

# THE PHOENIX FLYERS NEWSLETTER

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## Aircraft rate increase

That's kind of tacky. Happy New Year and oh, by the way, the cost of flying is going up! Everyone should have received the email regarding the aircraft rate increase approved by the board at the monthly meeting in December. The following hourly aircraft rates became effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

N30749	\$85
N47601	\$85
N493JL	\$115
N9014P	\$130

This is our first rate increase since October 2005 when the rates were adjusted for climbing fuel costs. Fuel has continued to climb since then as has the cost of the maintenance.

## Annual Meeting Information

Last month we told you to hold Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, as the date for our annual meeting. The meeting will be held downtown in the Collier Building at the law offices of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon on East Washington and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We'll be having a little more informal lunch this year (although most of our lunches are pretty informal). Once again we have gift cards to give away; two \$100 cards and two \$25 cards for Home Depot. The flyer enclosed with this month's billing statement has the particulars. If you're planning to attend please notify the treasurer via email at [ourtreasurer@phoenixflyers.org](mailto:ourtreasurer@phoenixflyers.org) and state how many will be attending. Members will be billed the actual cost of lunch for themselves and guests with their February statements.

## Monthly fixed fee to increase

One major agenda item to be discussed at the annual meeting is a planned increase to our monthly dues. Attend the meeting and join in the discussion.

## New at Goodyear (KGYR)

**Robert Travis:** Good news to West Valley Pilots, there is a new FBO in Town! Sun Western Flyers has joined forces with Angel Air to open a new FBO at Goodyear Airport (KGYR). Sun Western Flyers started in November and is handling all fueling and plane servicing needs out of the main terminal building at Goodyear. They are also hosting fly-ins for the New Year with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks from 10 AM to 2 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month through April; January 19<sup>th</sup> (*Editor's note: Skip this one and attend the annual meeting!*), February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Commemorative Air Force will also have their B-17G Flying Fortress "Sentimental Journey" at the fly-ins, available for rides. Call Sun Western Flyers at 623-932-1200 to schedule a ride.



**The Commemorative Air Force B-17G; "Sentimental Journey"**

To get to the Goodyear main terminal building and Sun Western Flyers take I-10 West to Litchfield Road, South on Litchfield to Central Road straight into the terminal.

# Aircraft Stuff

## Locations

### Chandler T-Shades      Deer Valley Hangars

Archer; N47601..... TS-10      Archer; N30749..... East 9-9  
Comanche; N9014P TS-2      Skylane; N493JL..... West 7-12

The rotation of the Skylane and Comanche is scheduled for **January 11th**.



## Maintenance



### **30749:**

- Overhead light cover is missing
- Still have rear air duct plastic to replace
- Brake rotors replaced
- Annual inspection scheduled for last two weeks of January

### **47601:**

- Oil changed
- Intermittent transponder repaired
- VOR antenna Balun replaced

### **493JL:**

- Oil changed
- GPS key backlighting intensity increased
- Battery replaced
- Autopilot reinstalled – all functions except tracking the heading bug work; troubleshooting continues on that issue

### **9014P:**

- Windshield still leaks
- Forward engine baffle bracket repaired

**Please remember to log oil use on the flight invoice!**

# The Safety Side

## “Fly Quiet Program”

From *The Chandler Flyer* (Of interest to all of us that fly in and out of Chandler): **H**ave 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 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.

**T**hat 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. 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.

**T**o help obtain the input necessary and assemble the full story, the airport will be holding a number of public meetings to gather that input. [Phoenix Flyers] will try to keep everyone informed so you can provide your input into the study.

Happy Flying

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