

MEETING MINUTES

<https://asagaz.org>

Pres. Cary Grant
called the Meeting
to order at **12:00 pm**



Jan 21, 2026

84 attended:

Abraham Blattstein, Alan LaFever, Alexander Kocksch, Alexander Peña, Andrew Taussig, Andrew Banda, Bob Katz, Bob Holliday, Bob Mittelstaedt, **Brent Libby**, Candice Turalba, Carter Teeters, Cary Grant, **Charles Aybar**, Chris Nugent, **Chris Shehi**, Christian Locher, Christine Perry, C J deVries, Craig Jackson, CW5 Chris Hammond, Dan Fuller, Dan Morgan, David Kitts, **David Tyler**, DeWitt Gibson, Edgar Hash, Edward Daror, Ernest Copeland, Ethan McQuown, Fairfax O'Riley, Garrett Dauphars, George Hamaty, George Schmillen, **Glenn Youngs**, Gregg Schmillen, Howard Deever, Ivan Manoogian, James Price, James Timm, James Anderson, James McClay (AOPA), Jay Gines, **Jeetendra Naidu**, **John Aldredge**, John Cirino, John Keith, John Santarosa, **John Turalba**, John Varljen, **Joseph Turalba**, **Julien Da Cruz**, Karen Hausteen, Ken Enger, **Kristen Samayoa**, Kristina Napier, Lee Unger, Matt Corrigan, Matt Schorman, Michael Klein, Michael Mohle, **Michael Stone**, **Milton Ames**, Mitchell Raab, Neil Davison, Paul Rowley, Paul Wiley, Phil Corbell, **Raffi Kajberouni**, Richard Lee, Robert Bullock, Rolf Dammrau, Ron Dziagwa, Ron Erkens, Ronald Serafinowicz, Ronnee-Sue Helzner, Scott Woodworth, Shannon Smith (Major), Sonny Durante, Theresa Farley, Thomas Cowan, Tito Sanchez, & Wes Waddle.

**Welcome
to our 14
first time
attendees!**

Cary Grant, ASAG President:

Cary Grant welcomed the members. He 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/>.

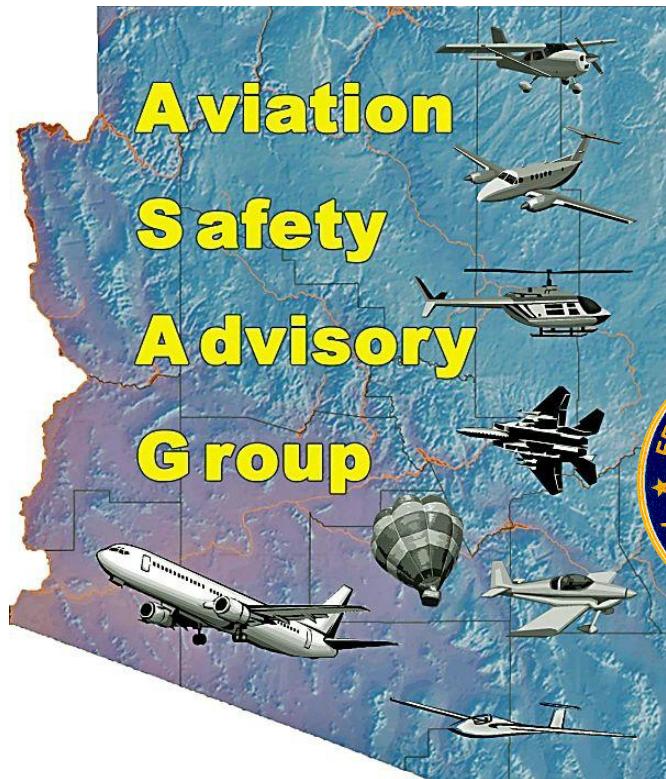


The Passing of Scottsdale FSDO FAASTeam Manager Craig Tompkins

After a brief illness, Craig passed away Saturday, January 10th. Cary acknowledged Craig's service to ASAG.

The Family plans a Celebration of Life on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb 21. The location will be held at AeroGuard Flight Training Center, Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT). Tentatively at 1:00 pm.
We will keep you updated.

ASAG Web Site Visits





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



The 52nd Annual Arizona Safety Awards Banquet

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

The Awards Presentation Features

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

Keynote Speaker – Bob Mittelstaedt



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

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

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

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

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



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



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

**Order tickets at <https://asagaz.org/> or
bit.ly/3WfVwFJ**

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

Pre-Register for Wings Credit at faasafety.gov

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ASAG TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim Anderson, ASAG Treasurer

Banquet Items

- Deposit made (1k) January 20, 2026
- Donors are coming forward - happy to talk to anyone interested
- New tabletop sponsor - Southern Cross Aviation
- Menu selected (same as last year)
- Will add 50/50 raffle
- As of 1/20/2026, we have sold 3 tables and 37 tickets
- As pf 1/24/2026, total attendance: 130
- BOGO has **sold out**
- We need about **120 attendees** to break even - please keep promoting and spreading the word!

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Other Activity

- Discount Tire has renewed their corporate sponsorship - thank you DT!!!
- Bank balance as of 1/20/2026 **\$21,723.04**. We will have \$10,000 - \$13,000 banquet expenses.

We have had a good showing of donors and support. Thank you, Neil Davison, Southern Cross Aviation, CAU, and Jim Pitman.



Move to accept Jim Anderson's January 2026 Treasurer's Report: **Phil Corbell**
Seconding the motion: **Alexander Kocksch**
The members unanimously accepted the **January 2026 Treasurer's Report**.



Jim Price, ASAG Secretary



Move to accept the **Dec 2025** meeting minutes: **Fairfax O'Riley**
Seconding the motion: **Bob Holliday**.
The members unanimously accepted the **December 2025** Minutes.

The minutes are on our website, <https://asagaz.org/monthly-meeting-minutes>



Updates from Community Representatives



Major Shannon Smith, Luke AFB Chief of Flight Safety

Major Shannon Smith shared a [Slide Show](#) about Luke Assigned Aircraft Arrivals.

Luke AFB Arrivals



Arrivals from the south (Valley Recovery) funnel to COPPA (GBN351/13) enroute to Luke

Arrivals from the north (Tankz Recovery) enter the Luke Traffic Pattern from northwest of the White Tank Mountains

Contact Luke Approach on 118.15 (north) OR 125.45 (south) for advisories



[COPPA](#) and [CBANA](#) fixes are where Luke aircraft return to Luke AFB. This is where they encounter other traffic.

Cary Grant: Gila Bend is a popular place for student solo cross countries. Also, COPPA and CBANA are in Rainbow Valley and that is where Goodyear flight schools (United Aviate Academy) train their pilots.

Major Smith: Our aircraft are not equipped with ADS-B. We are attempting to contact the schools at Goodyear where we can make presentations.

Cary: Rainbow Valley flight school pilots need to announce their position on the Rainbow Valley frequency, 128.925.

Bob Katz asked if COPPA and CBANA are charted. **Major Smith** replied that they are not charted because it's strictly a Luke VFR arrival.

Major Smith: Air Force fighter aircraft have been granted an ADS-B waiver for national security reasons. Other Air Force such as KC-135s, T-38s and C-17s have ADS-B out.

Cary: East of COPPA is Bishop, and the Bishop jump pilots will be talking with Phoenix Approach.

Thomas Cowan suggested that Major Smith plan to attend Thomas Cowan's Jump orientation seminars that are presented at various Valley flight schools. Major Smith could attend and present either in person or via Zoom. A March Jump seminar is planned for Marana.

Cary asked about the status of [Luke Aux-1's ILS](#)? **Maj Smith** stated it is not in operation.

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Maj. Smith to Neil Davison: No balloon issues. For the F-35, there is more situational awareness, and balloons are easier to see than aircraft and UAS.



[Cory Geffre/Jake Helms, Scott Woodworth, Pima County Sheriff's Department,](#)

[Aviation Jim Kennedy, Scott Joy, Jason Kaufman:](#)

Scott Woodworth:

No arrests over the last month.

No info on Drones.

Ernest Copeland: After the passing of Craig Tompkins, it will take a while to catch up on Lasers Strikes and UAS problems, but Ernie will have a report next month.

Scott Woodworth to Major Smith: Drones shouldn't be any higher than 400' AGL. USAF has encountered UAS traffic at and above 6,500' MSL – way above 400' AGL.



KOLD interview with **Cary Grant**, Mar. 28, 2025 <https://www.kold.com/2025/03/29/arizona-ranked-sixth-nation-laser-strikes/>

KOLD interview with **Deputy Scott Woodworth**, Sep. 3, 2025

<https://www.kold.com/2025/09/04/record-number-laser-strikes-2025-southern-arizona/>

See Preventing Laser Strikes on Aircraft <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/preventing-laser-strikes-on-aircraft>



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](#) at 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, 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 and include the following: Your name and contact information. Date and time you witnessed the laser incident.

See <https://asagaz.org/> for more information.

When you file a Laser Strike report, you are asked if the strike had an effect on your performance as a pilot during the flight. **You need to answer "Yes."** If you report "No," then a regulatory violation did not occur, and your Laser Strike report will not be investigated by the FAA.



Neil Davison and Christine Perry

Neil Davison: Lots of traffic.

Arizona Balloon Festival, Jan 30 through Feb 1st (Friday through Sunday). <https://arizonaballoonsfestival.com/> at soccer field by Glendale, near the Stadium, 10020 North Ball Park Boulevard, Glendale, AZ. They will be operating in Class Delta airspace without waivers. **Neil** said the “Balloonmeister” has contacted ATC at Glendale, and they know balloons will be in Glendale’s Delta. **Neil** will send the “Balloonmeister” an email and suggest that he also contact Luke ATC, in case Luke is open during that weekend.



CW5 Chris Hammond & Gary Jones

CW5 Chris Hammond: Normal annual training.

Not every military aircraft has ADS-B, but the Rotor Act has passed the US Senate. (Written after the Regan Airport Crash). It requires that all aircraft have

ADS-B in and out by 2031.

Cary Grant: Please treat Picacho as if it were Class Delta.



91.126 Operating on or in the vicinity of an airport in Class G airspace.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-14/section-91.126>

(d) **Communications with control towers.** Unless otherwise authorized or required by ATC, no person may operate an aircraft to, from, though, or on an airport having an operational control tower unless two-way radio communications are maintained between that aircraft and the control tower.

Class Delta airspace is usually an area extending from the surface up to a specified altitude (often 2,500 feet AGL), with a standard radius of 4.4 nautical miles (5 statute miles) around an airport with an operating control tower.

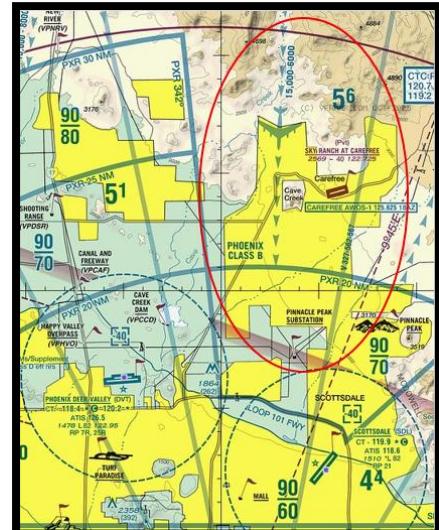


Matt Schorman & Brandon Esquer (P50) Phoenix TRACON, Bryan Eckenrode (U90) Tucson TRACON

Matt Schorman: With the Barrett Jackson Car Show and Auction, Scottsdale is very busy – almost busier than PHX. Pilots need to avoid six miles either side of the Sky Ranch corridor.

Snowbirds, those who don’t know about the need to avoid maneuvering in the zone, are maneuvering in the Carefree area. We have had quite a few loiterers doing Lazy 8s and Chadelles in the area. This is causing many **TCAS Resolution Advisories (RAs)**.

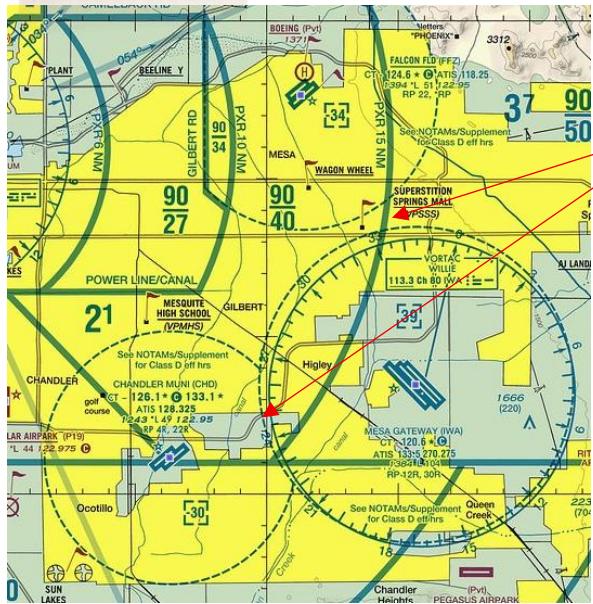
Matt Schorman said it’s status quo at U90 (Tucson Approach).



Casa Grande Approaches: Lee Unger would like the FAA to consider **not** allowing IFR approaches in VFR conditions at Casa Grande (CGZ).



Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) - Increasing Chandler's Delta altitude and increasing the area of Gateway's Delta. The FAA airspace managers, to accommodate a rarely used instrument approach at Chandler, want to increase Chandler's Delta ceiling up to but not including 3,400' MSL to "up to 3,700' MSL. Note: The Base of the Bravo is 4,000' MSL. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE & COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL](#)



They also want to increase the footprint of Gateway's Delta, which would remove "the gap" between Gateway's Delta and Falcon's Delta.

It would also increase its presence in Chandler's NE Delta.

The name and geographic coordinates of the Mesa Gateway Airport would also be updated to coincide with FAA's aeronautical database.

The FAA is proposing this action due to biennial airspace reviews, to support instrument flight rule (IFR) operations, and to bring the airspace into compliance with FAA orders.

Cary Grant: This will shut off VFR departures unless the pilot contacts the appropriate Tower for clearance.

To Comment:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/12/18/2025-23273/amendment-of-class-d-and-establishment-of-class-e-airspace-chandler-and-phoenix-az>

Comment period opened on December 18 and closes February 2.



Matt Schorman: Mike Charlton has taken the lead.

Cary Grant: See <https://www.faasafety.gov/> for the SPANS for Operation Raincheck tour dates.

The seminars start at 1800, and **they fill up fast!**



P08 (Coolidge) and 1AZ0 (Bishop) – Tom Cowan & Justin Hodge:

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

Tom Cowan: We are trying to tighten up the NOTAMS in the South jump areas.

Tom will coordinate and work with Major Smith.

Cary: Student Mapping Project?? Tom promised that he would do it.

Cary: There is no jump activity scheduled during the Pancake Breakfast events at Coolidge (1st Sat of each month).

Jim Timm: Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ), fly-in breakfast the last Saturday of the month (31 Jan), 7 to 11 am.



Mark Gianni, North American Trainer Association (NATA) Coordinator & Clinic Lead,

<https://flynata.org/>

Not Present



Fairfax O'Riley:

The runway at Superior experienced a washout because of the rain. This caused some significant damage to a glider's landing gear. It's in the shop being repaired.

Frequencies 123.3 and 123.5 at Superior and Kearney. Our gliders are broadcasting ADS-B out. Estrella Gliders refuse to participate with ADS-B out.

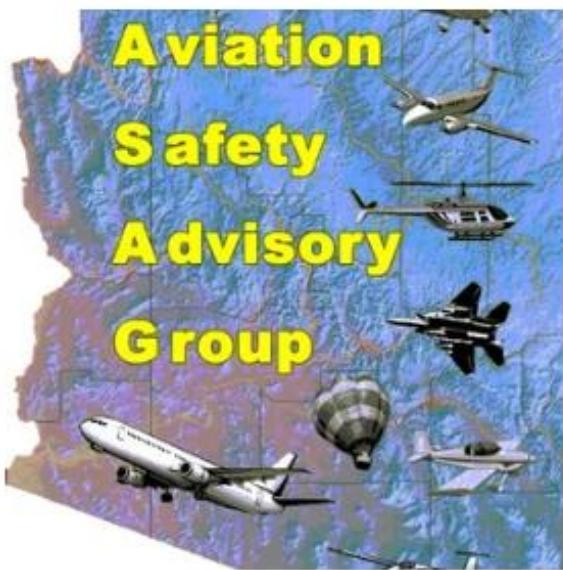
The washout at Superior has been corrected. Kearney's airport is a lot better. With ADS-B, the ground controllers can see us way out.



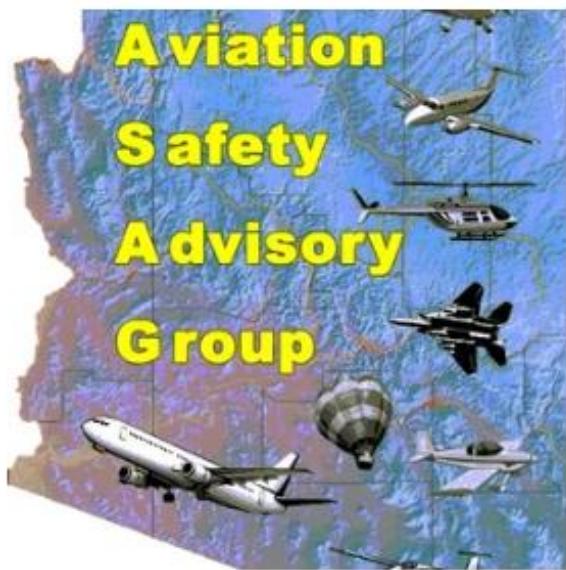
Michael Rutledge & Hunter Wall: Not Present.

Annual Safety Awards Banquet

Individual and Table Tickets



**Banquet Table for 10 Persons and
Banquet Sponsor Recognition**
\$625.00



Individual Banquet Ticket
\$65.00

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For wings credit, register at FAASafety.gov: https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=139608&pf=1



[Jim Timm](#)

ASAG Accident & Deviation Report

Mid-DEC through Mid-JAN 2026

Accident Report & Pilot Deviation Summary



The following are the reports of aviation accidents, and incidents that have occurred in Arizona from mid-December through mid-January. The Accident Report will be limited in size because of the unexpected, and sudden passing of Craig Tompkins of the FAA SDL FSDO. Craig always provided the substantial FAA input to the Accident/ Incident report, and all the information for the Pilot Deviation, and NMAC Reports.

We hope to use the following detailed accident 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 a similar occurrence.

The Accident/Incident report is short as there were only eight accidents reported this time.

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

12/7 RotorWay Executive 162 F Helicopter LANDING ACCIDENT at Chemehuevi (Chem-eh-Way-Vee) Valley Airport (49X)

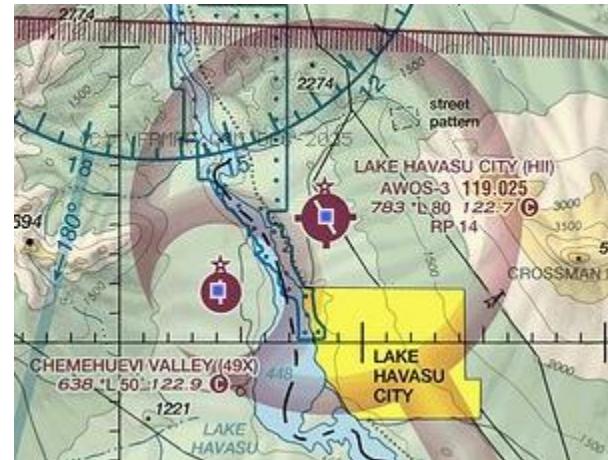


Source: ASN

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

Pilot Certification: UNKN Pilot Information

The helicopter departed Lake Havasu Airport for Chemehuevi Valley Airport, and during the landing, the helicopter was involved in a landing accident.



12/14 Waco RNF COLLISION DURING TAXIING at Phoenix Deer Valley (DVT)



Source: ASN

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

Pilot Info: No Pilot information

During taxi at the Phoenix Deer Valley Airport, the Waco RNF struck the rear of a Cirrus SR20 G6.

1/2 MD369FF Helicopter STRUCK SLACKLINE BETWEEN MOUNTAINS near Superior

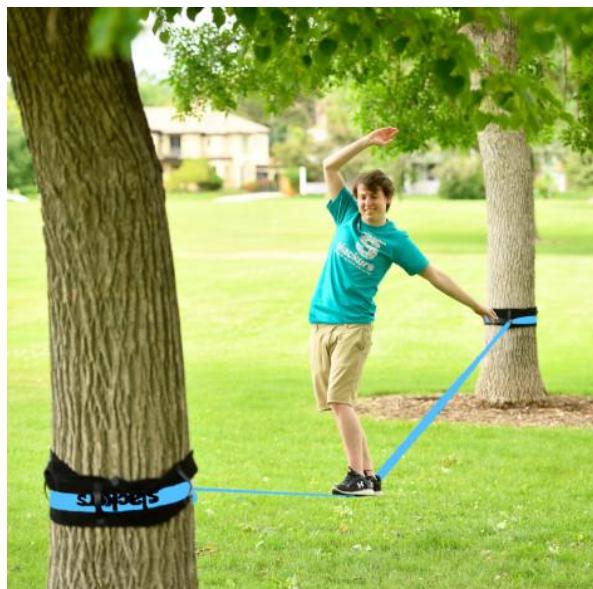


Source: ASN

Injuries: **4 Fatalities**

Pilot Info: No Pilot Info

The helicopter departed Pegasus Airpark and struck a [slackline](#) between two mountains, crashing into a mountainous area south of Superior.



1/4 Cessna 150A STRUCK POWER LINES at Coolidge Airport (P08)



Source: ASN

Injuries: **1 Serious Injury, 1 Minor Injury**

No Pilot Information

While operating at the Coolidge Airport, the Cessna struck power lines when landing.

1/7 Beechcraft K35 Bonanza LANDING GEAR UP at Prescott Airport (PRC)



Source: ASN

Injuries: 2 Uninjured

No Pilot Information

The airplane was conducting a touch and go when it lifted off the runway, and the gear was retracted but the airplane fell back onto the runway with the gear up.

1/9 Piper PA-18-150 Super Cub LOSS OF CONTROL LANDING at Phoenix Deer Valley Airport (DVT)



Source: ASN

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

No Pilot Information

The airplane was conducting a touch and go when it went off the runway, and into some rocks.

1/13 Fairchild SA227-AC LOSS OF CONTROL TAKING OFF at Prescott Airport (PRC)



Source: ASN

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

No Pilot Information

The Swearingen Metro suffered a runway excursion on takeoff for Phoenix Sky Harbor. The aircraft was accelerating down the runway when at about 65 knots, the aircraft veered off the runway. The pilot managed to make it back to the runway, but the aircraft became disabled.

1/14 Cessna 172E Skyhawk LOSS OF CONTROL TAKING OFF at Kingman Airport (IGM)



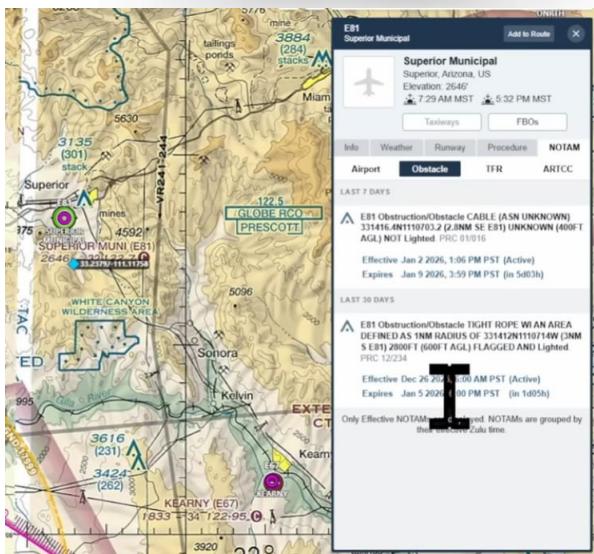
Source: ASN

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

Pilot Info: No pilot information

The aircraft was on its takeoff roll when it veered off the runway, and into the brush.

POST ACCIDENT & DEVIATION REPORT



Reference:

1/2 MD369FF Helicopter STRUCK SLACKLINE BETWEEN MOUNTAINS near Superior



Source: ASN

Injuries: 4 Fatalities

Pilot Info: No Pilot Info

The helicopter departed Pegasus Airpark and struck a slackline between two mountains, crashing into a mountainous area south of Superior.



◀ This is what the NOTAM would have looked like on ForeFlight on January 2nd.

◀ After touching the Superior Muni runway symbol, this is what the NOTAM would have indicated on ForeFlight. NOTE: It was listed under Superior Airport and the Slackline was not at Superior Airport.

After the accident, the NOTAM was removed.

Cary wondered why ADS-B cannot be attached to a Slackline? **Fairfax O'Riley** said that ADS-B installation needs to be attached to **an aircraft**.

Neil Davison: We cannot put ADS-B in a balloon.

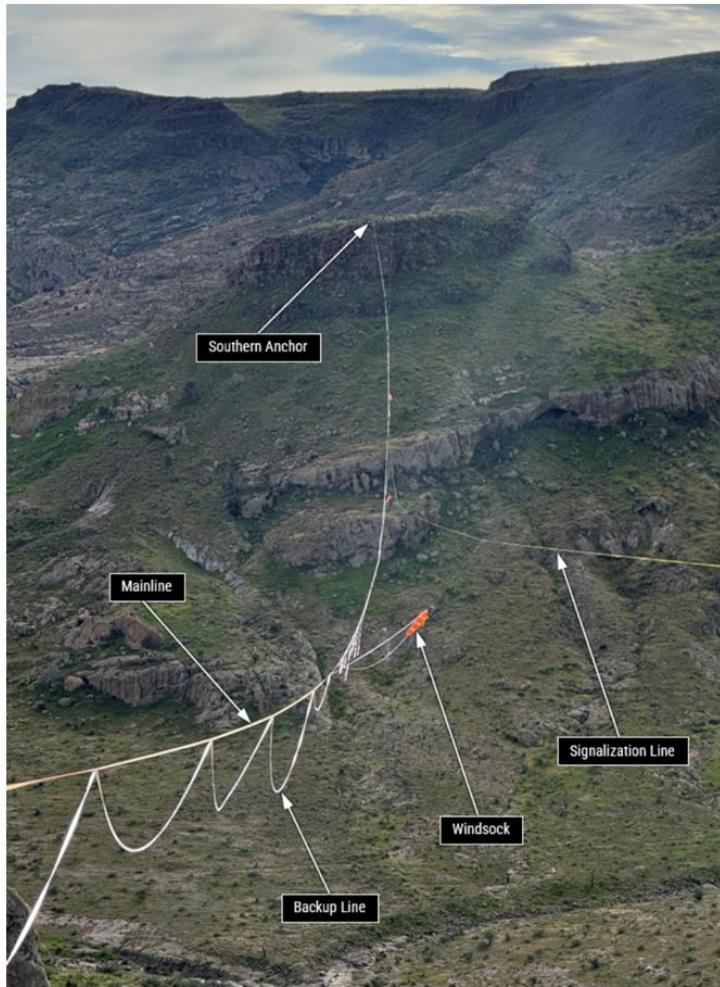


Figure 1: The series of lines between the anchors, as viewed from the northern bluff (photo courtesy of witnesses).

On or about December 30, 2025, high winds and rain were predicted near the accident site, and the slackliners chose to lower the mainline and backup line. On the morning of the accident, the weather had improved, and the slackliners began to draw the mainline and backup line from the northern anchor toward the southern anchor.



Cary Grant: We would love to have 200 people at the Banquet.

Banquet Attendance



Old Business

Falcon Field Landing Fees?



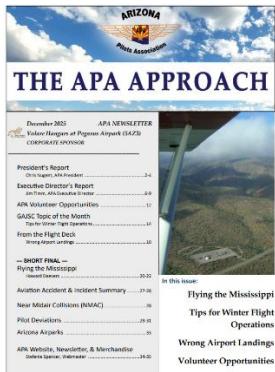
[Chris Nugent, Paul Rowley, Bob Holliday, David Kitts, Cary Grant, Jim Timm, Peter Troccoli, CJ DeVries, and Phil Corbell](#)

Chris Nugent, President of Arizona Pilot's Association (APA), discussed the Falcon Field (FFZ) Landing Fee issue driven by the Mesa City Council.

Chris: The city has moved the City Council vote from Feb 9, forward an additional 45-60 days.

Otto put together a proposal. There will be a follow-up meeting this afternoon. **Cary:** Caution on involvement. If you are at a City Council Meeting, don't speak on behalf of ASAG or APA.

You can access **APA's** concerns in [the December 2025 issue of "The APA Approach,"](#) **pages 2, 3 and 4.**



Also see AVweb's "Falcon Field Plan Sparks Fee Fight" at https://avweb.com/aviation-news/falcon-field-eyes-potential-landing-fees/?oly_enc_id=246010034934C1W

CJ DeVries, John Keith, Chris Nugent. House Bill 2210 – (Barring Airports from using ADS-B to bill for Landing Fees)

CJ: House Bill 2210 is currently going through the Arizona State Legislature. This bill would bar airports from using ADS-B to bill pilots/owners for landing fees. The bill has been assigned to a committee and then will be voted upon by legislature. We are early in the process. Indications are that there is great support.

Cary asked **CJ** to stay in contact **John Keith** (our liaison with Senator Rogers).

Cary: Pilots cannot turn ADS-B OFF to avoid a Landing Fee bill. That would be a violation of FARs.



CJ deVries cj@dvluxury.com is working with legislators to prohibit the use of ADS-B to calculate, generate, or collect fees from aircraft owners or operators while operating in Arizona airspace.

He is getting support from the Legislature and pilots.

If you agree, please sign this electronic petition, which includes:

"We, the undersigned, respectfully express our support for legislation prohibiting the use of Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast (ADS-B) system data to calculate, generate, or collect fees from aircraft owners or operators while operating in Arizona airspace."

Here is the link: <https://adsb-for-safety.netlify.app/>

Enter your NAME and CITY and then DIGITALLY SIGN, USING A STYLUS OR YOUR FINGER. (It's easier to use your phone. Signing your signature using a PC and a mouse is quite awkward).

Federal Petition to address this issue: <https://www.change.org/p/calling-to-halt-the-use-of-adsb-data-for-billing>

GAA Award Nominations

1 CFI, 1 Maintenance Tech, 1 FFASTeam Rep.

Marana has been nominated as Airport of the Year.

Jim Timm – Arizona Pilots Association (APA) will issue the [Ruth Reinhold](#) Award.

Selecting an ATC Communicator of the Year will be accomplished Jan 21 in a separate meeting with Ernie Copeland. Ian Branson, who has been our Audio-Visual specialist for our Banquets, said he may not be able to attend. If so, Ernie Copeland will manage the AV with FAA equipment.

Jim Anderson: We have a screen and the FSDO has the necessary Audio-Visual equipment.

Cary will get our program to Phil Corbell by the end of the month, so it can be sent to the Graphics company.

Ernie will be taking the trophies to H & J by the end of the week.

Our Banquet is coming together.



[Lee Unger, Cary Grant, Jim Anderson, and Brian Stamper, PhD](#)

Lee Unger: We submitted 4 frequencies for the areas, each defined by Lat/Long. We are in the waiting area, and it is still in progress.

Filing details are available at:

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filing/status/detail/confirmation/202411243058128095>



SCAUWG <https://scauwg.org>

**Southern California Airspace
Users Working Group**

[Lee Unger](#)

Lee: SCAUWG sends their condolences to Craig Tompkin's family, Ernie and all the Scottsdale FSDO.

SCAUWG has attendees that are from the FAA's Operations Support Group. They are troubleshooters.



Tito Sanchez: Tower funding is complete and now the tower is being designed. See website for Tower Construction timeline information at <https://www.maranaaz.gov/Departments/Airport>.

Letters to Airmen (LTA) for the Stacks at Casa Grande/Stanfield and Coolidge - Lee Unger, representing the Stacks LTA Workgroup

LTA for Coolidge and Casa Grande – still in the hands of ABQ center.

Lee Unger has asked Albuquerque Center to consider not allowing **IFR operations**, including **transiting traffic**, in VFR conditions within 15 nm of CGZ, below an altitude P50 and ZAB

ARTCC consider as workable, possibly 8,000 MSL. Coolidge P08 would have similar restrictions with distance and altitude to be determined.

This would eliminate dangerous conflicts between IFR operations and VFR traffic in the stacks.

Matt Schormann said having no IFR operations might be an issue for some business flights.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Stack procedure for Stanfield CGZ

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Stack procedure for Coolidge P08



John Keith

Complainers are out there, complaining about aircraft that are 3,000 feet and 4,000 feet. Goodyear will soon be affected because of retiring controllers.



Pilot Counseling – Bob Holliday, ASAG's Chaplain

Bob Holliday: As your Chaplain, I'd like all to take a moment to express our deepest sympathy to FSDO and the Tompkins family.

Fly Safe. As your Chaplain, If you have a prayer request, contact me. If anyone would like to contact me to confidentially discuss any personal issues, email me pastorbobh@comcast.net Celebration of Life means we can be joyful and happy in our memories with Craig.

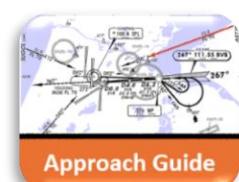


Cary Grant and Lee Unger

January 15, 2026 Meeting minutes available at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/15gCa_yRleMQG402_E5Svw5uOBo3bjb8UsXvu3_KKElc/edit?usp=sharing

Lots of events in the area, increasing air traffic.



Cary Grant: AFTW is still working on the Approach Guide for how and when pilots should make approaches around the state. 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:carygrant@azsag.org) and he can add it to the Handbook. **CLICK ON this link:** https://docs.google.com/document/d/18Jpf9d9g-THIsu2Yg7lRcdxkg7D_D5DrXoljNBT34Q/edit?tab=t_0 for the Recommended Procedures for Practice Instrument Approaches in the Phoenix Area Google Doc, (Work in Progress). **If you know people in the flight schools, please get the word out.**

If you are willing to volunteer to help with this project, email Jim Pitman JimPitman@gmail.com



Jim Anderson (Lead); Cary Grant, Brian Stamper, Scott Woodworth & Lee Unger

Lee: We are still working with airports who have requested videos – **Payson** and **Lake Havasu**. Ft Huachuca might be a good project.

We are still hoping to do the Phoenix Airspace video.

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>

Due to construction, the Tucson Int'l (TUS) video has been removed

Chandler Airport (CHD) <https://youtu.be/lvMF-jFDDhM> & <https://www.faa.gov/CHD>

Lee Unger

Tucson International Airport (TUS) Long-Term Airfield Changes including what the Air Traffic Control Tower wants you to know: <https://www.faa.gov/tus#collapse48026>



Tucson International Airport Construction Update

Check the NOTAMs <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/disclaimer.html> and listen to ATIS closely for closed surfaces and other pertinent operational information. See [KTUS Airfield Safety Enhancement](#)



No Updates

Update



2026 Banquet

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AZ Aviation Safety Awards Banquet Sat, Feb. 7, 2026, social hour at 17:00 AZ (2200 GMT) seating at 1800 AZ. SPANS link:

https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=139608&caller=SPANS/events/EventList.aspx

52nd Annual AZ Aviation Safety Awards-Keynote Bob Mittelstaedt on Crew Resource Management with WINGS credit!

Gala Event Honoring AZ's Nominees for General Aviation Safety Awards; AZ Airport, AZ Communicator and Ruth Reinhold Award.

Download a Banquet Flyer at . . .

https://www.faasafety.gov/files/events/WP/WP07/2025/WP07139608/1_ASAG-Banquet-Flyer-2026-2.pdf



Monthly Meeting WINGS Credit –
Alexander Peña

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!



New Business

None



ASAG's next meeting

will be **Feb 18 (3rd Wednesday in February)**, at **12:00 noon, MST (Arizona time)**.

Register in advance for this meeting at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/D1QaM2gGTpWmFLjKXe6ubw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
(We will be using ASAG's Zoom account for February's meeting).

Motion to adjourn: **Jim Timm**.

Fairfax O'Riley seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at **2:40** pm.

ASAG's email arizonasag@gmail.com



ASAG Officers



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



Lee Unger



Jim Timm



[Arizona Pilots Association monthly newsletter](#)

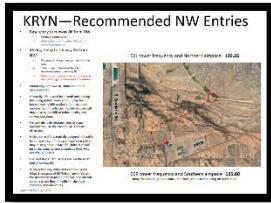
<https://azpilots.org/pilot-info/newsletters>

[Northeast Phoenix No Maneuver Zone poster](#)



by Bob Mittelstaedt. Download at: [7/2024/WP07130353/NE_Phoenix_No_Maneuver_Zone_05-18-24.pdf](https://2024/WP07130353/NE_Phoenix_No_Maneuver_Zone_05-18-24.pdf) or ASAG's website <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 Airfield Recommended NW Entries, by Brian L. Stamper, PhD, FAA Team Representative.

https://aftw.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/RYN_NW_Entry_Procedures.pdf

Ryan Pilot Checklist by Geoff Kusel, Air Traffic Manager, Ryan Field Tower. <https://aftw.org/kryn-operations/>



"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

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



Greater Tucson Practice Areas (TUS, AVQ & RYN) by Brian Stamper, PhD

https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2018/Nov/Tucson_Practice_Areas.pdf



VMC & IMC CLUB MEETINGS – Alex Peña: Their next meeting is **Feb 3,**

2026. VMC begins at 6:30 pm and the IMC Club meeting follows. Venue:

[Chandler Municipal Airport Terminal Meeting Room, 2380 S Stinson Way,](https://www.chandlermunicipal.org/2380SStinsonWay)

[Chandler, AZ 85286](https://www.chandlermunicipal.org/2380SStinsonWay)

Look for the SPANS on www.FAASAFETY.gov



Find next meeting <https://aftw.org/next-meeting/> Meetings are held via Zoom on the 2nd Tuesday at 4:00pm every other month (odd months). Next one will be in March.

Next AFTW meeting: **Tuesday March 10, 2025** 04:00 PM AZ (2300 GMT)

Meeting Minutes: <https://aftw.org/category/meetings/minutes/>

Arizona Flight Training Workgroup AFTW <https://aftw.org/>

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.

Find next meeting <https://aftw.org/next-meeting/>



Our first RSAT of 2026 will be at Chandler Municipal Airport, **February 19**.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 10:00 am and will be held in the conference room at the Chandler Municipal Airport terminal building. The meeting will also be available via Teams.

Teams Meeting link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/210347952371?p=F8luwZYeH9wvGJg0JY>

Bill Banakos, Air Traffic Manager, Chandler FCT, william.c-ctr.banakos@faa.gov

A Pilot/Controller Forum should be held within 30 days of the RSAT.



BREAKFAST FLY-IN Season

- Coolidge Municipal Airport (P08), the first Saturday of the month.
- Ryan Field (RYN), the second Saturday of the month, breakfast or lunch at Ritchie's Restaurant, open daily from 6 am to 2 pm to serve you.
- Grapevine is open full time and the third Saturday weekend camping and cookouts have restarted. Check the newsletter for a possible weekend change. The camp host will prepare the main course for dinner, and campers, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- Casa Grande Municipal Airport (CGZ), the last Saturday of the month, fly-in breakfast. 7 to 11 am.

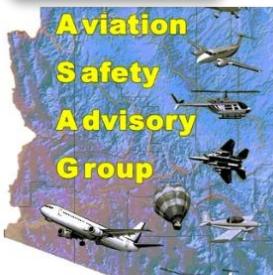


Phoenix 99's meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except June and July) at [Jackson Jet Center](https://www.jacksonjetcenter.com), (formerly Swift Aviation), located at [2710 E. Old Tower Road](https://www.jacksonjetcenter.com) on the South side of Sky Harbor Airport. Website at <https://phx99s.org/>

Reference: [Karen Hausteen](#)



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