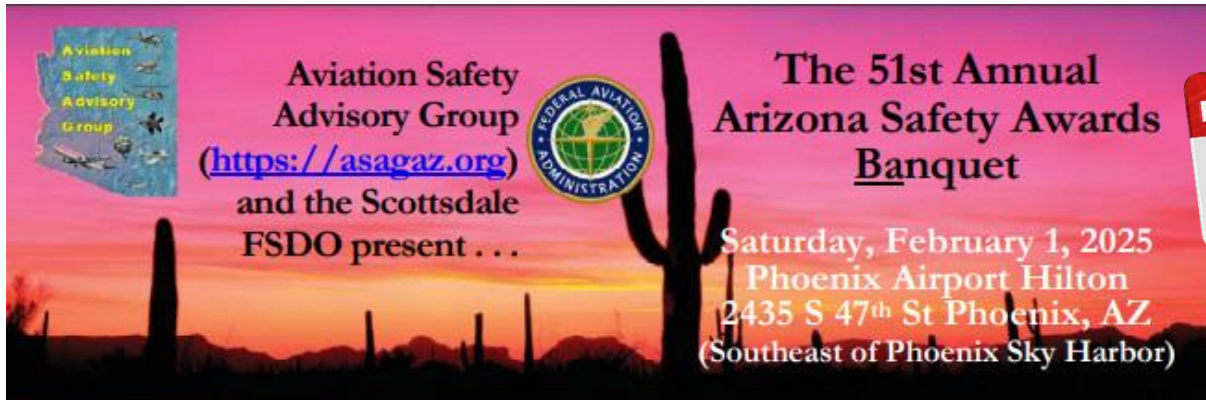
[https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2018/Nov/Tucson\\_Practice\\_Areas.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2018/Nov/Tucson_Practice_Areas.pdf)

Parachute operations have been announced in the Silverbell practice area.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**VMC & IMC CLUB MEETINGS – Alex Peña:** Feb 4, 2025. VMC begins at 6:30 pm and IMC Club follows. They will meet at the Chandler Airport Terminal.



**Aviation Safety Advisory Group**  
(<https://asagaz.org>)  
and the Scottsdale FSDO present . . .

**The 51st Annual Arizona Safety Awards Banquet**

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**  
**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 FAAS 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 – Rich Lee



Rich's career spans 56 years, with over 24,000 hours in 60 types of aircraft and flying test, commercial and scheduled airlines in 36 countries. He logged 900 combat hours as an Army aerial scout pilot in Viet Nam where he was awarded the Bronze Star and 16 air medals. He has flown for special ops and intelligence agencies in combat operations in 11 countries. For 37 years he flew for Hughes, McDonnell Douglas and Boeing, accumulating over 11,000 hours of production, engineering and developmental testing. This included 120 test programs in 32 aircraft,

6 first flights, classified, advanced technology, UAV and RPV programs. Rich's flight test experience includes Handling Qualities, Flight Loads, Envelope Expansion, Autorotation Landing and Height Velocity Boundary Definition. He was at the forefront of Helicopter Sensor Integration and Weapons Testing on OH/AH-6 and AH-64 Apache helicopter variants from the early tests with Enhanced Vision Systems. He is the industry expert on Extreme Maneuvering and Aerobatic Boundary Development. Rich is a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and a 44-year member of the Vertical Flight Society. Rich was recognized as Arizona Flight Instructor of the Year in 1996. He received a Certificate Appreciation for exemplary support to the FAA as a Designated Pilot Examiner for 20 years in 2012. Rich is currently ASAG's Vice President.

Rich plans to share an encore presentation of his experience at Super Bowl XXX 1996, landing on the 50-yard line to pick up his passenger, the star of the Halftime Show, Diana Ross at Sun Devil Stadium.

**Please join us for an exciting evening with dinner and a Silent Auction!**

**\$65 per person Table for 10 - \$625**

**[CLICK HERE](#) to Order tickets or go to [www.asagaz.org](http://www.asagaz.org)**



**Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 1, at 6:00 pm. (Social Hour & Silent Auction begin at 5:00 pm and Doors open at 6:00 pm)**



**ENDS WHEN THE AWARDS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED.**

**Pre-Register for Wings Credit at [faasafety.gov](http://faasafety.gov)**



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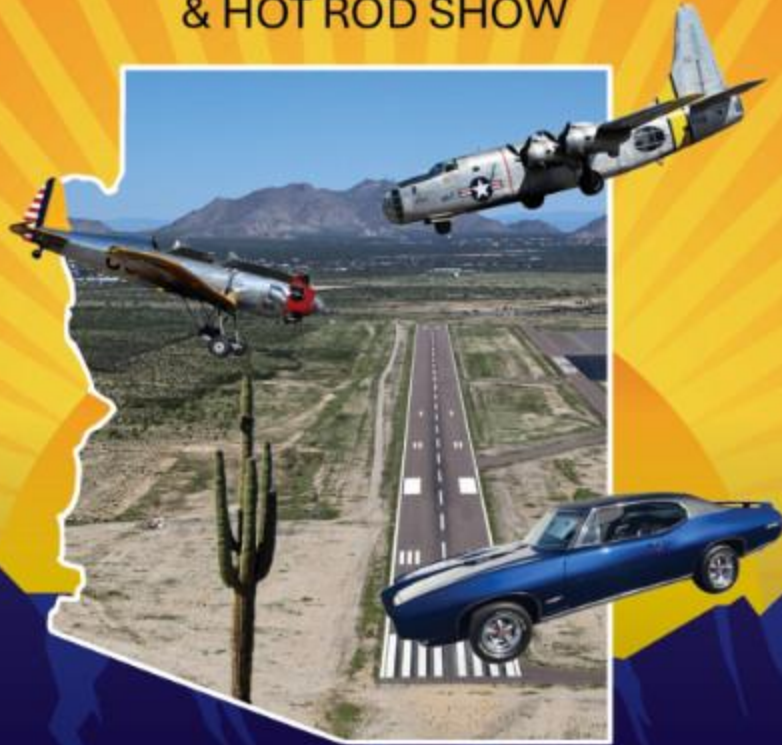
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# 67th ANNUAL CACTUS FLY-IN & HOT ROD SHOW



**MARCH 8, 2025**  
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Join the fun with vintage aircraft, war birds, hot rods and food. Early aircraft arrivals are invited to Cactus open-house Friday evening with snacks and beverages. Spaces available for on-field RV parking and camping. Enjoy a Saturday morning pancake breakfast and food trucks all day while viewing amazing antique and classic aircraft and hot rods.

**ENTRY DONATION: \$10 / Person \$20 / Car Load (CASH)**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [CACTUSFLYIN.ORG](http://CACTUSFLYIN.ORG)**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **Feb 19**, at **12:00 noon, MST, (Arizona time)**.

Register in advance for the February meeting at:  
[https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItf-2uqTgrGv8jzSX44Wgz\\_G1Nzp0wyGM](https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItf-2uqTgrGv8jzSX44Wgz_G1Nzp0wyGM)



Motion to adjourn, **Jim Timm**.  
**Ed Daror** seconded the motion.  
The meeting ended at **2:11** pm.  
ASAG's email [arizonasag@gmail.com](mailto:arizonasag@gmail.com)

#### ASAG Officers



**Cary Grant**, Pres **Rich Lee**, VP **Jim Anderson**, Treas **Jim Price**, Sec