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AVIATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL



State Capitol Building - Phoenix Arizona

See you at...

***Aviation Day at the Capitol -
Capitol South Lawn
January 17, 2019 11a.m. - 1p.m.***

Your attendance at this event is important!

- ➔ Help make our “one voice” heard!
- ➔ Show our strength in numbers!
- ➔ Join our fellow members in celebrating aviation in our State!
- ➔ Meet your legislators, engage in dialogue, and just enjoy the day!

It is important that we in the aviation industry are aware of issues that may have an impact on our industry. The **AzAA Legislative Committee** identifies and tracks such issues and shares that information with its membership. Aviation Day at the Capitol provides a unique opportunity for AzAA members to speak to our elected officials with a powerful, unified voice. Please join us so your voice can be heard! Contact ed.faron@phoenix.gov for more information.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ➔ **Arizona Aviation Day at the Capitol**
*January 17, 2019
South Capitol Lawn
Phoenix, AZ*
- ➔ **SWAAAE Airport Management Short Course**
*January 27-30, 2019
Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey, CA*
- ➔ **AzAA “Dutch Bertholf” Spring Conference**
*April 14-16, 2019
Laughlin, NV*

FAA CORNER

Keeping up with the FAA:

Lots of news from the FAA as we approach the end of the year (and just before the all-consuming holiday season approaches). Keep up with the latest Advisory Circulars (AC), reminders for grant dates, and the new address for the Western-Pacific Regional Office.



- ‘Wrong Surface Landings’ – The Runway Safety Group of the FAA is continuing to work and reduce the number of wrong surface landing events. They have produced a video, which is available via the Internet - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Il-s_j35cI
- Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Milestone Dates – FAA continues to experience delays and/or Sponsors missing the Milestone Dates, which are included in the annual Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) correspondence. This can impact your AIP grants, so we urge each Sponsor to meet these dates.
- Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Detection and Countermeasure Technology - Updated guidance has been made available via the Internet - (https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/) under “Guidance and Policy.”
- [AC 150/5345-53D](#) - Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program was updated on August 8, 2018.
- [AC 150/5200-38](#) - Protocol for the Conduct and Review of Wildlife Hazard Site Visits, Wildlife Hazard Assessments, and Wildlife Hazard Management Plans was updated on August 20, 2018.
- [AC 150/5360-13A](#) - Airport Terminal Planning became effective July 13, 2018.
- [AC 150/5210-17C](#) - Programs for Training of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Personnel was updated on July 11, 2018.
- [AC 150/5230-4B](#) - Aircraft Fuel Storage, Handling, Training and Dispensing on Airports was updated on July 11, 2018.
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 11.00 - Consultant Fee Analysis - This most recent SOP, effective October 1, 2018, is available at: <http://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/sops/media/arp-SOP-1100-Consultant-Fee-Analysis.pdf>
- Regional Office – The Western-Pacific Regional Office has moved to a new location. The new address is 777 S. Aviation Boulevard, Suite #150, El Segundo, CA 90245

UPCOMING FAA MILESTONE DATES

December 14, 2018	December 28, 2018	December 28, 2018
ACIP Submission	NEPA Approval (FONSI, ROD, CatEx)	Grant Application Submission
May 1, 2019	June 14, 2019	July 15, 2019
Open Bids or Declare Carryover (Tentative)	Grant Offers (Tentative)	Grant Execution (Tentative)

ADOT CORNER

A few words from ADOT:

- The Aeronautics fund is healthy and has a current balance of about \$11 million. ADOT is expecting that the fund will be operating at a full \$20 million annually under a fiscally restrained budget. Except for the loan program, all other programs—federal-state-local (FSL), state-local (SL), and airport pavement management systems (APMS)—are back as of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and will be fully funded. ADOT will be funding the programs as follows: FSL = \$5 million, SL = \$9 million, APMS = \$5.5 Million, and State Planning projects at about \$1 million.
- The State Aviation System Plan (SASP) has been completed and is now available for use on the ADOT website. Thanks to everyone who participated on the planning advisory committee (PAC) or offered comments to the program. The SASP will be moving forward to the State Transportation Board for approval in November or December.
- The ADOT 5-year ACIP process is underway and should be complete by early December.
- ADOT will be issuing two Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for services related to an Economic Impact Study and the creation of new Aeronautical Charts in January and is asking airport Sponsors for comment. Please contact us before the end of the year.
- The ADOT website is currently being updated and is nearly complete. Please verify that we have your most current Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Master Plan and we will get it posted. Thank you to everyone who has already helped with this.
- ADOT is assisting AzAA with the latest Best Practices Guide and supports AzAA's effort to get this updated.
- ADOT's goal is to be customer service oriented and shall continue to make this a priority. We have a large thank you for all of your patience and support in making this happen.
- ADOT is considering changes to our APMS program and is seeking comment on the proposed changes (as presented at the AzAA conference). You may comment to us directly (through email please).
- ADOT is asking all Sponsors to copy ADOT with all FAA grant applications, which are due in December. These applications are crucial to our fiscal planning effort. Failure to do so may result in a delay with the State's matching grant or perhaps a failure of receiving a matching grant at all. It is ADOT's goal to plan far enough in advance so that all qualified Sponsors obtaining an FAA grant can receive a matching State grant, if requested. Please help us make this happen.

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FALL 2018 "Walter Burg" AzAA Conference Recap

It's NOVEMBER and we've completed another successful AzAA Fall Conference! This year's planning committee selected Desert Willow Conference Center with accommodations for attendees at the recently remodeled Greentree Inn & Suites. Our annual fall conference kicked off at the Opening Welcome Reception with good food and great laughs.

In the morning, we started the day with a short, but sweet, welcome from City of Phoenix Mayor, Thelda Williams, and insights into our industry from City of Phoenix Director of Aviation Services, Jim Bennett.



Before the morning break, Mike Williams, FAA Phoenix Airports District Office (ADO) Manager, as well as Don Kriz, ADOT Aeronautics Group Manager, and Greg Byers, ADOT Multimodal Planning Division (ADOT-MPD) Director, provided encouraging updates regarding grant performance and available funding. A special shout-out is needed for all the airports that participated in entitlement transfers in FY 2018. Mike Williams encouraged all airport Sponsors to keep the ADO apprised of the opportunity to transfer entitlement funds and Gladys Brown, Yuma International Airport Director, reminded us how important it is to keep the money in Arizona. She emphasized that all Arizona airports are crucial to business growth within the State.



Don Kriz announced that the State Aeronautics Group is fully funded and will be able to issue SL grants starting in FY 2020. *See ADOT Corner for more information.* Greg Byers notified us that aviation funds are encumbered, making them ineligible for funding sweeps.



After the morning break, Dee Phan, FAA Phoenix ADO's Environmental Protection Specialist, comically encouraged us to plan for the proper National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews for future projects. She emphasized the need to start the process sooner rather than later to account for the proper review time. The biggest take-away: NEPA review is needed for any project that involves a change to an airport's ALP, regardless of funding source.

Right before lunch, an enthusiastic panel, including Don Kriz, Jared Raymond, Community Planner with the FAA Phoenix ADO, and Stacy Brechler-Knaggs, City of Flagstaff Grants Manager, provided tips and tricks for successful ACIP programming. Sponsors were encouraged to be prepared for ACIP meetings with their desired airfield improvement projects, including exhibits, to show the proposed project areas, while also being open and flexible to discuss project funding and sequencing based on FAA and ADOT feedback. *(Continued on next page)*

FALL 2018 "Walter Burg" AzAA Conference Recap - *con't*

Lunchtime provided a welcomed break with Rick Bosshart of the Arizona Pilots Association. He shared photos and a video of the work the Association is doing for backcountry airstrips in Arizona. The AzAA Board then conducted a General Membership meeting with AzAA Board President, Steve Johnston, presiding.

Following lunch, Mike Smejkal, Vice President of Planning and Engineering with the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA), William Gillies, Chief Airspace Management with the US Air Force, and Brian O'Neill, Executive Director at Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport all educated us on special case experiences at their airports. TAA has embarked on a multi-year airfield safety enhancement project to decrease the number of vehicle-pedestrian incursions (V/PDs) and wrong runway landings.

William Gillies, Luke Air Force Base, 56th Fighter Wing, Chief of Airspace Management, shared how the federal government is able to integrate Military and Civil aircraft in a single airspace. We were all shocked with the footage that he showed of some too-close-for-comfort calls.

And finally, to wrap up the day, Brian O'Neill shared Phoenix Mesa Gateway's recent experience with a Public-Private Partnership and how they negotiated contracts for their new port of entry.

A special thanks goes out to everyone who worked diligently to provide another valuable Fall Conference experience. The prizes were amazing! Thank you to everyone who donated!

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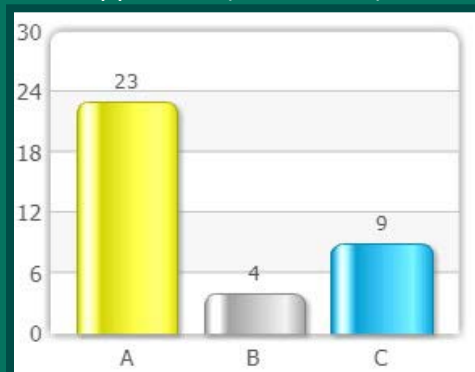


SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN...

1. Question - ACIP Meeting:

Would you be in favor of moving the ACIP meetings to earlier in the year (Spring 2019)?

- A. Yes (23 out of 36)
- B. No (4 out of 36)
- C. Not Applicable (9 out of 36)

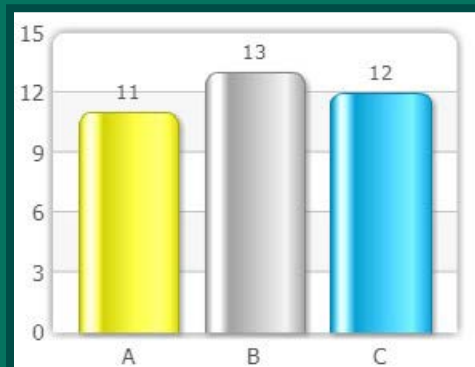


ACIP response graph

2. Question - Draft Changes:

Do you support the draft changes to the administration of the APMS program that was discussed during the ADOT update?

- A. Yes, I support the changes (11 out of 36)
- B. No, I do not support the changes (13 out of 36)
- C. Not Applicable (12 out of 36)



Draft Changes to APMS graph

AIRPORT SPOTLIGHT

Contour Airlines Serves Page Municipal Airport

What comes to mind when you imagine Page, Arizona? The beautiful blue waters of Lake Powell? Majestic Horseshoe Bend, or Antelope Canyon? Typically, Phoenicians face a four-plus hour drive to enjoy these unique natural wonders, but the commute from Phoenix to Page is now more accessible than ever—leaving more time to spend basking in the beauty of northern Arizona. Contour Airlines now offers non-stop scheduled jet service departing from Terminal 2 at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to beautiful Page, Arizona. Contour Airlines operates the ERJ-130, which is a 30-passenger jet for as low as \$29 one-way.

The City of Page and Contour Airlines have taken advantage of the United States Department of Transportation's Essential Air Service (EAS) program to make this service available. EAS is a program subsidizing airlines to serve communities across the country that otherwise would not receive scheduled air service. Future plans include added service to and from Las Vegas as early as November 2018. The new air service is expected to bring even more visitors over the next two years.

Page Municipal Airport has always served as an integral part of the City's tourism-driven economy and houses multiple aviation-related businesses that cater to the City's 3.2 million annual visitors. Grand Canyon Airlines, Westwind Air Service, American Aviation, and Sundance Helicopters also offer various air tours from Page Municipal Airport. In addition, the airport is served by three fixed base operators (FBOs), including: Lake Powell Jet Center, Classic Aviation, and American Aviation—all providing aviation services to the airport's general aviation users and airport businesses. So the next time you travel to Page, the City encourages you to take advantage of the convenience of their new commercial air service!

Article Contributor: Jake Allen, Coffman Associates



Photos of Page Municipal Airport & Contour Airlines courtesy of Jake Allen, Coffman Associates

AIRPORT SPOTLIGHT

Scottsdale Airport Opens New Aviation Business Center

The Scottsdale Airport celebrated the grand opening of its Aviation Business Center on October 20th after more than a year of demolition, site work, and construction.

Passengers, pilots, and visitors alike are now welcomed into Scottsdale Airport with a new 23,250-square-foot, two-story aviation business center. The center houses the Scottsdale Aviation

Department office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Volanti Restaurant and Lounge, and Gemini Air Group's two executive hangars. Transparent architectural glass artwork, created by Martin Donlin, a supreme glass artist, adorns the walls and brings bright colors of the Arizona desert landscape indoors. The Aviation Business Center provides meeting and conference space with views over the airfield.

"Scottsdale Airport's property is too valuable not to utilize it efficiently and wisely," says Gary P. Mascaro, Aviation Director, "the demand for more hangar space was apparent. This project provided much needed hangar space, better utilized the building footprint, and created a welcoming destination for visitors to the airport."

Volanti's second story features an open-air bar and is the perfect place to take views of the McDowell Mountains while sipping on

a refreshing beverage, noshing on gourmet food, and watching private aircraft take off and land. Stop by and check it out!

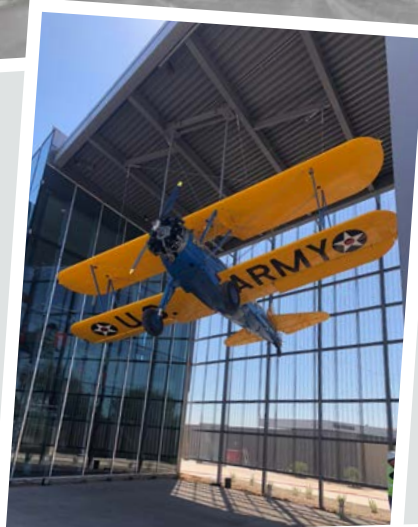
Visitors will immediately notice a WWII era PT-17 Stearman Aircraft hanging in the Thunderbird Field II Veteran's Memorial. The plane is the centerpiece of a memorial to veterans.

Two 30,000-square-foot executive hangars, owned by the Scottsdale Airport and leased to Gemini Air Group, are built of tilt slab concrete panels with steel trusses and feature expansive-foam fire suppression systems. The doors are 120 feet wide and 28 feet tall to accommodate aircraft up to a Gulfstream

650, Falcon 7x, or Global Express.

Mead & Hunt and DWL Architects performed the engineering and design work, and JE Dunn Construction was the contractor. The project broke ground in the summer of 2017 and was completed in September 2018.

Article Contributor: Angela Talbot, JE Dunn Construction



Photos of the new facility courtesy of Scottsdale Airport & JE Dunn Construction

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AzAA turns 40 years old! What stories can be told regarding daring do of yesteryear? There are many tales told of the hat (which seems to favor one of members) and other adventures down through the years. What will the next 40 years bring?

Your Association is vibrant, active, and engaged in our industry here in Arizona. Many states are not so fortunate. Our Fall Conference in Phoenix was informative, and we have received many complements regarding the venue.

If you are interested in learning more about our Association and getting to know others, there are opportunities to get involved in several committees: Legislative, Nominating, and Spring Conference, just to name a few. So please join us and get involved!

SAVE THE DATES

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2019 Spring Conference April 14-16, 2019 in Laughlin, NV



I forward to the next months as your AzAA president. Thanks for your continuing support and participation in the best State Airport Association in the nation.

R. Steven Johnston, CM
Arizona Airports Association President
Airport General Manager
Kingman Municipal Airport

AzAA is extremely sad to hear about the passing of Todd McNamee, Director of Ventura County Department of Airports (California), on November 1, 2018. Todd was an active member of the aviation community, including 1st Vice Chair of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and Past President of the Southwest Chapter (SWAAAE), as well an industry leader, colleague, and friend to many of us. He will be greatly missed.

AzAA OPPORTUNITIES

- ➔ AzAA needs a new photographer! For more information, contact Desirae Barquin at desirae@azairports.org
- ➔ Spring Conference committee will be forming soon. Contact Alice Bimrose at alice.bimrose@phoenix.gov or Joey O'Rourke jorourke@flyifp.com to get involved!

For more information on these, or other committees within AzAA, please contact:

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