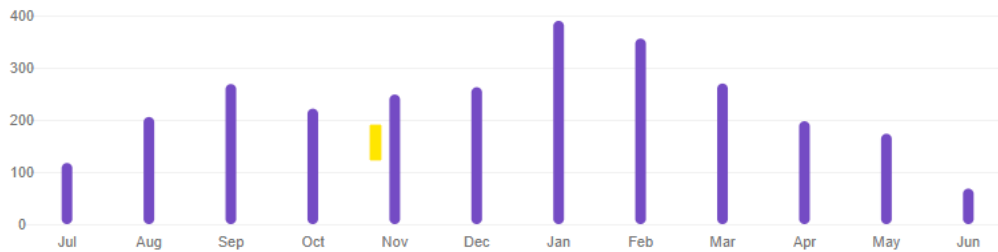


ASAG Agenda, Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Treasures' Report – Jim Anderson

Secretary's Report - Jim Price

ASAG Web Site Visits – 2956, last 30 days + 153.



Updates from Community Representatives

Laser/UAS Mitigation - Cory Geffre/Jake Helms, Scott Woodworth, Jim Kennedy, Scott Joy, Jason Kaufman. Scott and Cary on KOLD

Balloons – Neil Davison(PPL): UAS NAMC and BFA Action

AZARNG/Picacho- CW4 Hammond, Gary Jones

Phoenix Approach/Airspace issues and PAUWG – P50: Matthew Schorman & Brandon Esquer, Luke:, LTC Palik, 56 FW Safety. T90 – Bryan Eckenrode RNAV Visual KIWA

Operation Raincheck Update – Matt Schorman

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

15 Key Points of Military Parachute Training – for Pilots

1. Unpowered wing — a parachute is an un-powered wing — much like your aircraft with the power off.
2. Many jumps start at 12,000' — but that varies up and down.
3. Many jumps open at 5,000' — and descend at about 500' per minute — but that varies up and down.
4. But altitude, opening, and descent rate — depend on mission profile.

5. Jumpers are difficult to spot — free-fall, and under canopy.
6. Land like a plane — downwind, base, final.
7. Land on a designated spot — like a plane.
8. Comms are always live during jump ops — both ground and air, with CTAF active.
9. Fly downwind of Drop Zone — the safest place to fly.
10. Monitor both Marana and Pinal Airpark — jump operations are ongoing at both — but are separate entities, so different frequencies.
11. Spec Ops Jumpers have trained in AZ — for over 50 years.
12. Training operational pace is coordinated and fast — almost like a ballet-in-the-air, for sharp-edged warriors.
13. Training occurs 24/7/365 — for mission flexibility and training in all conditions.
14. Each jump is thoroughly planned and executed — based on mission profile, operational needs, and training objectives — much like a complex cross country IFR flight. Advanced HALO (high altitude, low opening) and HAHO (high altitude, high opening) are typically performed between FL130 and FL200, occasionally above FL200.
15. Controlling ARTCC will always be in control of the jump aircraft — so, get flight following when transitioning through PJE/PJA — tell them you want transition help.

[Jumps moving to on airfield at CGZ](#) - Tom Cowan

[Red Star Formation](#) – Mark Giannini, Fourth of July Fly-bys? Central California Formation Clinic

[Superior Glider Operations](#), National Competition out of El Tiro – Fairfax O’Reilly

[Ag and Fire Support Ops](#) - Michael Rutledge, Hunter Wall

[Accident Report and Pilot Deviation Summary for April](#) – Jim Timm, Jim Price, Craig Tompkins

Old Business:

[Banquet Photos available for viewing: photosGRANTED | ASAG Award Banquet 2025](#)

[Frequency Project Update](#) – Lee Unger, Cary Grant, Jim Anderson

[SCAUWG Update](#) – Lee Unger (Back in the Saddle)

[Any Marana Airport and MZJ Updates](#) – Galen Beem, Lee Unger

Know Before you Go!!

Parachute Operations at Marana Regional Airport (KAVQ)



All pilots, whether based at Marana Regional or just passing through the area, should be **AWARE** of the parachute activities that are on going not only here but at other jump facilities around our southern Arizona airspace like Eloy (E60), Coolidge (P08), Casa Grande (CGZ), Bishop (Pvt 1AZ0) and Buckeye (BXK). These airports have a high level of jumping activity sometimes from just one plane and a handful of jumpers to multiple large aircraft with numerous continuing operations throughout daylight VFR and even into the dark hours. There is a tremendous amount of planning and execution done by the jump operators so here are some suggestions to help mitigate the risks to both the flying world and the parachuting world.

****Do a thorough job of pre-flight planning and know where the jump activities may be occurring with regards to your flight planned route- CHECK NOTAMS**

****Call up on your phone for the AWOS of the airports you may be flying near to see if there are jump activities planned or active. Most iPad flight programs will give you the number to call (and call it for you) if you just tap on the airport information page.**

****If your planned route takes you near or over any of these airports, plan to go around them by a safe distance and to the upwind side of the drop depiction area.**

****Use flight following whenever possible as ATC is made aware of all jumping activities right down to time of release and the area for the drop, and they can vector you around those areas when they are active *and you are talking to them*. If in doubt ask!**

Be SAFE out there..there are mountains, obstacles, drones, aerobatic boxes, gliders, balloons *and parachutes* in our airspace...so be prepared!!

Aviation Safety Advisory Group (ASAG) of Arizona
asaqaz.org

Rainbow Valley Training Area, Estrella Area – John Keith

IMSAFE – Emotion, Pilot Counseling - Bob Holliday

United States Helicopter Safety Team – Rich Lee, Mental Health

<https://ushst.org/safety-resources/>

Do you Want to Talk Safety?

Need to talk Safety with confidentiality, Accident Duty Officer, tell the WOC that you need to talk to the Accident Duty Officer of the day or patch thru to Eddie Miller (USHST member) 202-267-3333 or accidents@faa.gov.

AFTW and DPE Update: Lee Unger, Eric Fahrner, Craig Tompkins

Brent Crow setting up Safety Summit in August time frame, Eric Fahrner - Personal Mins for number of aircraft in non-towered airport pattern.

Approach Guide – Cary Grant, Jim Pitman

Recommended Procedures for Practice Instrument Approaches in the Phoenix Area.

We've had a couple of new people volunteer to help with this project recently

Link to view work in progress: https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-_THIsu2Yg7IRcdxkq7D_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/

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!

Please submit feedback related to this project at: <http://aftw.org/contact/>

Military low altitude operations in MOAs – Lee Unger, Cary Grant, Jim Timm

Airport User Fees for Touch and Go's - Cary Grant, Chris Nugent, John Keith

Safford has rescinded the use of fees. Encourage the use of the airport for training activity relieving the pressure on P08, A39, AVQ, BXK, E25, E63

Tucson Construction Update – Lee Unger

Amazon UAS Delivery Activity – John Keith, Neil Davison

Neil – report of a near-miss with a balloon

Video Project Update– Video Working Group – Lee Unger

Exploring the possibility of using ERAU resources to help with Bravo Production

Phoenix Airspace ZOOM Seminar (after banquet) – Jim Anderson

Video view counts: SEZ – 12274, AVQ – 1688, P52 – 495, LASER and DRONES – 112

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."

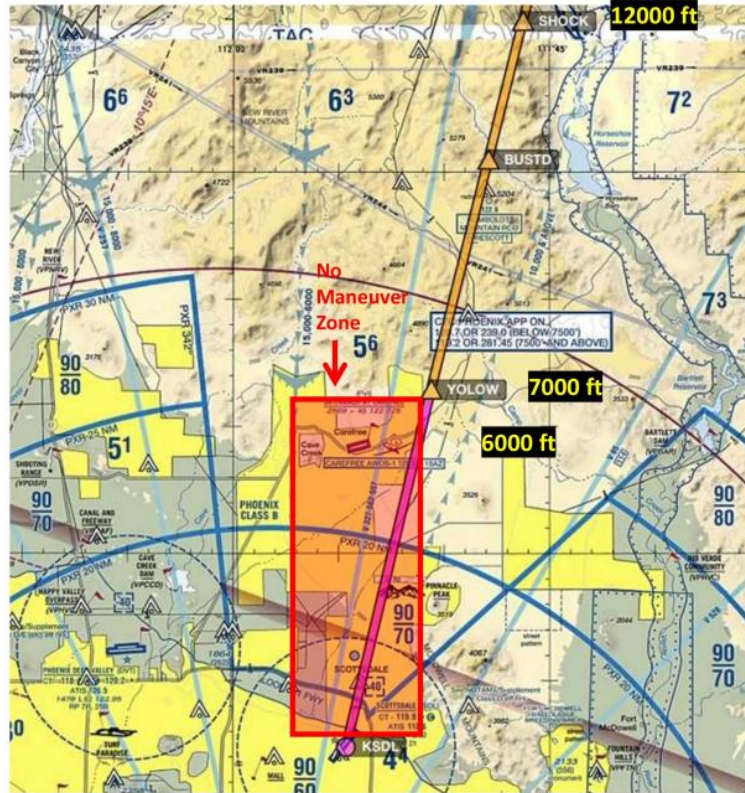
It is also recommended that you receive flight following, or at least monitor 120.7 when transitioning through this "No Maneuver Zone."

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.)



DESRT2 Arrival to
SDL / DVT ↓

Expect Altitude



Rev 05/18/24

Pilot/Controller Forum - Phoenix-Mesa Gateway (KIWA) ATCT Tower

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – Alex Mirabile: Any report on how it went?

New Business:

No FAASTeam Manager in Las Vegas FSDO. Top northwest quarter of our state is not being represented.

Date for 2025 Banquet

Up Coming Meetings:

On Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 2 PM EDT the website will be down for maintenance for up to 3 hours. It usually takes less than 30 minutes.

RSAT Schedule – Samir Kanuga

Arprt ID (Core-30 burgundy text; Opsnet- 45 blue text)	Region	District	State	RRSPM Assigned	LVL	FY 2025 RSAT DATE (Text: red=new or changed date; GREEN Fill Completed)
CHD	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	2/20/2025
FLG	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	5/2/2025
PRC	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	8	5/15/2025
GCN	AWP	TWLA	AZ	Santoro	5	5/20/2025
GYR	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	6/9/2025
TUS	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	6	6/23/2025
RYN	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	6/24/2025
FFZ	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	8	6/25/2025
IWA	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	6/26/2025
GEU	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	FCT	7/25/2025
PHX	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	10	7/29/2025
DVT	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	9	8/6/2025
SDL	AWP	TCAB	AZ	Morales	6	9/9/2025

Joe Santoro and Fernando Morales are planning the 2025 RSAT season for Arizona. The RSATs are very informative and if you are pilot based at one of the airports or use it regularly, it is worth your time to attend and learn about Air Traffic Control and Airport Operations. Look for the SPANS on www.FAASAFETY.gov

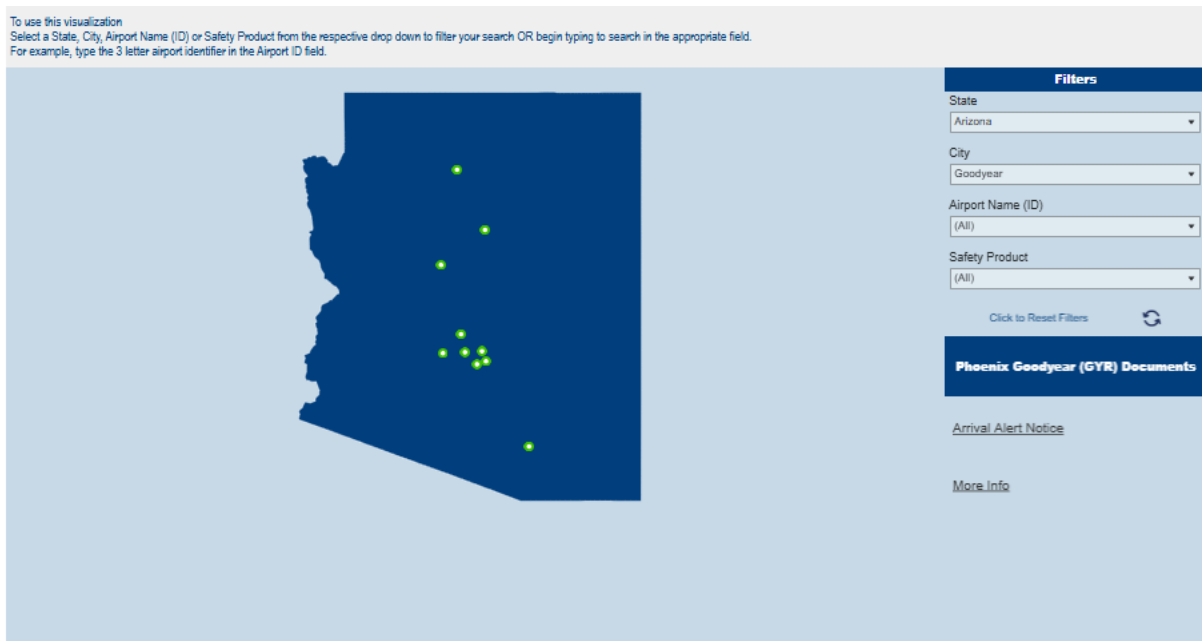
Thirty days prior to the RSAT, Air Traffic Managers are encouraged to conduct a Pilot/Controller Forum. The FAA Team is here to help promote and assist with the Forum. Samir Kanuga has agreed to coordinate most of these activities.

In addition to the Towered Civilian Towers listed here, ASAG would like to initiate Pilot/Controller Forums for our state's two Joint Use Airfields, Yuma and Sierra Vista.

From the Flight Deck Videos Currently Available for Arizona Airports

Grand Canyon (GCN)	https://youtu.be/db8n0fuBwJE?si=RZoZG7DQmByTFWG2	https://www.faa.gov/gcn
Deer Valley Airport (DVT)	https://youtu.be/2xYS3Zyn3uA	https://www.faa.gov/DVT
Falcon Field Airport, Mesa, AZ (FFZ)	https://youtu.be/tRIShTBZzk	https://www.faa.gov/FFZ
Flagstaff Pulliam Airport (FLG)	https://youtu.be/V4LMuBINoTg	https://www.faa.gov/FLG

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (IWA)	https://youtu.be/G9nrLD6OM_s	https://www.faa.gov/IWA
Prescott Regional Airport - Ernest A Love Field (PRC)	https://youtu.be/WPbqla6oSS8	https://www.faa.gov/PRC
Tucson Removed due to Construction		
Chandler Airport (CHD)	https://youtu.be/lvMF-jFDDhM	https://www.faa.gov/CHD



RYAN RSAT (Hybrid), 24 June, 1100 Ryan Terminal Conference Room

DVT Pilot Controller Forum (Hybrid) – Aeroguard Classrooms, Matt Goguen, 1800

PROTE in Prescott, 25 -28 June, See SPANS but Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49ADA92EA0FB6-57176964-prote#/>

IMC/VMC Club Meeting CHD – Alex Pena (see SPANS)

AFTW Meeting dates: Odd number months, July 8, 2025, second Tuesday at 1600.

June ASAG MEETING

Aviation Safety Advisory Group of Arizona ASAG June 18 2025 Webinar

Topic: Educate & Promote Safe Aviation Practices in Arizona

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 18, 2025, starting at 12:00 Arizona (12:00 PDT; 13:00 MDT; 14:00 CDT; 15:00 EDT; 09:00 HST; 11:00 AKDT; 19:00 GMT)

Speaker(s): ASAG Members

Brief Description: This (2-hour) VIRTUAL ONLY meeting will include a review of recent accidents/incidents and pilot deviations in the state of Arizona. Many thanks to James Timm, Arizona Pilot's Association, Executive Director, for presenting the review; James Price, ASAG, Secretary, for the graphics; Craig Tompkins, FAA Safety Team Program Manager (Operations) for providing data.

Pilots, Aviation Maintenance Technicians, Airport Managers, Air Traffic Controllers, Parachutists, etc. from throughout the country are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Agenda will be available prior to the event.

Select Number: WP07137649

Webinar Information

You are invited to a ZoomGov meeting. This Zoom meeting can be accessed by computer, mobile device, or telephone. To register for the Zoom Meeting click the link below. If the link fails, you can cut/paste the link into a browser.

Our next ASAG Zoom Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 12 noon Arizona (1900 GMT) until 14:00 Arizona (2100 GMT) *We recommend registering prior to the meeting to avoid last minute delays logging on.* You can register in advance for this meeting at:

<https://faavideo.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/h3GHsUldRDCE0xzy-xyENg>

After clicking on the registration blue button, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the meeting, (either from a PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android), and the meeting Password.

For an online only meeting such as this, registering for Zoom now also registers you for WINGS credit if you have an FAASafety.gov account. There is no need and no option to also register on

<https://www.faasafety.gov/>

However, if your Zoom email is different from your FAASafety.gov email, please enter the name and email you use on <https://www.faasafety.gov/> in the Chat.

Seating: Check Additional event Information below for possible registration requirements.

Sponsoring Division: SDL FAASteam

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Additional Event Information & Acknowledgement of Industry Sponsor(s):

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Richard A. Lee, Vice President

James Anderson, Treasurer

James D. Price, Secretary

Thank you to:

Craig Tompkins, Jim Timm, and Jim Price for your monthly accident and deviation reports.
Jim Price for your monthly ASAG meeting minutes. <https://asagaz.org/monthly-meeting-minutes>
Alexander Peña for validating WINGS credits for ASAG meetings.

Please share these TV news stories about lasers with your communities and help get the word out. Thank you!

Cary Grant of KOLD News announces Arizona ranked sixth in nation for laser strikes. Mar. 28, 2025.
We need to get the word out that shining lasers at aircraft, and particularly at the pilots, is serious, blinding and possibly life-threatening:
<https://www.kold.com/2025/03/29/arizona-ranked-sixth-nation-laser-strikes/>

Scott Woodworth Pima County Sheriff's Department Deputy & Pilot on Apr. 7, 2025 states:

"Pointing a laser at an aircraft is a felony in Arizona and a federal offense that could cost you eleven thousand dollars per instance and five years in prison. There have been over 300 reported laser strikes in the state already this year."

<https://www.kold.com/2025/04/07/pima-county-pilot-explains-risk-laser-strike/>

Thanks to Dr. Thomas Cowan, for the linked "15 Key Points of Military Parachute Training — for Pilots". Special thanks to Justin Hodge, Pat Nikitenko, Hugh Funk, and Michael Coleman for your 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.
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

"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 & Hugh Funk, the Air Ops Manager for CPS. Linked here for reading and sharing 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.

Arizona Pilots Association monthly newsletter <https://azpilots.org/pilot-info/newsletters>

Visit Aviation Safety Advisory Group of Arizona, Inc. (ASAG) website <https://asagaz.org> and the ASAG Facebook page.

Arizona Flight Training Workgroup AFTW

Find next meeting <https://aftw.org/next-meeting/> Tuesday May 13, 2025 04:00 PM MST (2300 GMT) Meeting Minutes <https://aftw.org/category/meetings/minutes/>

Craig Tompkins, FAA FPM, presentation "[Avoiding helicopter wake turbulence in the air and on the ground](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2025/WP07136751/Helicopter_wake_turbulence_avoidance_3-3-2.pdf)" at the March 1, 2025, Marana Regional Safety program highlighted this caution Remember 3 - 3 - 2. On the ground stay 3 rotor widths away; In the air stay 3 nautical miles away, in trail wait at least 2 minutes. Please post and share the linked flyer, *How to Avoid Helicopter Wake Turbulence*.
https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2025/WP07136751/Helicopter_wake_turbulence_avoidance_3-3-2.pdf

Thanks to Jim Pitman for "Arizona Flight Training Workgroup (AFTW) Pilot Brief" linked here <https://aftw.org/brief> Please share this information with all Pilots, including Instructors, DPEs and Flight Schools who operate in Arizona. Please join us at AFTW meetings.

News from Southern California and more <https://scauwg.org/>

Thanks to Geoff Kusel, Ryan Field Tower Manager and Brian STAMPER, Ph.D. FAAS Team Representative, for the *RYN Pilot Checklist* . With thanks to Jim Pitman and Jon Micetic, Arizona Flight Training Workgroup's (AFTW) for posting Ryan Airport Operations page <https://aftw.org/kryn-operations/>

[Northeast Phoenix No Maneuver Zone rev 05 18 2024:](#)

[https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2024/WP07130353/NE Phoenix No Maneuver Zone 05-18-24.pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2024/WP07130353/NE_Phoenix_No_Maneuver_Zone_05-18-24.pdf)

Thanks to Bob Mittelstaedt for compiling the *Northeast Phoenix No Maneuver Zone* document, and to Cary Grant, National FAAS Team Representative of the Year, and Matt Schorman P50 TRACON NATCA, for their contributions in developing this important aviation safety product.

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

Safety Products by Brian L. Stamper, Ph.D., FAAS Team Representative at KRYN Ryan Airfield recommended NW

Entries [https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2023/WP07124011/KRYN NW entry procedures standard alone 230510 .pdf](https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2023/WP07124011/KRYN_NW_entry_procedures_standard_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.

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1 Credit for Basic Knowledge Topic 3

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