

Aircraft Locations

Comanche 9014PCHD
Archer 47601.....CHD
Arrow 31386.....DVT
Archer 30749.....DVT

The Arrow and Comanche will swap places in early October, after which the Arrow will be at CHD and the Comanche will be at DVT.

Maintenance

ED HIRROLD

30749

No report.

47601

No report.

31386

Electric trim repaired.

9014P

The new S-Tec autopilot has been installed. The Comanche is back on the line.

Update on Upgrades

RICK RIDENOUR

Approximately one-fourth of the members opted to pay the share increase assessment as a lump sum, while the other three quarters of the members chose the \$25-a-month plan. This results in about \$11,000 being available immediately for upgrades, with an additional \$900 each month for the next 40 months.

The first upgrade has been completed. Cutter Aviation has recently completed installing the S-Tec autopilot in 14P. The autopilot includes an altitude hold mode. The quote from Cutter was \$8200 plus the cost of a new directional gyro.

Additional upgrades will be performed as more money is collected. The Board is still leaning towards installing IFR GPS units in all of the aircraft as the majority of the upgrades. Members wishing to comment on the planned upgrades are invited to attend a board meeting in the near future.

Early Payment Any Time

TOM LESSOR

The board approved a motion at the July meeting to continue to allow members to pre-pay the share assessment and still receive full credit at the end of the assessment period. The club is incrementing the share value \$2.50 per month during the assessment period for those members that paid \$900 within 60 days.

Members repaying their lien to the current, maximum-accrued value will receive the \$2.50 credit for the remainder of the assessment period.

The board was acting upon the recommendation of a member.

The Safety Corner

AL GALVI

The year is half over, reminding us that all members on active flying status will require attendance at approved safety seminars. Those who will have been in the club six months or less by the time of their checkride will require only one seminar; all other members will require two seminars.

A very interesting opportunity to attend a particularly pertinent FAA seminar will be held Friday, September 14 and again on Friday November 16. It is called "Operation Raincheck" and will be at Sky Harbor in the evening. Those attending can participate on a tour the next day of both the Tower and the radar room.

These are very popular. If interested, suggest trying for an early reservation by calling Phoenix TRACON at 602-379-3684. It can be both informational and entertaining!

Speaking of checkrides, let's all join in welcoming Rob Kocak on the Club Instructor staff! Rob plans to offer service at Deer Valley in particular. Other instructors on the staff include Mike Bredimus, Gary Christopher, Al Galvi, Clint Hepner, Rod Johnson, and Neil Tracht.

Happy Flying

New Reservation System Update

RICK RIDENOUR

On August 1st we completed our switchover to the new scheduling system, hosted by AircraftClubs.com.

All reservations should now be made through the new system, either over the Internet at www.aircraftclubs.com, or through their phone line at (800) 555-8355, extension 36987.

If you have not received your username and password, please contact Tom Lessor or Rick Ridenour.

Please note that there are separate passwords for access through the phone system and through the Internet. If you received e-mail notification of your Internet password, you can obtain your phone password by accessing the aircraftclubs.com website. For those members who did not have an e-mail address on the club roster, you were contacted by phone and given your phone system password. If at some point in the future you wish to obtain your Internet password, you will need to contact Tom Lessor or Rick Ridenour.

Work Parties

DVT

The Bird Residue Removal Team (BRRT) tackled 749 early on Saturday, July 21st, and gave it a much-needed washing. 386 had the advantage of recently being returned to Deer Valley and got its second washing in as many months. Thanks to BRRT team members Mike Krum and Tom Lessor for showing up. "We were fortunate not to be outnumbered by aircraft," said Lessor.

CHD

The southern division of BRRT will gather for the next plane wash at Chandler on Saturday, August 18, at 7:30AM. Please contact Bob Skalka if you would like to pitch in.

New Tie-Down Spot at CHD

BOB SKALKA

Effective August 3rd, we have a new tie-down spot for the Comanche and Arrow at Chandler.

We have been given a partial shade space at Chandler airport. Accordingly, we have vacated open tie-down 501 in favor of space TS-7. TS-7 is located at the East End of the shade area near the main gate. It is only partially shaded. We will get the first full-shade space that opens in the future.

Archer 601 will remain in the same spot next to the terminal building for now.

Phoenix Flyers Has Moved!

Astute members with Internet access may have noticed the club address has changed from Chandler to Phoenix. No, we haven't abandoned Chandler and moved everything to Deer Valley. We just relocated our P.O. Box to accommodate the on-going transfer of the treasurer's responsibilities from Bob Skalka to Tom Lessor.

All members will receive a copy of the new address with this month's bill, but since that will be on the return envelope, and we're hoping that comes back to us, here's our new address:

Phoenix Flyers, Inc.
P.O. Box 82486
Phoenix, AZ 85071-2486

Joke of the Day

Two hunters got a pilot to fly them into the far north for elk hunting. They were quite successful in their venture and bagged six big bucks. The pilot came back, as arranged, to pick them up.

They started loading their gear into the plane, including the six elk. But the pilot objected and he said, "The plane can only take four of your elk; you will have to leave two behind." They argued with him; the year before they had shot six and the pilot had allowed them to put all aboard. The plane was the same model and capacity.

Reluctantly, the pilot finally permitted them to put all six aboard. But when the attempted to take off and leave the valley, the little plane could not make it and they crashed into the wilderness.

Climbing out of the wreckage, one hunter said to the other, "Do you know where we are?"

"I think so," replied the other hunter. "I think this is about the same place where we crashed last year."

(There's a lesson to be learned in there, by the way....)