

# THE CHANDLER FLYER

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## From the Office



### ANOTHER YEAR GONE BY!

We wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season! As we come upon the New Year, airport staff looks forward to the new challenges and opportunities that await us. We will continue our efforts to provide you with the best general aviation airport in the country.

We want to extend a warm welcome to our winter visitors. Please take advantage of the beautiful weather Arizona offers and enjoy your stay.

Currently, all our tie-downs have been rented. Please call or visit our office if you want to put your name on the wait list.

Airport staff is always interested in improving service to our patrons, so please feel free to give us your suggestions, comments or concerns.

### Question of the Month

- Q.** What airplane is now the longest produced model of plane in the world?
- A.** The Bonanza - with nearly a 60-year continuous production span.

### 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**

## From The Field

The end of an era will soon be upon CHD in the name of progress. For years helicopters have been able to conduct various flight operations on Taxiway C due to the fact that no development on the south side of the airport has necessitated the regular use of the taxiway for fixed wing aircraft. We now have our first lease for development of fixed wing facilities along Taxiway C. Airport staff has worked with concerned parties to phase in the closure of Taxiway C to helicopter flight operations over the next few months. Those changes to decrease helicopter use will be incremental and progressive beginning on January 1, 2008 and completely ending helicopter use of Taxiway C by July 1, 2008.

As a reminder, vehicle parking on the airport is restricted to designated areas. Those areas are marked vehicle parking spaces, on your tie-down and in your hangar. As a convenience, the airport has allowed tenants to park their vehicles adjacent to their leased area while they are present. This allows the tenant to relocate their vehicle immediately for safe aircraft movement. We ask that you park your vehicle parallel to your tie-down or hangar and as close as practical. The FAA requires .6 times the wingspan of an aircraft plus 10 feet for the safe movement of an aircraft on a particular design group taxilane. Also, blocking of airport facilities such as electrical panels, fire standpipes and dumpsters is not allowed. So, if you're gone, your vehicle must be in your hangar or on your tie-down or in a designated vehicle parking spot on the airport. The ramps and taxilanes are not for the storage of cars, trucks, trailers, etc.

Our winter visitors are here. The last of our tie-downs was rented the week of December 10<sup>th</sup> that caused us to create a waiting list for tie-downs. The new ramp should be open in late January 08 to help alleviate some of the over crowding.



**Seasons Greetings!**

# "FLY QUIET PROGRAM"

Have you ever noticed those signs at the ends of Runways 22L & 22R that provide noise abatement procedures? Have you read them and wondered about the text asking you to "Avoid Flying Over Houses"? Have you then thought something like, "How can I avoid flying over houses – they surround the airport"? Well, those signs were installed as a result of a Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150 Noise Compatibility study completed back in 1999. As anyone who was flying at CHD back then can attest to, the area around the airport has grown and the complexion has changed drastically. Because of the growth of the Airport and changes in land use around it, the FAA agreed that the prior study needed to be updated and provided grant funding for that update.

That study update will begin within the next month or so. It will look at all the components that comprise aviation noise. Those components include the obvious things like the types of aircraft using or projected to use the airport, where the aircraft fly, as well as what and where the land uses are around the airport. Those are the easy parts of a Noise Study. The hard parts are the subjective issues – the things that are based on perception. Human perception is an interesting thing. It is highly individualized between one person to another. One person's noise is absolute music to another. That aircraft flying in the pattern may sound like a fine tuned orchestra to one person while it simply grates on another's nerves. So for a Noise Study to get into the core of a noise debate, it must get everyone's input. This is needed to assemble a broad picture of the aviation noise landscape.

To help obtain the input necessary and assemble the full story, the Airport will be holding a number of public meetings to gather that input. We want and need the input of everyone that has an opinion regarding aviation activity as well as their perceptions of the sound it generates. By everyone, this means the people that live, work and play near the airport. It also means those that fly to, from and around the airport. You can't have a balanced assessment of anything if you don't look at the issue in its entirety.

The airport is asking that you – again, meaning anyone with an interest in the airport, stay informed of progress with the Noise Study. Watch for the meeting notices and please plan to attend. Airport staff will work hard to let everyone know of these meetings. Notices will be posted in the newspapers, will be mailed to residents near the airport, will be in this newsletter and we are working to assemble an email broadcast list to get information directly to your computer. We will be getting word out soon on how to get your email address on that list, so watch for that information.

In short, we want your input! The study will become more meaningful with the more input we receive. Please plan to become involved in this Noise Study update to help your airport be as neighbor friendly as it possibly can. Remember, your input will make the Noise Study a more valuable assessment.



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## 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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