

AIRSPACE

Use caution when flying in the area west of the Estrella mountains in the area of the Mobile Airport in Rainbow Valley. The airport has been sold to a private party who is going to be using it for government contract parachute operations. So provide the airport a wide berth to avoid the drop operations.

A new instrument approach at Coolidge airport is in use by CAE, so use a bit more caution in the area. There are no other airspace items to be aware of at the moment. All seems to be running smoothly, always check NOTAMS, and always fly informed, and safe.

PILOT DEVIATIONS

I recently saw some information that was a bit unsettling, the number of pilot deviations over a relative short time period that the SDL-FSDO has to deal with. Seeing this information, hopefully we all will be a bit more careful in our flying, and not make any deviations.

During the period from February 11, thru the first week of March, there were twelve pilot deviations submitted to the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) for action. These deviations are being made by Student Pilots, CFIs with students, Private pilots, and commercial pilots. These errors have included not holding short of a runway when told to, taxiing onto a runway with an aircraft on short final, entering the Bravo airspace without a clearance, entering an airport Delta airspace without contacting the tower, not following flight instructions give by the tower, and taxiing without permission in an an airport controlled movement area. When you are cleared onto a runway for takeoff, always take a look at the approach to make certain no one is on short final, realize, pilots aren't the only ones to make a mistake. Given, we live and fly in a very complex, and busy airspace. So be careful, be aware of what you are doing, and who may be near you, and please, always fly safe. Don't make a pilot deviation.

EAA CHAPTER 1445 FEBRUARY AVIATION ACCIDENT SUMMARY by Jim Timm Arizona Pilots Association

The following are the reports of aviation accidents that have occurred in Arizona from late January, thru late February. APA will use this detailed accident information to develop safety programs, briefings, and posters/flyers that would help pilots learn from the mistakes being made by others, and take the action necessary to prevent them from having similar accidents.

Aviation safety was not very good this past reporting period in that there were nine accidents reported by the FAA, and the Aviation Safety Network (ASN). Fortunately, none of them had serious injuries or fatalities, and it's difficult to understand why we had this sudden dramatic increase in occurrences. For the first part of the year the numbers were down, and I had hoped they would stay down, but they didn't. Please everyone, be a bit more cautious in your flight operations.

Hopefully the NTSB will be getting their new and improved accident reporting website up and operating again soon. But, in the mean time, here are the results from the ASN, and FAA notes.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE ASN & FAA

Date: January 31, 2020

Location: Sedona

Aircraft: Cirrus SF50

Injuries: 3 Uninjured

NOSE GEAR COLLAPSED ON LANDING

The aircraft experienced a nose gear collapse upon landing at Sedona Airport (SEZ). The airplane sustained minor damage and the three occupants onboard were not injured during the incident.

Accident Date: February 7, 2021

Location: Chandler

Aircraft Type: Piper PA28-180

Injuries: 1 Uninjured

IN FLIGHT LOSS OF ENGINE COWL

The aircraft sustained unspecified wing damage subsequent to an inflight detachment of the unsecured engine cowling during an attempted return to the point of departure at Chandler Municipal Airport (KCHD). The cowling hit the wing when it detached, and landed in an apartment complex north of the airport.

Accident Date: February 8, 2021

Location: Mesa

Aircraft Type: McDonnell-Douglas MD500E

Injuries: 2 Uninjured

HARD LANDING

While practicing autorotations, the McDonnell Douglas MD 500E (369E) aircraft experienced a main rotor blade strike to the tail boom subsequent to a hard landing at Falcon Field Airport (FFZ), Mesa. The helicopter sustained substantial damage and the two pilots onboard were not injured during the accident.

Accident Date: February 10, 2021
Location: Chandler (P19)
Aircraft Type: Cessna 337D
Injuries: Uninjured, Number UNK.

GEAR UP LANDING

The Cessna 337D airplane made a gear up landing at Stellar Airpark in Chandler. The airplane sustained damage to the belly of the airplane, and the occupants were uninjured in the incident.

Accident Date: February 12, 2021
Location: Gold Canyon
Aircraft Type: Stearman IB75A
Injuries: 1 Uninjured

IN FLIGHT LOSS OF POWER

Following a loss of engine power during aerobatic maneuvering, the aircraft landed in desert terrain near Gold Canyon, Arizona. The biplane was not damaged and the sole pilot onboard was not injured during the incident. The airplane had departed FFZ and was planning on returning to FFZ. The airplane landed in the desert just south of the Renaissance Festival grounds.

Accident Date: February 16, 2021
Location: Quartzsite
Aircraft Type: Cub Crafters Carbon Cub CCK-1865
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

GROUND LOSS OF CONTROL

The aircraft, an experimental Kara K Cornum amateur built Carbon Cub CCK-1865, experienced cactus contact and subsequent ground loop to ditch terrain in La Paz County at Quartzsite Airport, Quartzsite, Arizona. The tailwheel equipped airplane sustained substantial damage, and the two occupants onboard were not injured.

Accident Date: February 18, 2021
Location: Carefree
Aircraft Type: Aviat A-1C-200
Injuries: 2 Uninjured

LOSS OF CONTROL LANDING

The aircraft sustained unreported damage subsequent to a ground loop during landing at Sky Ranch at Carefree (18AZ). The two occupants onboard were not injured during the incident. The airplane had departed Albuquerque-Double Eagle Airport with a destination of Sky Ranch, Carefree.

Accident Date: February 24, 2021
Location: St Johns
Aircraft Type: American Yankee AA-18
Injuries: 1 Uninjured

HARD LANDING

The American AA-18 Yankee departed Phoenix Goodyear Airport (GYR) for Saint Johns Municipal Airport (SJN), and the aircraft experienced unreported damage subsequent to a hard landing in gusting wind conditions at St Johns Industrial Air Park.

Accident Date: February 27, 2021
Location: Marana
Aircraft Type: Cessna 150E
Injuries: 1 Minor Injuries

IN FLIGHT LOSS OF POWER

The Cessna 150E departed Chandler Municipal Airport (CHD) on a ferry/positioning flight to Avra Valley Airport (AVQ), and experienced an inflight loss of power, and made a forced landing in a farm field southeast of Pinal Airpark (MZJ). The airplane came to rest inverted, sustaining substantial damage, and the sole pilot received minor injuries.