



# HSAC

Helicopter Safety Advisory Conference

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## Aerial Observation Committee

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| 1230 | Anti-Trust Statement, Introductions, and Overview              | Winston Seiler  |
| 1235 | Recap on Previous Meeting and Action Items                     | Winston Seiler  |
| 1245 | ATC and Pipeline Patrol – LOA's, Traffic Flow, & Deconfliction | Cody McClelland |
| 1330 | Low Level Public Complaints – FAA vs. Local Enforcement        | All             |
| 1400 | Safety, Incident Reporting, and Shares                         | Winston Seiler  |
| 1420 | RP for Obstacle Hazard Avoidance                               | All             |



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## ATC and Pipeline Patrol – LOA's, Traffic Flow, & Deconfliction – Cody McClelland

Goal of Letters of Agreement are to get aircraft through airspace efficiently and with minimal communication.

- Provide as much documentation as possible, including schedule and Google Earth .kml files
- Keep the LOA current, update when route or company contacts change
- Do not assume that LOA's are shared with neighboring airports, and should engage both TRACON and Tower at Bravo Airports (think of Tower and TRACON as separate entities)
- Generally 2-3 weeks for approval
- Do not assume that the controllers are experienced – majority of controllers have 2.5 or fewer years of experience, there is lots of turnover



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## Low Level Public Complaints – FAA vs. Local Enforcement

Complaints about low level aircraft have increased significantly since the start of the pandemic

- Individuals working from home who were previously unaware of pipelines near home, and patrols that occurred during work hours when they were in the office
- Field complaints professionally and cordially
- Get the name and phone number of all people making the complaints
- Maintaining a good relationship with the local FSDO is key to mitigating these complaints.



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## Safety, Incident Reporting, and Shares

2022:

- 2 ASRS reports related to Pipeline Patrol
- 1 Pipeline Patrol Fatal Accident (C206, Marlin, TX)
- 1 Pipeline Patrol forced landing
- Several accidents similar to our type work

## Voluntary Safety Shares

- Value of Post Maintenance Inspection Checklist



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## Recommended Practices, Efforts to Keep RP's Current

New RP, Drafted for Submission to HSAC Board:

- RP 23-01 Tower and Obstruction Hazards

Revisions Made to Existing RP's will be submitted to HSAC Board:

- 2006-02 Preferred Equipment Fit (Added ADS-B, Hazard Advisor)
- 2006-03 Captain Minimums (Added reference to Ab Initio Training)
- 2009-01 Pilot/Observer Training (Removed Links, Minor Text Editing)

For Future Review with Revisions Recommended by Group:

- 2006-01 Preferred Maintenance Guidelines
- 2008-01 Flight Following
- 2013-01 Fatigue Management