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A Newsletter for the Patrons of the Chandler Municipal Airport

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From the Office

The numbers are in! Last year the total numbers of aircraft operations at CHD were 269,104. It was a record year and another safe year of flying.

To emphasize the safety consciousness displayed by our airport users, some statistics on CHD last year:

- 467.. Aircraft based at CHD
- 4.... Incidents/accidents on or near CHD
- 3.... Minor injuries 1.... Serious injury
- 0.... Runway incursions by pedestrian or aircraft
- 1.... Runway incursions by vehicle

The one vehicular runway incursion was the direct result of an individual that was allowed to tailgate into the airport through a gate. The driver had no reason to be on the airport and was totally unfamiliar with how to operate on an airport. **This is a good example of the importance of not allowing others to follow behind you as you enter the airport gates.** Thank you for your help in this matter.

Noise Abatement

If you are not familiar with CHD noise abatement procedures, please stop by the administrative office and we will be happy to assist you. On noise, the Airport will be conducting an FAR Part 150 noise study update. We will be asking for tenant input. The more involved you are, the better. We will provide more details on this project as they become available. Fly Safe and Fly Neighborly!

Question of the Month

- Q.** Who was America's first President to earn a Pilots License?
- A.** President Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower

Airport Meeting Notices

Occasionally, meetings are called regarding the airport or the areas around the airport that could have a direct bearing on aviation development or activity. We are working to establish an email database of all parties that may have an interest in attending these meetings. This list will allow us to notify you of these meetings. If you would like to be on this email distribution list, please provide your email address to us by sending an email to airportmeetings@chandleraz.gov or by calling us at (480) 782-3540.

From The Field

Interviews for the Airport Operations & Maintenance Supervisor position were conducted on February 13th and 14th. We received applications from all over the U.S. and there were 58 applicants. We hope to introduce you to your new Ops Supervisor soon. In the meantime, Marc Douglas and Michael Griego have been doing an excellent job with the operations issues and maintaining the airport in the normal professional manner.

When the tower is closed, be sure to self-announce your intentions and flight progression on 126.1, the common traffic advisory frequency (CTAF). This applies to anytime you operate on the airport movement areas or in the airport traffic pattern. This helps avoid confusion for everyone operating on and around the airport and makes the airport much safer. **Remember: Aviation safety is priority one at the airport and that the life you save may be your own!**

Assistance Needed!

The pavement project we announced back in October has not gone away – it was just delayed. We anticipate the resurfacing project to now begin in early to mid-April. We will make every effort to keep you informed as to the actual dates when we know them.

This is a very important project for everyone and will involve some inconvenience to virtually everyone. The project will require us to again ask for your assistance. For the aircraft on the apron, we will be asking you to relocate from one apron to another as the work progresses. For those of you in hangars we will need for you to either curtail your flying for a few days, or temporarily relocate while the area in front of your hangar is resurfaced, cured and repainted.

If you haven't flown your aircraft in the past year or more, we would like to ask that you volunteer now to move your aircraft to the heliport parking area. Please stop by the office and we will be happy to help you with all the logistics involved in moving your aircraft.

We certainly understand that everyone will be inconvenienced to varying degrees. However, at the end of this project we will all have an excellent pavement surface to enjoy.

Staff is always appreciative of your assistance and we thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

From The Tower

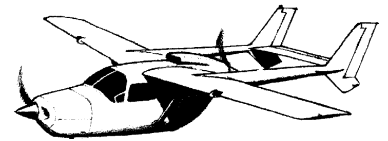
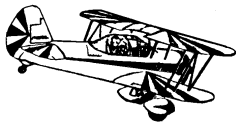
Most of the regular airport users probably remember the use of TIPH going away last year. In December we were given a glimmer of hope that the procedure would return. I am sorry to say that this is not the case. The FAA has placed such stringent requirements on the use of "position and hold" that most small airports like us will probably never have it again.

We have become used to the fact that we cannot put an aircraft on the runway in anticipation of an imminent departure, but it can cause all of us excessive delays if we're not careful. The following are just a few suggestions that the tower has to hopefully decrease the amount of time you wait for your departure clearance.

When you are finished with your run-up, prior to calling the tower, taxi up to the hold line and then call for departure. If you need a momentary delay, request it at that time. If you can accept an immediate departure, this is a good time to tell us. We do not know every pilots capabilities so the more information we have the better we can plan for an expeditious flow of traffic.

If it is going to take you awhile to complete your run-up, please do not pull up to the hold short and block someone else that may be ready to go before you. When you have been issued a clearance, we are expecting you to do just that and unless you asked for a delay we'd like you moving. This is especially important if there are several aircraft in the pattern to the north runway.

Please keep in mind that communication is the key and questions are acceptable at the appropriate time. Pay close attention to what is going on the frequency; chances are you may find that you can answer your own question if you know what is going on around you. As always we encourage visits to the tower, this can be a really eye opening experience. Feel free to call us with comments, questions or concerns. This is one of the best ways for us to improve the service we provide.



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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