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# From the HOA Board

To our HOA members, as the fiscal year for Mogollon Airpark comes to a close, we need your VOTE in the board election for four open positions. You should have received your voting packet and the corrected nomination form in the last few weeks. If you have not received the packet or corrected form, contact our HOAMCO Community Manager, Sherry Watson, at (928) 537-1067 Ext. 1404 or swatson@HOAMCO.com. If mailing your form, be sure that it is delivered to the election official by Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. The mailing address is:

> Election Official PO Box 340 Taylor, AZ 85939

Note: The packet includes an address form and window envelope for your convenience.

Or you can place your form in the ballot box by 1:00 pm at our annual meeting on Saturday, August  $7^{th}$ .

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Meade at <u>rmeade254@gmail.com</u>.

Thanks to all who participate in voting in our new board members.

## Mogollon Airpark News

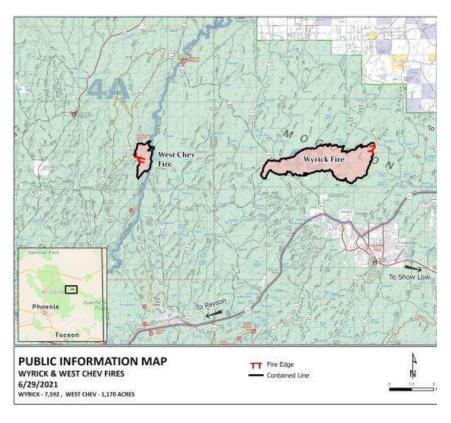
We are very thankful for the great July monsoon weather that is hydrating the flora and fauna of the national forests in Arizona. We often experience a fire risk season in the dry period after winter storms and before the monsoon season, usually around April – June. This is a time to be extremely cautious when it comes to lighting fires. Though dry conditions any time of the year are cause for caution.

As a common practice, we monitor the Heber-Overgaard Fire District website <u>www.hofdaz.com</u> and call the burn line (928) 535-6709 to ensure it is safe to have a fire or light a charcoal barbeque.

The airpark survived a near miss with the Wyrick Wildfire in June. We give our deepest thanks to all the fire fighter and emergency crews who successfully saved all buildings in Heber/Overgaard from burning. They did an excellent job communicating and coordinating the Ready, Set, Go orders for different sections of the towns. Here is a link with more information on the Wyrick along with the smaller West Chev fire:

Wyrick-West Chev Fire Daily Update June 24,2021 - InciWeb the Incident Information System (nwcg.gov)

Here is a map of the fires:



Smoke at Mogollon Airpark



#### Fire Bomber (Jason Payne)



# EAA Chapter 1044 News

### Pancake Breakfast a Success!

The EAA chapter held their annual Plane in the Pines Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was great and the weather cooperated for a very enjoyable time.







Twenty-four planes landed and a total of 393 breakfasts were served. There were several compliments to the food preparers and cooks <sup>(C)</sup> Way to go EAA members and volunteers!



Young Eagles Flights in 2021 The EAA chapter has held two highly successful Young Eagles Flight events on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> of this year. Pilots flew 16 kids in May and 17 kids in June. The next event is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>.





Thanks Young Eagles pilots and volunteers!



See the EAA Chapter 1044 Website for more information and pictures: http://eaachapter1044.org/

### Pie in the Sky High Altitude Recipes & Tips

One of the first things you learn when living at 6600 feet in altitude is that food cooks a little differently, especially baked goods. Mogollon has many talented cooks and we look forward to some delicious contributions to this section! For now, here is a link to Betty Crocker High Altitude Baking Tips: <u>https://www.bettycrocker.com/how-</u> to/tipslibrary/baking-tips/baking-<u>cooking-high-altitudes</u> Enjoy!

### **Items of Interest**

This issue's contribution to Items of Interest comes from Larry Driver and is an article in Sporty's catalog:

# The seven deadly sins of aviation communications

By John Zimmerman - July 12, 2021

Talking on the radio is always near the top of the list of concerns for student pilots. Nobody wants to sound bad in front of the "audience" of your fellow pilots, but the jargon used by pilots and controllers alike can make it hard to know what to say and when to say it. Sometimes if feels like you're learning a foreign language.



Communicating effectively is mostly a matter of knowing what to expect. There are plenty of great resources to improve your communications skills, whether you're brand new or have some time in your logbook. Read the FAA textbooks and the Aeronautical Information Manual, take an online course, and listen to other pilots with a portable radio. The skill you want to develop is the ability to anticipate what you're going to hear from ATC, then think before you key the mic. If you know what 2. Roger is not a read back. If ATC clears you for something, they usually expect a readback of that clearance, just to make sure both sides understand what's about to happen. Simply saying "roger" may sound cool, but it's not a readback. If ATC says "Cessna 12345, Kennedy Tower, taxi to runway 22R via Papa, Alpha, hold short of runway 31R," they want to know that you heard each part of that-in fact, it's required. "Roger" is going to get you chewed out. 3. Starting every transmission with "ah..." or "and..." We're all human, and sometimes the brain freezes when we key the mic. But some pilots regularly start every communication with "ah" or "and," as if it adds some airline captain guality to the remarks to follow. Don't do it. Again, airtime is valuable, and there's no benefit to be gained from these little pauses. Think before you start talking and you'll be more confident.

4. **TMI (too much information).** If you're at Middle-of-Nowhere Municpal on a Sunday night and there is no tower, nobody needs to know that you're taxiing from the ramp to taxiway Alpha. Certainly if you're crossing an active runway or starting your takeoff, a radio call is a good move, but focus on communicating important information. A good question to ask is, "how will this next radio call affect other pilots?" If it won't, keep quiet. You might tie up the 6. Using IFR fixes at a nontowered airport. This is the IFR equivalent of number 5, and it's just as bad (if not worse). You're a 15-hour student pilot on your first solo when you hear, "Stevens County traffic, Learjet 12345 is at KWIPS on the RNAV approach." You have no idea what an RNAV approach is, much less KWIPS. Again, it's a meaningless position report for a VFR pilot. Much better to say, "Stevens County traffic, Learjet 12345 is 5 miles northeast, straight in on the RNAV approach for runway 26."

7. "Any traffic in the area please **advise.**" Certainly the worst of the seven, this one is arrogant, wasteful, and should be punishable by prison time. OK, maybe not the last part, but there's simply no place for this phrase on the radio. You often hear it when an airplane first switches over to CTAF at a non-towered airport. But if want to get an idea of the traffic flow, listen to CTAF on your #2 com radio before switching over. Or, just listen for a minute before announcing your intentions. This takes up far less airtime and is much more considerate. It is not the responsibility of others in the pattern to announce their position every time a new airplane gets close.

Here's a bonus communication sin, one that's not really deadly but that might be surprising. For air-to-air communications, say between two airplanes flying in loose formation to you're likely to hear, it is much easier to understand ATC's instructions. Likewise, if you know what you want to say before you start talking, you'll sound more professional on the radio.

Learning how the ATC system works can take time, but fortunately it's fairly easy to avoid some common mistakes. There are a few things that can instantly make you sound less professional—let's call them the seven deadly sins of radio communication. These phrases should not be in your aviation vocabulary:

1. "With you." If you're flying cross country, you'll get switched to a new controller every so often. Sometimes it's a new approach control or center, sometimes it's just a new sector in the same facility. Regardless, a check in should be short and sweet: "Cincinnati Approach, Cessna 12345, 4000." There's no need to say "with you at 4000." It seems like a small thing, but it's wasted airtime and most controllers don't like it. radio for a neighboring airport that uses the same frequency.

5. Using local landmarks for position reports. Flight instructors are sometimes as guilty as anybody on this one. Imagine you're inbound to an unfamiliar airport without a control tower. You dutifully call up and say, "Jones Country traffic, Cessna 12345, 3 miles east, entering the 45 for left downwind runway 24." Anybody who's a pilot will know exactly where you are and what your intentions are. Now another airplane says, "Jones County traffic, Piper 54321 is over the red barn for downwind." While locals may know where the red barn is, as a transient pilot you are completely confused by this report. So avoid local landmarks and keep position reports based on distance to the airport.

the same fly-in, many pilots use "fingers" (123.45) to talk to each other en route. This is easy to remember, but it's actually the wrong frequency and is reserved for flight testing by commercial aircraft. The FAA is emphasizing that airplanes should use 122.75, while helicopters should use 123.02.

In the end, being a pro on the radio means being clear and concise. Say everything you need to say, but no more. As Shakespeare famously wrote, "brevity is the soul of wit." It's good advice for pilots too.

Thanks Larry ©

## **Our Community**

The Heber/Overgaard area has a good number of places to go and things to do. It is a "summer place" that is actually quite pleasant during the off season months as well. Watch this section for more details on upcoming events. Here are some links to event calendars and activities in the area. <u>Rim Community Center website</u> <u>Heber-Overgaard Chamber of Commerce</u> <u>Events</u> <u>Show Low Chamber of Commerce Events</u> <u>White Mountain Nature Center</u> <u>Navajo County Libraries Events Calendar</u>

## From the Editor

My husband Dennis and I have picked up the airpark newsletter from Ellen Randoll. Thanks Ellen, for seven years of fun facts and great information! We hope you enjoy our version of the newsletter as we move forward. This first release was to get our template up and going. We plan to focus primarily on airpark related news. But we also hope that members of the HOA will aid us in providing content you think other homeowners may find interesting. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Communicate with us by sending an email to: az82editor@gmail.com

Dennis & Kathy Collins – Lot 163

# **Airpark Information**

### Contact Us

### **Need to TALK TO SOMEONE? HOAMCO** is your first contact.

HOAMCO Property Management Sherry Watson, Community Manager Email: <u>SWatson@hoamco.com</u> Direct: (928) 537-1067 ext. 1404 Main: (928) 537-1067 Fax: (928) 537-1068 Website: www.hoamco.com

If she can't help you, she'll put you in contact with someone who can.

### Need a NOTARY?

Contact Barb if you need something notarized. This service is FREE for all airpark residents.

Barb Hagan: (602) 793-3600 BEHAGAN77@GMAIL.COM

### Activities

Hiking Group: Contact Kathy to be added to hiking IM group or email notification.

Kathy Collins: (602) 882-2020 kjcollinaz82@icloud.com

Scheduled ad hoc and based upon weather conditions. Suggestions are Welcome!

### **Weekly Activities**

Cards/Games: Thu @ 9am Tennis: Mon/Wed @ 11am (7:00 am Summer hours) Pickleball: Fri @ I Iam (7:00 am Summer hours) Potluck: Fri @ 5:30pm

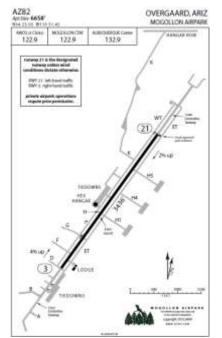
For more information visit our website or Facebook page.

## **Airpark Contact Information**

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### Member Website Access

To gain access to the member section you'll need to create a password. Just click on the Member tab, select Login/Register, enter your email address and a password, and then press Register. Once your information is verified you will receive an email and you are good to go.

The board meeting agendas, approved minutes and financial reports can be found there, along with a calendar that holds all the meeting dates and social activities going on at the airport.

#### Check out our website at www.mogollonairpark.com.



Welcome to Mogolion Airpark



#### **Check out our Facebook page**

@MogollonAirparkAZ82 to see posts from residents. You can find videos and photos and re-minders about upcoming events.

EAA Chapter 1044 Website http://eaachapter1044.org/

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