



AzAA *Matter of Fact*

fall 2021 edition

Fall Conference *Lookahead* **2021 "WALTER BURG" FALL CONFERENCE**

AzAA is excited to be hosting the first in-person conference since the beginning of the pandemic. The Arizona Airports Association 2021 "Walter Burg" Fall Conference will kick-off with an evening mixer held at Desert Willow Conference Center on Wednesday October 27 from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm.

On Thursday October 28, join us back at the Desert Willow Conference Center for breakfast with the exhibitors from 7:30-8:30. Breakfast will be followed by welcoming remarks by our President, Scott Brownlee, along with Chad Makovsky who returned to the City of Phoenix Aviation Department as the Director of Aviation Services in March of this year.
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Calendar of Events



OCT 27-28
2021

2021 "Walter Burg" Fall Conference
(Desert Willow Conference Center)

NOV 6-7
2021

Thunder and Lightning over Arizona
(Davis-Monthan AFB)

JAN 20
2022

Aviation Day at the Capital

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In addition to the General Membership meeting during lunch this October's conference will include:

- **ADOT Update:** Informational update regarding the state of the department to be provided by Matthew Munden (ADOT).
- **FAA Update:** Informational update regarding the state of the department to be provided by Mike Williams (FAA).
- **State of the Industry:**
This session will provide high level overview of industry issues impacting airports across the spectrum. Topics to consider are fuel supply chain, PFAS, regulatory changes, airline/airport staffing issues, airport capital funding, service levels, etc.
- **Airport Land Appraisals:** Steven Cole from Southwest Appraisal Associates, Inc. will be providing his most recent experience with airport land appraisals along with recommendations for Airport Sponsors.
- **Economic Impact Study:** Pam Keidel-Adams and her team from Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. will provide an update on the status of the ADOT funded Economic Impact Study. The study is focused on identifying how Arizona airports

contribute to our state's overall economy. The last Economic Impact Study was completed in 2012.

- **AGIS/ADIP Updates:**

Todd Johnson of CGH Technologies, Inc., provides contract support to the FAA Office of Airport Safety and Standards, Airports Engineering Division – Airport Data and Information Portal (ADIP), previously AGIS). He will be providing the latest updates to the portal along with what to expect with the release of new Advisory Circulars.

- **Scottsdale Airport Case Study:**

Gary Mascaro, the Aviation Director at Scottsdale Airport along with Scott Van Gompel from Mead & Hunt, will be presenting a case study on the recently completed runway rehabilitation project at Scottsdale Airport.

We're excited to have a diverse group of speakers and topics and welcome you to register at www.azairports.org. We hope to see you all very soon!



AZAA Summer Networking Mixer Recap

A great time was had at this year's Summer Networking Mixer that took place on Thursday, July 15th! The Scottsdale Airport graciously opened their Volanti doors fostering a space for sixty Arizona aviation professionals to come together and connect safely in-person. Utilizing the outdoor terrace overlooking the airfield, all attendees were treated to food and beverages as the event lasted for over two hours. Excitement was felt throughout the room as friends from around the state reconnected after a long hiatus, especially since most of the AZAA board was present as the mixer was preceded by the quarterly AZAA board meeting. We hope to continue the positive atmosphere as we look forward to reconnecting once again in-person at the annual AZAA Fall Conference in October!

Sponsors for the AZAA Summer Networking Mixer were:



Updates from ADOT

ADOT CONTACTS:



Matthew Munden,
*State Airport
Engineer*

- Aeronautics is updating its 5-year ACIP to reflect the \$18M from the state legislature and additional monies from the State Aviation Fund. The \$18M appropriation is being awarded at \$100% state share. We should be able to fund every SL grant requested from every airport in FY 22.
- The SL program is up to 48 grants at \$30.05M w and
- The APMS program is up to 72 grants at \$25.7M.
- Last year's planning studies were for the Economic Impact Study and the Aeronautical Charts, both of which are ongoing and expected to be finalized in the upcoming months. The Economic Impact Study should be completed first next month, Oct '21.
- APMS '21 projects are currently under construction. The heavy monsoon season has affected the construction timing of a few APMS projects.
- At this time, the Triennial Study Award should be completed in the next month.
- ACIP submission to ADOT closed August 31st.

AzAA Mentorship PROGRAM

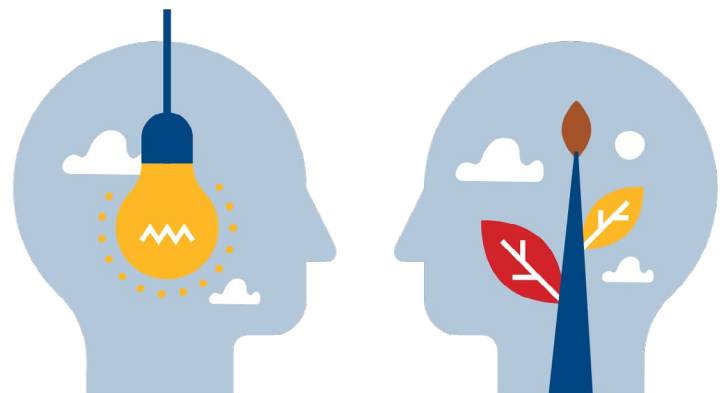
The AzAA Mentorship Program reflects our commitment to you and your career and professional development. The Mentorship Program is a benefit of membership and is available only to AzAA members. There is no charge for this service. This program provides an informal and a more formal opportunity to participate:

New Member Mentor – an informal networking program:

- » Designed to ease the social transition to AzAA Membership by providing a 'conference wingman' to help ease you into your first in person AzAA event(s), introduce you to other members and answer AzAA questions
- » Open to all members
- » To participate: Watch for Conference Wingman information on conference registration forms and indicate your interest in participating.

Professional Mentor – a more formal (but not too formal) program to provide support for the following scenarios:

- » Connect junior staff to more seasoned airport professionals
- » Connect new airport managers with more experienced airport managers to facilitate a career transition
- » Connect a seasoned airport manager moving from outside Arizona with an airport manager who knows the ropes of Arizona's aviation system
- » To participate: Please visit our website at www.azairports.org and fill out the form under **Membership > AzAA Mentorship Program**.



Show Low Airport

THE “LOWDOWN” ON SHOW LOW REGIONAL AIRPORT

Article contributed by Jenny Watts, C.M., Sr. Aviation Planner, Dibble

Showcasing our fabulous Arizona airports is one of our favorite things to do for our members. This edition's feature airport is Show Low Regional, located one mile east of the city of Show Low, Arizona.

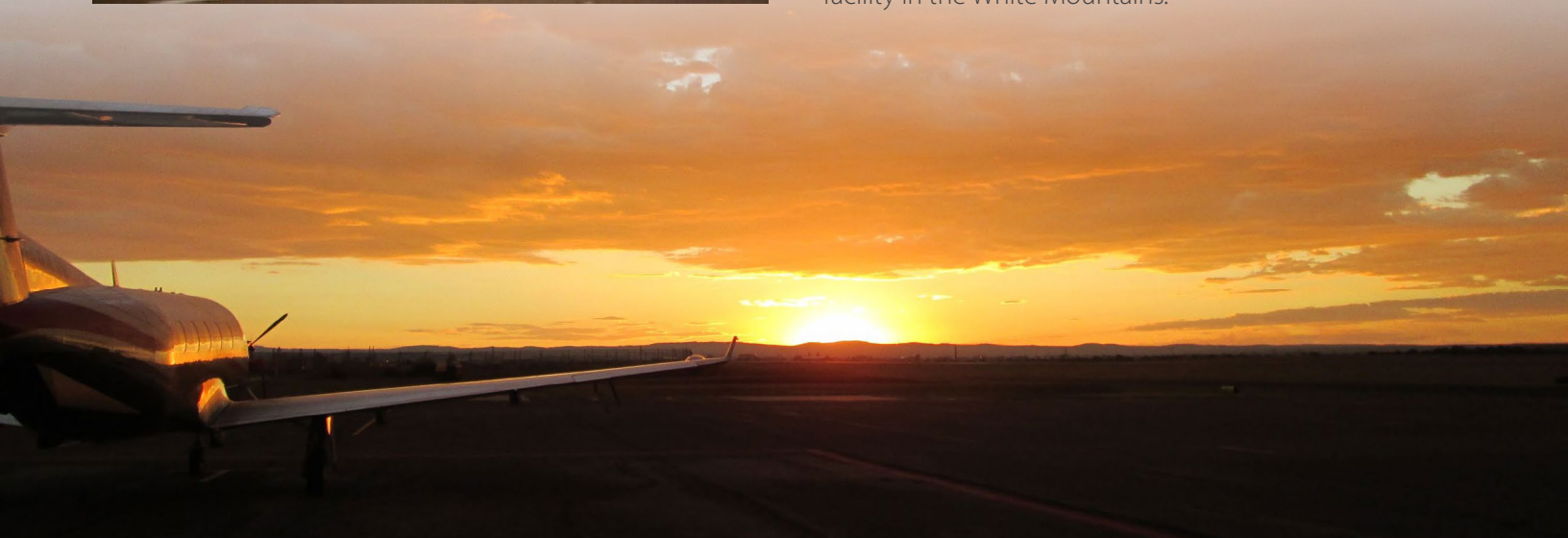
Nestled among the pines of the White Mountains in northern Arizona lies the quaint Show Low Regional Airport (SOW). Once a modest dirt strip built in 1946, today the airfield encompasses two paved runways. The airport also boasts a modern 6,400-square foot terminal building and three aircraft parking aprons. Businesses providing services at SOW include Enterprise, Hatch Toyota, and Show Low Ford car rental pickup/drop off.

Show Low Regional Airport is a Part 139 commercial service airport with three daily flights to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) provided by Boutique Air. The City of Show Low employs five full-time airport employees who are responsible for airfield maintenance,



FBO operations, and general management. The Airport is also home to the Experimental Aircraft Association, Show Low Chapter 586.

The Airport continues to improve through various recent and upcoming projects. The Taxiway A restriping project was completed in October 2021. Upcoming projects include the installation of a new airport gate access keyscan system coming early 2021 and the South Apron reconstruction project coming Summer/Fall 2021. Under the Airport's new leadership (see "Meet Jacob (Jake) Allen," pg. 5), the City of Show Low is confident that Show Low Regional Airport will remain the premier air transportation facility in the White Mountains.



All photos from: City of Show Low, Show Low Regional Airport website
<https://showlowaz.gov/gallery.aspx?PID=32>

Meet Jacob (Jake) Allen

Jake recently became the Airport Manager at Show Regional Airport which is owned and operated by the City of Show Low. Prior to reaching his goal of becoming an airport manager at a northern Arizona Airport, Jake had various career experiences in the aviation industry.

He completed the Aviation Management and Flight Program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), in 2010. He earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Aviation Management along with an Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Flight.

When Jake graduated from college, he knew he wanted to start his career in Arizona because of the beautiful weather and thriving aviation industry. So, he packed his bags, drove to Flagstaff, and never looked back. Jake is proud to say that he has been working in the aviation industry in Arizona for over a decade.

Early in his aviation career, Jake spent several years working in the airline industry. He held various supervisory positions in customer service and ground operations for major Part 121 air carriers. Following his airline career, Jake served as the Airport Coordinator for Sedona-Oak Creek Airport Authority. At Sedona Airport, his responsibilities included assisting the Airport Manager to plan, direct, and coordinate airport operations. Jake also oversaw the construction and maintenance of facilities in accordance with federal, state, local, regulations. Some of his other duties included special projects, coordinating events, procurement, advertising, marketing, web design, research and development, public relations, logistics, airport safety, and FAA compliance.

In 2016, Jake became an aircraft owner and founded an aircraft rental LLC.

In 2018, Jake transitioned to Coffman Associates, Inc. and worked for three years as an Airport Planning Consultant. During that time, he gained valuable airport planning experience by contributing to airport planning studies for airports of all sizes and service levels.

Jake is now serving as the Airport Manager for Show Low Regional Airport which serves Arizona's White Mountains and the surrounding communities. For more information about the Show Low Regional Airport refer to page 4 of the newsletter.

In his free time, Jake enjoys flying his Piper Cherokee 140 along with volunteering as a pilot for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles program to help inspire the next generation of pilots and aviation professionals.



Jacob (Jake) Allen, Airport Manager
Show Low Regional Airport - Show Low, Arizona



Updates from FAA

WHAT'S NEW

ADO Staffing

- » Holly Dixon has concluded her temporary detail as the Acting Assistant Manager in our San Francisco ADO.
- » We are actively recruiting for our Civil Engineer and Community Planner vacancies.

Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program

[The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act \(CRRSAA\) \(H.R. 133\)](#) (PDF), signed into law by the President on December 27, 2020, includes \$2 billion in funds to be awarded as economic relief to eligible U.S. airports and eligible concessions at those airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency.

- » To distribute these funds, the FAA has established the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP). The FAA will make grants to all airports that are part of the national airport system, including all commercial service airports, all reliever airports, and some public-owned general aviation airports.
- » Frequently Asked Questions are available and updated as of February 12, 2021.
- » CRSSA funds must be obligated no later than August 26, 2021.

Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program

[The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 \(H.R. 1319, Public Law 117-2\)](#), signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021, includes \$8 billion in funds to be awarded as economic assistance to eligible U.S. airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. To distribute these funds, the FAA has established the Airport Rescue Grants.

- » Frequently Asked Questions are available and updated as of June 11, 2021.
- » ARPA funds not obligated by August 26, 2021 will be postponed until FY22 (after October 1, 2021).
- » ARPA concession grants will not be processed until FY22 (after October 1, 2021).

NEPA Submittal Process

- » All official NEPA submittals should be sent via email to 9-PHX-ADO-Environmental@faa.gov
- » Subject lines MUST include your airport's three character LOCID, Project Name, and documentation type (i.e., CATEX, Purpose and Need, Preliminary Draft EA). If

the submitted document is a CATEX supporting an upcoming grant application, FYXX GRANT APPLICATION must also be included in the subject line.

- » The body of the email must include the federal action that the document is intended to support (i.e., federal funding (with proposed fiscal year), ALP change, land release).
- » Submittals from Sponsor authorized consultants will be accepted with the following provisions:
 - The Sponsor Director/Manager and/or Primary Point of Contact shall be a CC on the submittal. Submittals without the Sponsor as a CC will be returned without ADO action.
 - Sponsors are expected to have read the documentation and understand and concur with the contents. Sponsors are held responsible for the quality of all documents.
- » **October 15, 2021** - Due date for sponsor submission of environmental documents to the ADO for review and initiating consultations under special purpose laws. Environmental documents can include (listed in order of complexity):
 - An executed National Environmental Policy Act document (i.e., CATEX, FONSI, ROD) preferably dated within the past three years.
 - A request for a simple written record CATEX with a project description sufficiently detailed to show that it meets the conditions inherent in the cited CATEX.
 - A completed ARP SOP 5.1 Documented CATEX form (6/2/17 version) that includes:
 - The Sponsor's signature;
 - A complete project description including proposed excavation depths and structure heights, dates of construction, construction working hours, and certification status of material source pits;
 - Maps showing the project's area of potential effect (APE) including staging areas, new or unpaved access roads, and areas where visual impacts or construction noise would be noticeable;
 - Supporting studies, such as cultural resources surveys preferably completed within the past 10 years that cover the APE, biological surveys, and biological opinions;
 - A published floodplains notice, if needed;
 - A complete list of permits and environmental commitments; and



- Discovery procedures for unexpected discoveries of cultural resources and protected species.
- A draft Environmental Assessment, provided the Sponsor has coordinated with the ADO on it over the past two years.
- » **December 31, 2021** - Due date for completion and receiving an environmental determination for the fiscal year. After this date, the ADO may defer consideration of the Sponsor's project to the next grant cycle. NOTE: As in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, latitude can be granted due to circumstances so as to meet grant milestones.
- Sponsors should be aware that:
 - FAA's consultation with State Historic Preservation Officers generally takes 30 days to complete, but can take longer if information is inaccurate or incomplete or both.
 - FAA's consultation with Indian tribes typically takes 45 days to complete.
 - FAA's formal consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service can take up to 135 days to complete.

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5220-23A - [Frangible Connections](#) was issued on April 15, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 70/7460-1M - [Obstruction Marking and Lighting](#) was issued on November 16, 2020.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5300-16B - [General Guidance and Specifications for Aeronautical Surveys: Establishment of Geodetic Control and Submission to the National Geodetic Survey](#) was updated January 6, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5340-18G - [Standards for Airport Sign Systems](#) was updated on January 5, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5340-1M - [Standards for Airport Markings](#) was updated on January 4, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5345-53D - [Airport Lighting Equipment Certification Program](#) was updated on December 22, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5340-30J - [Design and Installation Details for Airport Visual Aids](#) was updated on November 17, 2020.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5230-6G - [Airport Pavement Design and Evaluation](#) was published on June 7, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5230-4B - [Aircraft Fuel Storage, Handling, Training, and Dispensing on Airports](#) was updated on May 28, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5220-23A - [Frangible Connections](#) was updated on April 15, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5210-17C - [Programs for Training of Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Personnel](#) was published on June 12, 2021.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5200-30D - [Airport Field Condition Assessments and Winter Operations Safety](#) was updated on October 30, 2020.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) [150/5200-33C – Hazardous Wildlife Attractants on or near Airports](#) was issued on February 21, 2020.
- » Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5300-14D - [Design of Aircraft Deicing Facilities](#) was issued on March 17, 2020.
- » PFC Update 75-21 - [Eligibility of On-airport Rail Access Projects](#) was issued on January 12, 2021.
- » PFC Update 74-20 - [Digital Signature of PFC Documents](#) was issued on May 1, 2020.
- » Order 5200.11A - [FAA Airports \(ARP\) Safety Management System \(SMS\)](#) was published on July 20, 2021.
- » Additional information is available via the Internet - https://www.faa.gov/airports/resources/recent_advisory_circulars/

REMINDERS

- » **SAM** (System of Award Management) Account – Check the SAM registry - <https://uscontractorregistration.com/>
- » **DELPHI** - Expired or Incorrect Delphi Account – Check your account – if you need to register a new user, follow help directions at - https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/grant_payments/
 - Jocelyn Hazlewood, Airports Program Specialist is available as needed to assist.

| Payson Fly-In CAMPGROUND

What are two activities that are synonymously in unison with one another? Traveling and camping! Usually, the travel portion of that combination utilizes some type of four-wheeled motor vehicle that is built to traverse an off-road landscape. What better way to smoothly navigate a rough terrain than to fly over it? The Payson Airport has found a way to exploit the ultimate off-road vehicle, aircraft, to enhance the camping experience and to create a truly one-of-a-kind trip.

Located roughly sixty miles northeast of Phoenix sits the scenic fly-in campground at the Payson Airport. The campground, uniquely situated adjacent to the airport's lone 5,500 ft runway, has considered all that the air traveler might need for an overnight stay. The site has twelve dedicated adjoined spaces that will allow for multiple tents, a full restroom facility (including heated showers), grills, picnic tables, and fire rings with firewood. Next to the camp site is a designated aircraft campground parking apron, equipped with tie-downs, with direct access to the parallel taxiway. And to top it all off some of the best views in the state of the Mogollon Rim!

Payson, located near the geographical center of Arizona, has often been called "The Heart of Arizona". With the surrounding Tonto National Forest and some of the best

weather the state has to offer it's easy to see why this town is so sought after for avid campers. The views at the airport however are unmatched for any other campground in town. Not only can you sleep a few feet away from your aircraft in a forested area, but you can also enjoy the sights and sounds of takeoffs and touchdowns.

Oh, and I almost forgot to mention that this campground is completely free to all fly-in guests! Just place a call to reserve your space and don't forget your tent and sleeping bag!

Outside of the campground, the Payson Airport also offers a twenty-four-seven aviation self-service fuel station, a courtesy car, Hertz rental car services, Taxi services, scenic tours, and a town favorite Crosswinds restaurant offering breakfast lunch and dinner along with their famous pies for dessert.

Feel free to head up on your own for a nice vacation or join the Arizona Pilots Association (APA) and the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) for their annual Payson Fly-in and Air Camping Weekend which boast a storied "Dutch Oven" potluck dinner. Be sure to read over the campground policy located on the Payson Airport webpage prior to arrival.

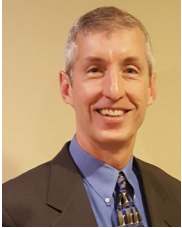
Be sure to tag @azairports in any photos or videos you post on your visit so we can all enjoy your one-of-a-kind camping experience!



President's CORNER



AzAA PRESIDENT:



*Scott Brownlee,
Arizona
Airports
Association
President
2021-2022*

It doesn't seem like another quarter could have passed by already, but here we are putting together our newsletter and I'm writing another President's message. I was hoping after our last newsletter COVID would have slowed down and things would start to get back to "normal." While things aren't back to normal there has been a very significant funding increase for airports as a result.

While I still don't think we're out of the woods, there have been a lot of positive items in particular in the way of available airport funding. In addition to the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) here is a very quick recap. First of all, there was the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which provided \$10 billion in funding for economic relief to eligible U.S. airports affected by COVID-19. This was followed by Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) which included another nearly \$2 billion in funds for economic relief for U.S. airports and concessionaires. And finally, there was the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) providing another \$8 billion in funding for economic assistance to airports to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. All of this funding has allowed many airports to not only survive but some have even thrived! While I know not all airports have been happy with what they received in federal funding, as a system this was a significant infusion at a critical time that has helped many weather a very difficult storm.

Now on to what is hopefully more exciting news. First of all, it was great seeing those that were able to make it to the in-person summer networking event on July 15th hosted by AzAA and the wonderful folks at the Scottsdale Airport! We had a great turn out with around 60 in attendance. Let's hope we're able to do more of that in the coming year. We are also continuing the planning efforts for the Fall conference at the Desert Willow Conference Center on October 27th (reception) and 28th (conference). At this time, the plans are for an in-person event but we will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as necessary with appropriate precautions and protocols. This will be followed by Aviation Day on January 20, 2022. And finally, we will try once again for a Spring conference at the Omni Tucson National Resort May 1-3, 2022 co-hosted by Marana and Pinal County.

As we continue to negotiate these trying times, we, your elected Board members, are here to serve you and to provide assistance when possible. If you have questions, comments, concerns or would just like to chat, please reach out to myself or any of the Board members. All of our contact information can be found on the AzAA website along with other valuable information.

Finally, by the time this is published, we will have already recognized and remembered the significant events surrounding September 11, 2001. Let us never forget!

Thanks, and remember to always keep the shiny side up!

Scott Brownlee
Arizona Airports Association President 2021-2022

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