



Deer Valley Pilots Association

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DVPA

Electronic Newsletter



DVPA News

Elections were completed in April with 2 new Directors and new officers. Ed Chauza returned as President; Mert Bean, Jim Russell and Steve Cantrell are new Directors. Our thanks to Ray Weigold and officers for bringing DVPA thru another year with significant membership increases. Steve Cantrell assumes DVPA Information Officer role. To verify latest rumors or obtain information call Steve at 480-607-7873, email n9211b@cox.net.

Hangar Inspection Committee formed to determine steps needed to remove the pain and anxiety related to annual hangar inspections. Look for progress reports of that committee. For pressing concerns and suggestions contact Chairman Ken Cada. 602 942-0337, email kccada2@aol.com.

Tenant Feedback Wanted. DVPA board members are concerned about working on the right projects at the right time. Tenant feedback is critical to directing DVPA efforts. We like compliments but we must be aware of sticky problems our tenants are experiencing and require a remedy. Instead of costly surveys we ask you email us or stop by a meeting and express your concern.

Hospitality Hangar, Sat., Aug 2, 7am-11am.

Planning includes special guests, LSA aircraft display, information, refreshments and more, program details to be announced later.

Member in the News - Arv Schultz into AZ Hall of Fame. Arv, a DVPA Member and well known Arizona pilot, was inducted into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame this spring at Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson. Congratulate Arv on your next meeting. He is a retired Northwest Airlines pilot with a rich colorful aviation history. As President of Arizona Pilots Association (APA) for many years and Publisher of the well known *Arizona Flyways* and *America's Flyways* magazines, Arv continues

to be very active in developing the APA "Backcountry Airstrip" program. Thanks to Arv for his many contributions to Arizona aviation, congratulations!

News Around the Airport



Sibran Self-Serve Fuel, permitting and approval process has taken much longer than expected, but are now in place. A 15,000 gallon storage tank is being installed allowing extra reserve for large demands on holiday weekends plus will accommodate a full tanker delivery. Sibran is committed to providing a state-of-the-art 24/7 Texaco 100LL self serve delivery system. Construction starts in July. The site will be raised almost two feet to ramp level for a large concrete containment vessel and tank foundation. Fill and concrete is planned for early August. Keep an eye on the site for more visible signs of progress during the coming weeks.

DVT Improvement Programs continue. South ramp renovation effort is now over 60% complete. This included brighter lighting on the South hangers and resolution of the drainage problems tenants experienced for years. You may have noticed more new light standards added for security. The North ramp (Compass Rose area) is also getting new security lighting. You will see them lighted as soon as APS installs the transformer for power. There is new lighted signage onto the airport movement area as a measure to reduce runway incursions. DVT is one of the first airports to implement this kind of signage. Another large project has been the \$800K RW & Taxiway crack sealing project just completed. In July the south RW will undergo a micro-seal program. This will cause about a one week closure of the south runway. Before the end of the year, the little hill at the SE corner of the airport will also go away increasing RW environment safety. Airport Manager Gary Mascaro has been very successful in obtaining \$7.2M of city,

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More News Around the Airport

state & federal grant money to carry large number of airport improvements. That is more money this year than we have seen over the last three years. This comes at a time when the state is tightening the purse strings. AZ again took funds from the aviation trust fund. Gary was still able to get 100% of the DVT allocation (\$2M). Our hats off to Gary for finding and securing funding for DVT projects.

Min Std Fees to City Council - At the June Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board (PAAB) meeting, fees for new Minimum Standards were approved and forwarded to the City Council. When approved, probably September, the requirements for Independent Mechanics and Avionics Technicians will go into effect plus fees for flight schools and FBOs. Phoenix Aviation projected a revenue increase of as much as \$600k per year. This money when applied to grants is leveraged by virtue of grants requiring 10-20% matching. Therefore \$100K could result in \$1M for the airport. This is a significant revenue source and will aid maintaining tenants covered space and hangar fee structures.

What is the activity in area west of the Compass Rose? We are told there are discussions with state and federal agencies to locate a permanent fire fighting facility for air tankers to base from. Also there have been questions about the large warbird (C-123 Provider) on the tarmac by the Compass Rose. From our warbird consultant on the North side, Bill Blackwell, we are told this is the aircraft



used in a 1995 Disney movie "Operation Dumbo Drop". The owner is preparing to relocate it to Alaska in several months.

Hangar Wait List, small hgrs, 3.2 yr wait, up from last report, 262 on list; for large, 6.5 yr wait, down slightly, 152 on list. No covered tiedowns available.

News From the Tower

DVT Slips to #2. For several years DVT was the #1 GA airport in the nation beating out Van Nuys (VNY). In 2008, VNY has again taken over the #1 spot and FFZ is #3. DVT operations have grown but not as fast as VNY.



News Around the Valley

What is LUK SATR status? In 2006 Luke AFB requested new airspace. It appears the request will be handled as an NPRM with public comment as soon as this summer or fall. The new airspace is essentially a mini Class Bravo. Whenever in effect, a pilot will need a clearance just like Bravo airspace. A pictorial of the proposed airspace is on the DVPA website.

LUK Aux 1 ILS use is being discouraged per the latest reports from LUK Safety Officers. Contact LUK RAPCON for additional information.

Who is that Traffic Talking to? Have you transited a local training area, see aircraft but never hear any communication? They are talking but you aren't listening to their frequency. Valley Flight Training schools have become very organized on airspace and coordination among schools. "Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW)" was formed to consolidate and distribute Flight School information. Go to their website at www.aftw.org for training area maps, frequencies and training details.

Airport Safety and Security

DON'T DO IT..... FBO's still see vehicles crossing the ramp between line service people and arriving or departing aircraft creating an unsafe condition.

Mark your Calendar – see website "events" page for listing of numerous local events.

Other News Items . . .

- AOPA Phil Boyer announcing retirement
- FFZ has changed TWR hours to 5am - 9pm
- FLY CLEAR of WILDFIRES
- Sign up today for Pardon Our Dust at www.pardonourdust.com
- DVPA shirts (\$20) ball caps (\$10) flight bags (\$20) on sale mtgs/events, contact any Director
- Web site address www.dvtpilot.com



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