# Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

## Yavapai County Sheriff's Air Group, Inc.

**Meeting Minutes**

**25 September 2013**

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**CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 pm** Bud Lathrop

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Membership

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Dan Berry

**Dan Berry**
**Lenard Bleininger**
**Scott DeArman**
**Farrell Harris**
**Ray Johnson**
**Bob Kurapkat**
**Bud Lathrop**
**Mike Liversidge**
**John Olsen**
**Don Timmerman**
**Noel Urban**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS** Bud Lathrop

Sergeant Scott Joy of the Sheriff's office joined the meeting at 7:15. See new business section below.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Bud Lathrop

Minutes of 28 August 2013 were approved. Moved by Mike Leversidge, seconded by Scott DeArman

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Mel Tiensvold

Treasurer Mel Tiensvold was not in attendance and Bud mentioned that no expenses were incurred over this period.

**COMMANDER'S REPORT** Bud Lathrop

A goodwill (Unofficial) SAR mission was made on 19 Sept, Bud Lathrop pilot, Noel Urban observer. Bud was contacted by Hugh Vallely of the Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management to assist in locating two burros in Verde Valley. No burros were located but they were later found by others near the detention center. This should generate some good will with the office.

**OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORT** Noel Urban

No official activations to date

**Steering committee review reports**

Background check form -Mal Barrett will have an attorney review the document and give an opinion.

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Procedures to follow  Dan Berry and Mike Liversidge to follow up
**Responding to requests by other agencies**.  Bud mentioned that there was an official agreement to allow us to do this with former Sheriff Waugh in 2008.  Bud will pass this on and determine how to reinstate this.

Mike Leversidge will draft a request to the PRC tower for an agreement as required by the airport to use our Air Group call sign etc.

**Comments on the National Forest**
Scott DeArman reported that he had a conversation with Andy Mullinnix, Enforcement Officer (on medical leave) of the Prescott National Forest and that Andy sees some resistance within the Forest Service management to use the Sheriff's Air Group for their enforcement and other missions as opposed to using the state and federal air search resources.

**Smoke patrol -- Case number  (13-016857)**
When asked, Sgt. Joy requested that we continue the smoke patrols as possible for another 2 or 3 weeks.

**FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICER REPORT** Farrell Harris

**Training Exercise:**

Farrell reviewed the training exercise of 16 September.  14-4046T  Pilot Bud Lathrop, Observer Mike Liversidge.

**Qualify Jim Thresher as observer**; Farrell has not been able to contact Jim

**TRACON Report – Mike Liversidge**
Mike gave a PowerPoint presentation from the FAA Phoenix Terminal Radar Approach Control on the changes and creation of a new Phoenix TRACON.  Basically it means that below the approach altitudes for Phoenix approach new areas of control will be effective December 12 at 1300 for approach into and out of Phoenix, including areas around and north of Prescott.  The presentation will be forwarded by Mike and posted on our website.

**ADJUTANT REPORT** Dan Berry

**October availability**

**Pilot**
Dan Berry except 10/29-31
Bud Lathrop

**Observer**
Scott DeArman
Bud Lathrop

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Bud Lathrop

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Mal Barrett, Jr.  Return of spurned wings-still open

**NEW BUSINESS** Bud Lathrop

Sgt. Joy introduced himself to the group.  He has been with the Sheriff's department since 1997 and has had assignments in patrol, SWAT, K9 and training. Part of his present assignment with the YCSO is to be

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in charge of the SAR groups including the Air Group. He assured those present that he values the Air Group and that he looks forward to working with us. He asked for a list of capabilities from the group and mentioned that although the Sheriff's department now has a helicopter, he realized the capability of fixed wing aircraft in covering a broader area during a mission. Bud offered to have Sgt. Joy and his team members go a flight, either in a training mission or otherwise to better understand what can be observed from the air. Sgt. Joy mentioned that they may be interested in going along on an actual mission in the future. Noel will arrange for a flight for Sgt. Joy and/or his team.

The concern over the background check form confidentially was mentioned to Sgt. Joy. He responded that all Sheriff's department personnel including volunteers are required to submit the background check form. Mike Liversidge commented that it is only the confidentially aspect that is of concern and Sgt. Joy said that he would check on the details although this being a new assignment for him, it may be a while before he can get back to us.

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**MEMBER COMMENTS**. Members
**none**

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE** Bud Lathrop

30 October 2013

**ADJOURNMENT 8:20 pm**

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