

HELICOPTER SAFETY ADVISORY CONFERENCE

New Orleans Airport Plaza Hotel

January 15, 2004

MINUTES

INTRODUCTION

Gary Tucker, Co-Chairman

Chairman Tucker welcomed the members to the first meeting of 2004 and encouraged questions anytime during the meeting.

- Acknowledgement to Bell Helicopter, Mr. Bob Pope, for Bell's hospitality social on Wednesday evening.
- Acknowledgement to Euro Copter, Mr. Jeff Lemon, for the morning's breakfast.
- Acknowledgement to Sikorsky, Mr. P.O. "Chip" Washington for lunch at the conclusion of the meeting.

Bob Williams, ExxonMobil

- First meeting of the HSAC Risk Reduction Working Group was October 2003 to discuss 5-year accident history and the negative trends in 2003.
- Worldwide Fleet Accident Percentage
 - 66% single engine
 - 12% light twin
 - 19% medium twin
 - 12% heavy twin
- GoM 2003: 15-accidents
 - Most fatal accidents recorded in one calendar year
 - Highest annual number of fatalities in one calendar year
 - Accident rate for 2003 is 3.88.
 - All accidents since 2001 have been single engine aircraft.
- Causes 1998 to 2003
 - 53%: Pilot Procedure
 - 27%: Technical
 - 06%: Fuel Quality
 - 06%: Passenger, HLO
 - 04%: Mid Air
 - 04%: Weather, not CFIT
 - 02%: Unknown

- For copy of full presentation e-mail robert.g.williams@exxonmobil.com.
- HSAC RP Drafts approved: Offshore Helideck Inspections and Jet Fuel Quality Control Procedures.
- REMINDER: Operators annual HSAC statistics due by January 31st. E-mail information to robert.g.williams@exxonmobil.com.
- Next meeting for the HSAC Risk Reduction Working Group will be March 23rd in Lafayette, LA.

Casey Lowery, Co-Chairman

- Introduced and welcomed new members:
 - PetroCom, Regular Member
 - Professional Airspace Support Service, Associate Member
 - Professional Helicopter Pilot Association, Associate Member
- MMS maintains a current list of operators and phone numbers for offshore platforms. HSAC is working to place this information on the website.
- HSAC will be collecting annual support donations from members at the May 2004 meeting. John Davis, Treasurer, is now self-employed. Co-chairmen Tucker and Lowery will be interim Co-Treasurer.
- There is consideration to expand the website. Helidecks (size & description) could be cataloged and included on the website.

Bill Stiles, HSAC/FAA Interface

- There is an agreement to by the Government to fund installation of 12 AWOSs offshore in GoM.

Gary Guerrero, Heliports and Airways

- AWOS offshore GoM
 - > ChevronTexaco, Shell, ERA, PHI, Air Logistics, and ERA cooperating with FAA to locate AWOSs in GoM.
 - > Installation of AWOSs to begin in 2005.
 - > Operators will provide transportation for FAA to maintain equipment.
 - > Oil Companies will provide platform real estate for equipment at no charge.
 - > FAA will contact with MITRE to determine best sites.
 - > Roy Savage and Ann Carroll, HAI attended two meetings in Washington and provided their support for the project. FAA cooperative.
- Helideck Design Guide: API – RP L2 has been sent to API for publication. The document will provide technical information to any engineer for design and construction of an offshore helideck.

Bob Williams

- ICAO Annex 14 meeting at general meeting at 13:00.
- Introduced Bob Bonanni, FAA Washington
 - UK visit in February for meeting on helidecks.
 - Formal meeting in spring or summer.
 - FAA Advisory Circular on helidecks forthcoming.

Gary Tucker

- Congratulation to Bill Stiles for his 24-years of participation and service to HSAC. Tom Workman will replace Bill as HSAC/FAA Interface.

Rick Oeder, Government Liaison

- All in this Industry must remain alert to the real threat of terrorism.
- Introduced Jim Hicks who stated, “My boss is not happy. Scrambling on too many helicopters and filling out Form 61s.”

- 16-Events from November 1, 2003 to January 12, 2004.
 - 11-01-03: Helo squawking wrong code. Scramble
 - 11-06-03: SK76 flight plan filed but not activated/ATC. Scramble
 - 11-11-03: B407 transponder problems. No scramble
 - 11-15-03: Bell helo not squawking any code/landed on rig. Scramble
 - 11-21-03: SK76 transponder went inoperative during flight. Scramble
 - 11-22-03: B412 squawking wrong code. Scramble
 - 12-16-03: B222 squawking wrong code. No scramble
 - 12-19-03: Helo squawking wrong code. No scramble
 - 12-29-03: B206 bad weather too low for radios. No scramble
 - 12-30-03: B412 ATC slow to relay ID information. No scramble
 - 01-01-04: Helo squawking wrong code. No scramble
 - 01-04-04: Helo squawking code 5554. No scramble
 - 01-10-04: Aircraft should not have gone unknown. Scramble
 - 01-11-04: B206 squawking last year's code 4336. No scramble
 - 01-12-04: B206 squawking last year's code 4311. No scramble
 - 01-12-04: Bell helo squawking last year's code 4336. Scramble
- Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR) are announced by the Secret Service. In this election year, expect a large number of TFRs nationwide.
- TFRs are issued by the FAA. DoD provides security. Agreed that last minute notice and changes do not accommodate pilots.

Paul Michel, Port Director

- Government organization now titled, *Customs and Border Protection*
- Duties include examining cargo coming into port.
- Customs #1 objective is terrorism. Narcotics are now #2 on the priority list.
- Prosecute warrants, both federal and civil
- Outreach Programs
- Website is cbp.gov
- Galliano Office; 16819 East Main Street; Cut Off, LA 70345. (985)632-8182. Cellular phone direct, (985)397-1871.

Tom Suhrhoff, Industrial Liaison

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Ken Huete, ChevronTexaco

With the assistance of Bob Williams who contacted OEMs, the first meeting of the Technical Committee was convened on Wednesday, January 14th. Excellent discussion.

- Discussed NTSB issues for the past 5-years.
- RP suggested on time change intervals for PC airlines.
- RP suggested to include 9-passenger-or-less aircraft on Required Inspection Item (RII).
- Better sharing of information via HSAC website. Data base could simply include part number, total time on part, and digital photo.

Frank Colby, Fish Spotters

- Season begins April 19th through October 1st.
- Maps and frequency stickers are available by calling (337) 898-0992. E-mail fkcolby@cox-internet.com
- Annual Safety Meeting will be held at Perry's Flying Service at Patterson Airport. Social hour from 09:00 to 10:00 and safety meeting begins at 10:00. Lunch will be served at 12:00. Encourage helicopter pilots to attend.

New Business

Frequency conflict on 123.00. Air Logistics, South LaFourche Airport and Stennis all on same frequency. Will discuss with airport manager to change frequency.

Gary Tucker closed meeting at 11:50 and thanked the members for the excellent turnout.