



# Deer Valley Pilots Association

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# DVPA

## Electronic Newsletter



## DVPA News

In March, your Association held the continuance of the February Annual General Membership Meeting. Here, members had the opportunity to exercise democratic control, to participate directly in setting the policies and to help guide the decision-making of DVPA by their vote. The membership elected six all-volunteer Directors to the Board to fill vacated seats, a result of members whose terms had expired. Members attendance to vote and participate is very important to the continued growth and success of our Association. 29 members were in attendance, a sufficient number of Proxies were in hand enabling the vote to be completed, all those nominated were elected to fill the open positions. New members nominated and elected to serve on the board are: Dr. Evan Bagner, Mert Bean, Steven Cantrell. Returning to the board are Ed Chauza, Mike McNally and Jim Russell. The new and returning board members join six other board members for a full complement of 12 Directors to serve the Association. Directors serve a 3-year term. By design, a minimum of one third of the Director's terms expire each year. A full listing of Directors is posted on the web site, click "About Us". Thanks to all that participated in this year's election.

**Hospitality Hangar, Apr 26.** get to know your DVPA Directors. North side hangar (39-2) is reserved for this event. We are working to line up one or more special guests. LSA display, information, refreshments and more, program details to be announced later.

**Membership,** DVPA has has grown to a total of 481 members; 413 members are in good standing while 68 members have yet to complete their 2008 membership renewal. One more attempt to be made to get those members on-board. Since March 1, 2007, we have added 127 new members to the Association roster.

**Member in the News -** DVPA member David McNally, was recently commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt with the 152<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing "High Rollers" Reno, Nevada, Air National Guard. The 152<sup>nd</sup> flies the C-130E aircraft in missions worldwide. David graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He currently works for Stanley Consultants in Phoenix. Following his graduation from NAU, David trained and received his private pilot certificate at DVT. Here at DVT, he regularly flies Marchetti, Piper and Varga aircraft. He is scheduled to begin training in the US Air Force Flight Training Program this spring. THANKS David, we do appreciate that you are serving your country.

## News Around the Airport

**Business plan** is being developed by the **Business, Properties & Air Service Development Department**, City of Phoenix Aviation. With Sandra Torres as the Project Officer, the purpose of this plan is to make DVT a self-sufficient entity no longer dependent on Sky Harbor for funding capital improvement projects. This is one of the reasons it is so important to achieve the development of the corporate hangar area and the impact the revenue from that business would have to stabilize hangar rates. In a letter to DVPA President Ray Weigold, Torres said, "Some months ago there was talk about all sorts of options, one being hangar rates. But it is actually not something we are currently pursuing. If hangar rates are revisited in the future, there will be a long public process to be able to gain the support for it". DVPA will be keeping a close eye on this matter.

**Self-Serve Fuel,** Dan Olsen of Sibran Properties has been making good progress recently on design of the self-serve avgas facility for DVT. The Super Bowl activities with sub-contractors has caused a delay in the self-serve



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construction schedule. Once Super Bowl was over progress began in earnest. The design of the facility is complete and has been submitted to Phoenix Aviation for approval. Deer Valley Airport management has committed its support of this project and will do its part to accelerate the approval process. Once permits are issued construction should move briskly. Dan hopes to be open for business in the spring/summer timeframe.

**Legacy of Success**, Cutter Aviation, started back in 1928 in Albuquerque, launches anniversary celebration of 80<sup>th</sup> year in business. Their story is here: [http://www.cutteraviation.com/cutter\\_about.htm](http://www.cutteraviation.com/cutter_about.htm). Cutter first opened its doors in Phoenix in 1959, the Deer Valley facility opened in 1997. The Phoenix and Deer Valley facilities are full-service, fixed-base operations. The Cutter philosophy is based on Tradition, Respect and Integrity. These core values have kept Cutter at the forefront of the business aviation community since 1928 – and they will continue to provide guidance for many years to come. Cutter commissioned an 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cutter Icon, "The Aviator" Custom Chopper. Throughout the year, it will be touring Cutter locations. A picture is available at: <http://radial-group.com/cutter/>

**South Ramp Reconstruction**, Phases 1 and 2 have been finished, Phase 3 began the week of March 9 and will be done April 4, the work on each Phase has been completed on or better than estimate. The original construction schedule has now been revised; the next phase of re-construction work will shift to Phase 4, the area immediately in front of the terminal building. When Phase 4 is completed, the work will revert back to the west ramp to Phase 5. Phase 5 consists of West Covered 1 – 4. To stay up to date with details and to see the current ramp diagram including time schedule, go to [pardonourdust.com/dvt](http://pardonourdust.com/dvt). Click on

the words **South Ramp Reconstruction - Revised Construction Map**

**H**angar Wait List, a 3.0 year wait, up 0.1 from last report, 270 on list, for small hangars; for large, 6.8 years, up 0.6, 153 on list. No covered tiedowns available.



**A**tlantic's Fuel Free For A Month, Donald Mehrtens is the March winner in Atlantic Aviation's fuel giveaway. Each time you fuel with Atlantic you are automatically entered to win 25 gallons of 100LL each week for the first four weeks of each month. You can win too! The contest is running AGAIN in April. Check it out, contact Atlantic Aviation.

## News From the Tower

**D**id you know the new tower has been in operation almost one year! The anniversary of the opening is coming up in April. DVT traffic count numbers for this year are down by approximately 2 to 3%. North Valley radar still has pending issues with capabilities and usage. It is not fully implemented yet, resulting is SDL and DVT sharing the same windows for IFR aircraft operations.

## Airport Safety and Security

**NO** tailgating thru ramp access gates; in or out, wait for gate to close completely.

**R**emain vigilant - Lock Up...Look Out, Don't delay, if it doesn't look right.....call. Report any unusual activity to Operations 623-869-0975.

**C**heck your speed! Limits are painted on perimeter roads (25 mph) and ramps (15 mph).

## Mark your Calendar

**A**pril 26, Hospitality Hangar at 39-2, guests, LSA.

**O**ther events, see weekly updates and reminders.

## Other News Items . . .

- Art Rosen, AOPA ASN Volunteer announced the General Aviation Handbook is recognized as one of the best by A.O.P.A.
- DVPA shirts (\$20) ball caps (\$10) on sale at mtgs/events or contact any Director.
- Watch for new product offering, coming soon - personalized flight bags.
- Got stuff for sale, post on website classifieds page. FREE for members.
- Web site address [www.dvtpilot.com](http://www.dvtpilot.com).

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**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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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](http://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](http://www.pardonourdust.com)
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**DVPA 30th Anniversary** celebration and picnic is Saturday, Nov.1 at the North wash rack. Don't miss this special event. Also, being celebrated is the new Sibran Deer Valley Self Serve Fuel Facility. Grand Opening! Local dignitaries, numerous displays and a huge variety of door prizes are planned. Watch for further announcements as details are finalized. We can use more volunteers for cooking, serving and registration.

**Hangar Inspection** Committee meets with airport officials. DVPA formed a Committee to work with Phoenix Aviation investigating and developing improvements to the yearly inspection process. Goals are to remove the uncertainties and anxiety tenants experience each spring. As details become available, they will be reported. Plans are to implement improvements beginning with 2009 inspections.

**AZ Aviation funds sweep** reported in the last ENewsletter resulted in DVPA sending local legislators a strongly worded letter. It details economic and infrastructure consequences of this practice; including general aviation pilots displeasure if legislators continue the funding practice. See DVPA website.

**Hospitality Hangar**, members were able to beat the heat getting the latest news and information on DVT issues. Despite early August morning heat, 85+ people attended. Two Light Sport aircraft, vendor displays, drawings for prizes were enjoyed by all. Welcome to the new members joining.

**Dalia Bureker**, is newly appointed to the DVPA Board of Directors. She has been a member since 1987. She brings valuable skills and awareness of benefits and importance of serving the DVT pilot community. She trained at DVT and has private and instrument ratings. She and husband "Bob" own a Cherokee hangared at DVT. Dalia has extensive background in large community property

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management that includes marketing, accounting and preventive maintenance. Please join us in welcoming Dalia to the board.

**David McNally**, DVPA member and son of Valerie and Director Mike McNally, entered Phase 1 of U.S. Air Force Flight Training at Laughlin AFB, TX. David completed the 8-week ground school and simulator training and begins flight training in the T-6A Texan II. Following graduation from NAU, David trained at DVT obtaining a private pilot rating. When at DVT, he regularly flies Dad Mike's Marchetti, Piper Arrow and Varga. David, a big THANKS for serving your country. We appreciate your military service.

## News Around the Airport

**Self Serve Fuel**, construction activity is going strong. Work started Aug 4 on the north side project and continues without interruption. Utilities are being installed, concrete is curing and the tank is ordered. Planned for early October is trenching into parking finger off Gate 6 and electrical conduit installation. Opening target date, Nov. 1.



**Minimum Standard's** are going to the Phoenix city council. There are some last minute changes related to Flight School fees that DVPA has challenged and had a Minimum Standards agenda item removed from the Oct 1 meeting agenda. It is important that all airport businesses participate equitably and fairly in the DVT revenue program. Tenants provide the major share of revenue but don't cause the major portion of airport infrastructure "wear and tear". DVPA advocates that all business bear their fair share and not unduly harness tenants with the burden to self sustain DVT.

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**H**angar Rent Adjustments will appear on the October billing statement. DVPA appreciates Phoenix Aviation's response to a request to consider compensation for relocating south side tenants during the South Ramp Reconstruction Project. They will receive one month's rent credit.



**M**ake-a-Wish Foundation was the recipient of over \$1000 in cash donations. Atlantic Aviation hosted a charity aircraft wash at the North aircraft wash rack. Atlantic employees, their families, volunteers, and our DVPA Director Jim Little participated in the event. Nine aircraft and 20 vehicles were washed with 100% of the proceeds going to Make-a-Wish foundation. The team enjoyed an added treat with Ken Tekut's grilled brats. Our hats are off to Matt Wright and Steve Flippin for organizing the event.

**H**undreds thrilled as DVT CJ6 aircraft flew precision maneuvers at Farmington and Santa Fe, NM airshows. Flying Nanchang aircraft, the group performed formation passes and concluded each event with the "Missing Man Formation".

**H**angar Wait List, small hgrs, a 3.1 year wait, down slightly from last report, 256 on list, for large, 6.4 year wait, down slightly, 151 on list. For small covered tiedowns, see DVT administration.

## News From the Tower

**T**obey Jones appointed as new DVT Tower Manager. Tobey comes to DVT from PHX TRACON. He grew up in Florida relocating to Arizona to attend ASU. After attending the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, Tobey came back to the valley and served as tower controller at SDL(1992-95), FFZ (1995-99), DVT(1999-2000) and PHX(2000-08). Most recently, he was TRACON Traffic Management Coordinator. Tobey is very familiar with valley

traffic and welcomes the challenges of the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest U.S. general aviation airport. Tobey and family are Queen Creek residents. We welcome him to DVT and look forward to working with him in his new assignment.



**DVT Moves to #2.** For several years DVT was the #1 GA airport in the nation. Van Nuys airport has again taken over the #1 spot in 2008. FFZ slips in ranking to #3.

## News Around the Valley

**LUK SATR NPRM** announced. The Special Air Traffic Rules (SATR) airspace Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) was announced 26Sep2008. Responses must be received by 25Nov2008. The NPRM text is posted on the DVPA website. DVPA has invited Luke to the October monthly meeting (16Oct2008 at 7pm at PanAm) to brief us on the detail of this proposed airspace along with other military airspace concerns. This will be an important meeting to attend and familiarize yourself prior to responding to the NPRM.

**PRC parking** is still a pilot beware situation. Pilots are cautioned they will be assessed a \$10 fee for any FBO rendered services. Therefore when greeted by the FBO golf cart, understand any chocking, parking help or FBO assistance will trigger a fee. These fees are waived with a minimum fuel purchase.

## Airport Safety and Security

**Please.....** Avoid driving ramp areas in front of FBOs to minimize safety infractions. Use the frontage roads when possible in driving around the airport. Airport safety is everyone's responsibility whether taxiing or driving.

## Other News Items . . .

- Last call to buy GPS496 Raffle Ticket from APA, contact Nancy at [www.nanbabi@aol.com](mailto:www.nanbabi@aol.com)
- The Navajo Xmas Airlift takes place on Nov.15.
- Sign up today for Pardon Our Dust at [www.pardonourdust.com](http://www.pardonourdust.com)
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30 Years

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**T**hank You Jim Little. The ENewsletter and DVPA email process in our next issue will be 5yrs old. Our editor, Jim Little, is retiring from his position as Editor, Director and Secretary after many years of DVPA service. DVPA extends to Jim a big "Thank You" for his service and support delivering DVT news to our members. Jim and his wife, Gert, are going to spend time flying their Archer and

staying active with their friends and volunteer work.

## 2008 A Year of GREAT accomplishments

This will be my last Newsletter opportunity to address DVPA members as President before my term ends. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Our challenges and accomplishments are many. They are. . . . .

- All DVPA Picnic expense is underwritten by Sponsors
- Record increase in DVPA membership
- SIBRAN Self Fuel Service becomes operational
- Letter to Governor opposing sweeping Aviation Fund
- DVPA Led opposition to Luke SATR airspace NPRM
- RFPs issued for SE corporate parcels
- Eliminated fuel rounding errors with Cutter
- Obtained rent reimbursement for South Tenants
- Hanger inspection process review in progress

**C**hristmas treats were prepared and delivered from DVPA to DVT Airport Administration, FBO's, Restaurant and TWR. The trays were especially attractive and overflowing this year. The efforts of our donors and preparers are graciously appreciated.



## Hospitality Hangar is

scheduled for Saturday, Jan 17 from 8 AM to 11 AM. Plan to attend, come say "Hello" and "Thank You" to Dan Olson of SIBRAN. Refreshments will be available. Hangar location and complete agenda details will be announced.

**H**anger Inspection Committee works with airport officials to reduce tenant anxiety and uncertainties in the annual inspection process. A program of education, communication and negotiation is being implemented to reduce inspection failures. The Committee identified reasons for the majority of inspection failures. They posted the inspectors checklist and created a "David Letterman's Top 10 Reasons for Failing a Hangar Inspection." A complete summary of the Committee's activities and deliverables is posted on the DVPA website.

**H**eads Up! The 2009 inspection is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of February. Notices will be mailed in January. Further, 2009 may be the last year notices are mailed out for scheduled inspections – as always, inspections MAY occur randomly throughout the year.

## DVPA 30th

**A**nniversary picnic was a huge success setting records for attendance, merchandise sold, new members signed up! Over 335 people attended, \$2,500 in prizes and gifts were given to

those in attendance. This is the first picnic where sponsors were invited to participate. All event expenses were underwritten by the 21 Sponsors. The program included 7 speakers and 17 static displays including Phoenix Police and Fire Department. Among the featured speakers was Councilwoman Thelda Williams. Members are encouraged to visit the DVPA website to view and support the participating sponsors.

**A**nnual DVPA meeting is Wednesday evening, Feb 18 (Note Date Change) at 7 PM. With the membership growth, a quorum requires >55 members. DVPA has openings for 7 Directors on the board plus various committee vacancies. Volunteers can contact any Director for additional information. Please mark your calendars and attend this important meeting.

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## News Around the Airport

After the final permits became available on July 7, **SIBRAN** Self Serve Fuel (SSF) begins service on Dec 12. False starts and Superbowl delays caused the opening to occur later than anticipated. The earnest effort for self-serve fuel began in 2004 with a tenant survey. DVPA was committed to make it happen. Proposals were submitted and revised multiple times with no takers. DVPA and AOPA ASN representative, Art Rosen, continued the pressure.



When Dan Olsen signed a contract and **SIBRAN** SSF became a reality, the 100LL price spread between DVT and the lowest valley price began steadily decreasing from upwards of \$1.50/gal to \$0.50/gal. For years, the DVT high cost of fuel has driven fuel sales to other valley airports. Competition is once again bringing balance to the DVT 100LL fuel business. DVPA has been persistent in bringing SSF to DVT and lowering fuel flowage fees.

Future success of self serve fuel will depend on tenants and valley pilots support. With DVT being the 2nd busiest general aviation airport nationally and having 400k operations per year, there should be plenty of business for the full service FBOs and **SIBRAN** SSF.

**Minimum Standard's** go into effect in January. This includes new requirements for independent mechanics and airport businesses. DVPA opposed a last minute revision to Flight School fee calculation formulas before city council in 2008. Flight schools lobbied the Council and were successful in reducing the "2% of gross revenue" fee 50% by basing the fee on aircraft flight hours rather than actual services revenue. Estimated loss to the airport could be several hundred thousand dollars. The impact to tenants is that any airport operation shortfalls will be borne by tenants thru increased hangar rates. However, DVPA obtained a city council consolation in that the fees will be revisited in one year and adjustment considered to the 2% Minimum Standard rate.

**Cutter** Aviation plans new jet hangars. DVPA became aware, at a Dec 18 Phoenix Aviation Advisory Board meeting, of construction plans for 14-60x60 high-end hangars. It will require relocation of 42 covered tie-downs (EC4 & EC5). New facilities at prevailing rates will be offered per agreements on the Master Plan to the displaced tenants



before the old ones are demolished. The proposed construction timeframe is 2yrs. DVPA is closely watching this issue and will report more details as they become available.



**Hangar Rent** Increases of 3.83% start in January. This increase is determined by a "cost of living" formula in the city ordinance for airport storage rates. The significant increase is largely due to a peak in the energy (oil prices shot to \$145/barrell) cost of living component.

**Girls Can Fly**, in a letter from the Phoenix 99's, Stacey Howard thanked Mike McNally and DVPA for participation in the 2nd annual Girls Can Fly Day held October 18. This charitable activity is partnered with the Phoenix 99's and local Girl Scout organizations. It provides young girls exposure to general aviation in a day-long program of seminars and tours. Forty four girls ages 9 thru 14, participated in this year's program. Mike provided aircraft and fly-bys for demonstration and display purposes. Other members recognized were Doug Bronson, Jim Little for aircraft displays and the use of Jim's hangar for staging the event.

**Hangar Wait List**, small hangars, a 3.1 year wait, about same as the last report, 241 on list. Large hangars, a 6.6 year wait, up slightly, 149 on list. Large and small covered tiedowns, none available, for open tiedown spaces, see DVT administration.

**Navajo Christmas Airlift**, November 15, marked the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Blue Sky Flyers annual event. Greg McColley along with his father Dick McColley, organized a record number of 26 airlift aircraft for the flight to Window Rock, all loaded with gifts of donated clothing, toys and food. Round trip weather conditions were superb! Everyone flying in the event attended the welcoming ceremony and breakfast provided by the Navajo Nation. Many of the participants in this year's airlift are DVPA members.

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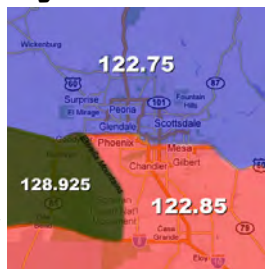
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**A**IRSPACE is very crowded. Shown are practice freqs used by local flight schools. More info on the Arizona Flight Training Workshop (AFTW) website [www.aftw.org](http://www.aftw.org). Know what the instructors are doing.



**LUK SATR NPRM** response period has closed. There were over 120 responses with the majority from DVT pilots opposing the proposed airspace. This was considerably more responses than the 40+ sent for the Class Bravo issue. Support letters were from community mayors in a form letter provided by Luke AFB. Compelling reasons for the FAA to reconsider the proposal and involve the aviation community were provided by DVPA, AOPA, APA and ASAG. The AOPA response poses some special legal concerns that could delay a quick FAA implementation. Responses can be viewed on the DVPA website.



**Flights for Life**, Incorporated (FFL), formed in 1984 as a non-profit organization, provides free air transportation for medically-related purposes. FFL works with hospitals, blood banks, health-care agencies and private individuals in Arizona and surrounding states. FFL provides "on demand" transportation for human blood and blood products on a 24/7 basis, replenishing hospital reserves. They fly over 100k miles each year to many large and small Southwestern communities. 2009 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FFL service to the State of Arizona. Pilots interested in volunteering for this worthwhile organization should contact Warren McIlvoy at [warren.mcilvoy@asu.edu](mailto:warren.mcilvoy@asu.edu) or go to the FFL home page [FlightsForLife.org](http://FlightsForLife.org).

## Airport Safety and Security



**G**ates 1 & 2 will be restricted to only FBO traffic starting Jan 1. There have been 3 serious accidents on the ramp aprons in front of the FBOs. A Falcon 50 last year, a Cessna 421 with a damaged nose cone earlier this year plus a Citation with a damaged wing tip that occurred in November. The cost of this damage could approach \$5M-\$6M. The FBO ramps may be a convenient short cut over the apron but the FBOs do lease that area. Atlantic has assured DVPA that Flights for Life missions will continue to have access to facilitate cargo handling thru the gate near their FBO.

### Safety Seminars (WINGS)

Jan 8 @7pm, DVT Honeywell-A/C Airworthiness Rqmts  
 Jan 12 @7pm, Mesa, GPS from Ground up  
 Feb 18 @7pm, Mesa, NOAA IFR Charting  
 Feb 19 @7pm, DVT PanAm, NOAA VFR Charting

**B**order Crossing Change, general aviation pilots flying across international borders must file passenger manifests online before each flight. Rules take effect this month. Compliance is voluntary until May 18, 2009. The fine can be \$5k. Pilots must register for an online account which can take about a week.

**C**onstruction efforts continue around DVT. At times, runways and taxiways are closed with notification via "Pardon our Dust" emails, NOTAMs and announcements on ATIS. Even with all the notices, there are instances where aircraft have departed on closed runways. Include NOTAMs and ATIS in your briefing.

## Mark Your Calendar

**H**ospitality Hangar January 17, 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

**B**reakfast Club, 2009 Event Calendar is posted. The group flies on the 2nd Saturday of the month. January event to Tombstone marks beginning of 16<sup>th</sup> year of fly-in events. Check it out at [www.ScottsdaleBreakfastClub.org](http://www.ScottsdaleBreakfastClub.org).

**DVPA Annual Membership Meeting Wednesday evening, Feb 18 (Note Date Change) at 7 PM.**

## Other News Items . . .

- ELT(121.5) satellite monitoring ends Feb 1.
- Yuma changes identifier to NYL
- Sign up today for "Pardon Our Dust" at [www.pardonourdust.com](http://www.pardonourdust.com)
- DVPA shirts (\$20) ball caps (\$10) flight bags (\$20) for sale, contact any Director
- Classifieds page, available free to members
- DVPA website address [www.dvtpilot.com](http://www.dvtpilot.com)

Monthly meetings held on 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm at PanAm Flight School Bldg