



# Phoenix Flyers Newsletter

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## Aircraft Locations

### Chandler

Hangar B-8: N47601

Hangar H-9: N493JL

### Deer Valley

Hangar 6-2: N30749

Hangar 7-12: N9014P

## Officers

### President

Jeff Quackenbush

### Vice President

Neil Tracht

### Secretary

Dan Streufert

### Treasurer

Tom Lessor

### Maintenance Officer

Ken Conteen

### Operations Officer

Bob Bohacik

### Safety Officer

Neil Tracht

## Board of Directors

Bob Bohacik

Ken Conteen

Tom Lessor

Jeff Quackenbush

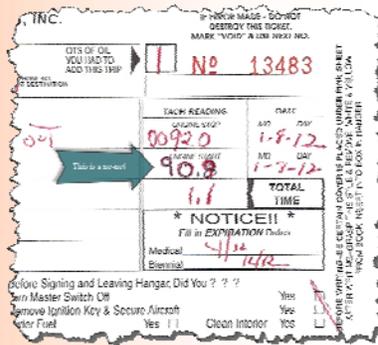
Dan Streufert

Neil Tracht

## Who's tenth of an hour is that?

by Tom Lessor, Treasurer

Or in the case of 601, who's hundredth of an hour is that? Every once in a while I get the invoice with the "corrected" start time; a time adjusted by a tenth or hundredth of an hour. It's usually accompanied with the comment the time was starting to roll over from the previous flight. Frequently it's reported on the same invoice contain-



Invoice with '90.8' overwritten

ing the error. You know the one. The one I've said in previous newsletters I shouldn't be getting because the correct procedure is to void the invoice with the incorrect time and start a new invoice (like it says in our operating procedures). + This fraction of an hour is always lost in billing. I don't go back to the previous invoice and add the time to it. I use the "corrected" time on the next invoice I process. And if that happens to be the next pilot's flight invoice (instead of a voided invoice) it results in an error on the billing validation report. But who really owns that fraction of an hour? + If the fraction wheel is moving at all to the next number

before you shut down, it's yours. I know it may be hard to determine some time. But if you're sitting in the plane with a flashlight and magnifying glass wondering if the time is starting to change, you most likely think it is (or you wouldn't have pulled out the magnifying glass). So round that fraction up. And if you're the next pilot and the time starts changing as soon as you start the engine? That fraction is yours.

## The payment I look forward to

by Tom Lessor, Treasurer

9 don't have to look at the return address when I get a payment from Jim Space. I recognize his envelope immediately. Jim doesn't use Forever Stamps. His payments always come stamped with those unusual denominations associated with commemoratives. And a lot of them! Whatever it takes to make up the price of first class postage. I'm guessing Jim is a philatelist. Yep, that's a stamp collector. I had to look it up. + If we ever make it to electronic payments I hope Jim continues to write checks.



## Seeking a board member

It would appear Dan Streufert, one of our members that has been around for a bit (ten years according to the anniversary list) has decided to join two other of our former members and become the third partner in the Skalka-Kallman Comanche; now known as the Skalka-Kallman-Streufert Comanche. Dan, as you know, is our secretary. And when he told us back in May he had purchased the third share, he said he didn't want to leave the board in a lurch and would remain in the club until we found his replacement.

What was he thinking? If we don't look for a replacement he'll never leave until his board term expires in 2014! Okay, not fair to Dan. So we should probably make some sort of announcement.

A vacancy is coming available on the board of directors. The board is looking for a member interested in filling Dan's position through January 2014. The position requires a modicum of dedication to attend monthly board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month; alternating between Deer Valley and Chandler. Interested members should submit their name to the board of directors or attend the next scheduled meeting in person. We realize we're not giving you much notice but hey, if we don't find a replacement at this meeting there's always the next. Or the one after that. There's a lot of meetings before January 2014.

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## Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 24th, 2012 in the Chandler Municipal Airport pilots' lounge. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

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## Membership Status

As of July 1, 2012

**40 Active Members**

- **June Anniversaries** -

**Chris Bemis - 15 years**

**Tom Lessor - 13 years**

**Ed Miller - 6 years**

**Jim Space - 11 years**

**Chris Steenhoek - 12 years**

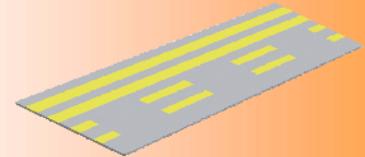
**Dan Streufert - 10 years**

**Neil Tracht - 23 years!**

## Safety Side

by Tom Lessor; editor

I was confused when the FAA replaced "taxi into position and hold" with "line up and wait". I was under the impression it was done to enhance safety and I could not for the life of me figure out how the new verbiage was going to accomplish that. So I was planning on a whole article here, presenting statistics on how the new phraseology has failed to improve the occurrences of incursions in the airport operating area. Turns out the reason for the change was primarily to standardize the phraseology with that used by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Go figure.



According to one article however the terminology is still safer. ICAO employed it to reduce confusion for non-native English speaking pilots that could confuse "position and hold" with "position and roll" or "hold position". There's no confusion with "line up and wait" however. Unless maybe you call for takeoff clearance without actually being at the hold line. In which case you might line up behind someone else and wait. Or figure you're already "lined up" where you are and you'd just sit there. Maybe there's some statistics somewhere that I could research to see if there has been a safety improvement, but if I just think of it as done for standardization there's really no need and I can just wrap this newsletter up. Sounds like a plan.

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## No graphic artists

Apparently we have no graphic artists in the club. We haven't had a lot of submissions for a new logo. We've had one. Jeff McTaggart submitted a concept document claiming "no artistic skills whatsoever". It's in the running. Maybe nobody wants a Sporty's flight bag. Or there's one or two of you out there still working on your designs. We'll wait a little longer.