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A Newsletter for the Patrons of the Chandler Municipal Airport

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From the Office

We would like to take this issue of your newsletter and acknowledge an icon of CHD. If you mention to anyone in the flying public that you are from CHD, more often than not you're asked the question, "Is that big guy that can fuel a 182 without a ladder still there?" Some may not know his name, but they know the man. Mr. Mike Smith has been an icon of CHD for more years than most of you have been flying. Mike's dedication to the growth and maintenance of our airport has been tireless. It's not too much of a reach to say that CHD would not be what it is today without the contributions of Big Mike.

Airport staff have come and gone, and with them they have taken a great deal of experience that was gained from the tutelage of Mike. To list the accomplishments of Mike would take several newsletters. However, the biggest accomplishment anyone could ever hope for is that somehow, you can leave the people you come in touch with in a positive way. Mike has done this for years. Mike's successor will have big shoes to fill in more ways than one. A simple thank you will never be enough to show our appreciation for everything that Mike has done for the City of Chandler and Chandler Municipal Airport.

To put Mike's time here into some perspective: When Mike started here at the Airport; Alma School road was a two-lane road with a ditch on either side of it. Dobson Road was only paved to Germann Road. There were no traffic lights on Williams Field Road (Chandler Blvd.), between Alma School and I-10. CHD was five miles from the nearest neighborhood. You could go bird hunting just across from the airport, legally. And as for the Airport, there have been so many projects Mike did that we can't list them all.

Thank you Mike for all you have done for us and for a legacy of professionalism and kindness that you leave behind. It will be our privilege to say, yeah, we were here when Mike Smith was here. In the future Mike, as you drive by the airport, take a minute and say to yourself, "I built that". It's your right. This has been your airport for twenty-four years. Thank you for a job well done. We have a standard that has been set and we will do our best to continue what you have started.

Best wishes to you and your family Mike!

From The Field

Thank You for the Memories!

After 24 years of service, I will be leaving Chandler Airport to pursue a new career opportunity. I will remain in City of Chandler service, working for the Environmental Management Program. It has been my privilege to serve the flying public, and to see Chandler Airport develop into one of the finest general aviation facilities in the nation. I will miss the daily contact with so many fine flyers and friends. I will miss the chatter on the frequencies, the smell of Jet A on the ramp, and watching an aircraft on short final, slip sideways, and then straighten out, just before wheels touch (you're crazy Kirby). I hope that CHD retains the sense of community that it has now, even as it grows. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been involved with this place for so many years.

Mike Smith,
Airport Operations

Trivia Question

- Q. The helicopter inventor, Sikorsky, designed an airplane called Le Grand. How many engines did it have?
- A. The Le Grand had four engines.

Lease Information Update

Please update your lease information. Airport staff sent out an information update form for all to return to our office.

A little over a third of our tenants responded but we still need the remainder to reply. Home, work and cell numbers are equally important in order to facilitate immediate contact by us when necessary.

Airport staff extends a thank you to the tenants that have completed and turned in their information, we appreciate this very much!

From The Tower

Communication

I'm sure you've heard it 100 times already, – "Communicate, talk to me." While this holds true for most things in life, it is especially important while you're out there flying. Not only is your life counting on it, but also your fellow aviator, passengers, crewmembers, even the innocent people on the ground. However you want to describe it, we all need to say what we have to and get off the frequency for the next person. Our quest is to be as complete as possible with information. We in the tower are constantly monitoring ourselves through taped and graded recordings, over-the-shoulder sessions and monthly proficiency tests. We encourage both pilots and instructors alike to visit, bring the students up for questions so they can relax and be able to speak more freely.

As most of you know, the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM), and your instructor are two sources of valuable information, procedures and techniques, particularly Chapter 4, Section 2. Many times a pilot will call up without giving *all* their information on the first call and some pilots establish communication for every sequence of transmissions along with reading back everything said to them. When the tower requests a receipt of a clearance, please just give an acknowledgment with your call sign (if you understand the instruction) so we can continue on to the next person. Now for something you won't find in the AIM - we, as controllers, are required to obtain a read back of any instruction/clearance we issue with the word "hold" in it. If we don't hear you state the "hold" back to us we have to go back to you and get it. Please read back any and all "hold" instructions.

A final word of thanks to Mike Smith

He has been a blessing for this airport and we will miss him. From all of us at the Tower, we wish you well!

Change of Address?

Please remember to advise airport staff of any change of address, telephone number, or change of aircraft "N" number in your leased premises. Besides meeting the terms of your lease, keeping airport staff current on these changes will help us help you.

If you experience any problems here at the airport, please contact airport operations at
(480) 782-3544 or (480) 540-9991



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chandler Airport Commission usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the terminal building conference room. The agenda is posted outside of the City Clerks office located on the second floor of the Chandler Office Center and the Airport Administrative offices in the Terminal Building. All tenants and patrons are invited to attend.

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