



**COMMENTS POSTED
ON STUDY WEBSITE**

SCOTTSDALE AIRPORT
PART 150 NOISE COMPATIBILITY STUDY UPDATE
Website Forum Record

A website was made available to area residents interested in the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study Update. Registered users of the website were given the opportunity to post their comments through a website-based forum. Following are the messages posted to the forum during the Noise Compatibility Program Update process.

Scottsdale Airport

Author: Christine Schild (---.biz.rr.com)
Date: 07-23-04 10:01

I have been a resident of Scottsdale for over 11 years and have lived in the flight path for Scottsdale Airport for over 5 years.

My husband lived near the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Center as a child and his parents live in the flight path for Long Beach, CA airport, so we are very knowledgeable about airplane noise and how loud it can get.

I rarely hear the airplanes that are flying in and out of Scottsdale Airport, even when I am outside.

The level of noise, in my opinion, is de minimis and does not affect our quality of life in any way.

I enjoy watching the planes as they come over the mountains and head for the airport.

Ridiculous Argument

Author: Kathleen Feuerstein (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 07-23-04 10:50

My husband and I have been Scottsdale residents now for 9 months. This whole argument is ridiculous. I am thoroughly disgusted at the people complaining about air traffic when they HAD TO HAVE KNOWN about the airport BEFORE purchasing their home, or they didn't do their homework (and the fault lies with them). ANYONE driving down Frank Lloyd Wright (a VERY main road) will see the airport and anyone driving through North Scottsdale will see the air traffic. This is like moving near a known racetrack and complaining that you hear cars. Hello!?! Are people asleep or just plain crazy? My husband and I thoroughly enjoy the planes and helicopters. We are not "airplane buffs" and have never lived anywhere near an airport before. Yes, I do hear the planes and I have been awakened by an occasional low-flying aircraft, but deductive reasoning told me this could/would happen BEFORE I purchased my home. If you don't love North Scottsdale, leave it. Perhaps, I'll get a good deal on your million-dollar home.

Aircraft noise

Author: James Kingery (---.ph.ph.cox.net)
Date: 07-26-04 17:31

I am a long-time resident of the 52nd Street/Sweetwater area. My home lies directly under one of the arrival/departure radials, and very near one of the racetrack flightpaths used by "touch and go" aircraft. I only occasionally feel that aircraft make excessive noise. Generally when being "run-up" at the far SW runway terminus, especially during cool, damp weather. (seldom a problem here)

I have absolutely no problem with military fixed-wing or rotary wing usage, as they seldom approach Scottsdale unless they have a problem. My experience says that the older HU1E and Cobra gunships have the highest sound levels. They are distinct due to their wide, 2-blade rotor design. Most more modern rotary designs are inherently "stealthy", in that they sneak up on you, then quickly fade away.

The only private aircraft which draw my attention are the very loud (when low) Lear aircraft, and the one GIII Gulfstream aircraft. Perhaps my attention is drawn to this aircraft due to its size, but the pilot seems to consistently choose a departure with a short-radius turn to the northwest, when having taken off to the SW.

Aircraft Noise

Author: charles smith (---.ph.ph.cox.net)

Date: 07-26-04 20:19

We have lived at our current address, 10195 e. whispering wind dr. for three and one half years. During this period we have experienced increasing incidents of low flying aircraft, mostly private jets but also a growing number of helicopters. Several of the private jets are very noisy. In fact, the noise from some of these small jets rival noise levels generated by much larger jets, such as commercial aircraft. We are also very concerned over the growing number of commuter flights recently announced.

The noise these aircraft generate is a nuisance that we did not anticipate when we purchased our property and built a home.

After reading the findings contained in your report I do not understand why we are experiencing more, rather than fewer incidents of noisy, low flying aircraft.

Obviously we encourage implementation of any and all restrictions that would lessen the detrimental effect these aircraft are having on the environment North and East of the Scottsdale Airport.

Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2004 11:42 AM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 66.

Subject: What about pilot "control" ???
Author: G. Myers
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=66&t=66&admview=1>

Gee, your latest diagrams and studies are very nice. Unfortunately everything you have shown that I have seen has to do with people who would be "moving into" the areas indicated (A-1,A-2).

What about the THOUSANDS of people who already live here ??? When are you ever going to address PILOT CONTROLS or somehow put the responsibility on the PILOTS WHERE IT BELONGS ??? The houses are there, they can't move ! The pilots don't have to fly out into the A-1 zone unless they just feel like it. I have seen these people fly WAY north to make some huge sweeping turn like they are flying a 747 or something. How about putting SOMETHING in your study about the pilots responsibility ????? WHEN WILL YOU DO THIS ????? EVER ???

You keep talking about what already exists. How about talking about something that can be changed ??? Houses can't be moved.

Pilots CAN change their flying habits and ATTITUDES.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2004 11:48 AM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 67.

Subject: re: Ridiculous argument
Author: G. Myers
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=67&t=67&admview=1>

Hey lady, since you have only been here for 9 months, you obviously are not as informed as you think you are. As far as insulting the residents of Scottsdale and your neighbors, perhaps you should get all of the facts by talking with some of your neighbors. You are showing your ignorance by saying the things you've said.

The facts are that when many of us bought our homes, the noise wasn't very bad at all. It has gotten progressively WORSE over the past few years, which is obvious because of the study being conducted. Of course, you wouldn't know about that since you have only been on the area a few months.

Next time you should check the facts and talk with your neighbors instead of calling us/them "whiners" and acting like WE have a problem and didn't do our homework. You are insulting alot of people when you do that.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2004 1:10 PM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 68.

Subject: comment on aircraft
Author: Kathy Watson-Johnson
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=68&t=68&admview=1>

I live near the top of the McDowell Mountain Ranch development. Yes the airport was there when I purchased my home. I had no problem with the little planes going in and out of the airport. My problem is the rise in jet traffic. These jets are MUCH louder than the little prop planes that frequented the skies when we moved here.

It is ridiculous to say the airport was here when you bought so love it or leave it. The skies are completely different now than when we moved here. The jets fly in at all hours and are far louder. They also seem much lower than 1000 feet. I am guessing they start a turn at the required height but we live higher up than the airport so they are flying too low over our houses.

The hills behind our house have had several crashes over the years, granted these were smaller planes, but apparently height is an issue.

I would vote for limiting jet traffic, if it was up to a vote. At the very least, insist they fly higher and as quietly as possible. Oh, and if you can, stop allowing flights in the middle of the night. It is unfair to wake up an entire development so somebody can get an early start.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 01, 2004 11:50 AM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 69.

Subject: jet noise
Author: catherine hopkins
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=69&t=69&admview=1>

Recently have noticed, while outside in the pool, jets flying over my home. This is new. Used to be a small aircraft here and there, but, now about every half hour last weekend, corporate jets were going over disturbing the peace.

Wrote to the city and received this website as a reply, much to my surprise. When looking for a home, I avoided anything near the airport cause didn't want the traffic. Alas, here it is. Hope this site is not just a "let off steam" site, however, truly looking at community opposition to corporate jets and steady airport traffic. Think most people can drive the 20-30 min to Skyharbor. If not, run there.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2004 9:05 PM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 70.

Subject: Noise Compatibility Study
Author: D. Landreville
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=70&t=70&admview=1>

-The basis for using the FAA DNL for noise measurement is flawed. Noise level should be based on: 1.) the total number of occurrences above an acceptable level in a specific time period, 2.) the degree above the acceptable level, 3.) the duration of the noise.

- Departure on 21 should not be to 300 degrees as soon as possible, but rather south along Scottsdale Road until an acceptable altitude is reached, then west along Cactus Road.

- All departures should climb immediately to a minimum height that will minimize noise at takeoff.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2004 11:15 AM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 71.

Subject: 70street & Speedwater
Author: Michael McCarthy
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=71&t=71&admview=1>

Hello, my name is Michael McCarthy & my number is 602 881 5660 E mail luney2ns@cox.net. Please feel free to call or e-mail me.
I live directly under the main runway for landings. I have attended the "meetings for noise control" and although it was nice of the government to give Scottsdale \$286,590.00 of our tax dollars to play with I think a large number of people that live on both sides of the airport agree that after this study is completed Scottsdale will know what everyone else knows there is a noise problem and that there is nothing that the airport will or can do because the fed. Government will pull there funding if the airport puts a curfew into effect or tries to limit any other revenue generating part of the airport. Although it should not be it is left up to us as neighbors to get together and do something i.e. petition to make someone take notice otherwise we will be having the same conversations 20 years from now.
Lastly please read the master plan on the main page and let me know if it reads as though the airport IS going to be expanded.
If you do call or e-mail me remember if you are for noise reduction than we are on the same side and if not remember you are dealing with a human being.

Sincerely,

Michael McCarthy

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2004 9:27 PM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 72.

Subject: Significant Improvement
Author: J. Marty Gendron
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=72&t=72&admview=1>

Missed the workshop last night. Wanted to comment that I have seen significant noise reduction in the last several months. I greatly appreciate the (mostly successful) efforts by the helicopter pilots to reduce power and thereby noise. Hopefully they will keep working on it!

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2004 9:37 AM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 73.

Subject: Make the curfew mandatory
Author: Bob Giammarco
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=73&t=73&admview=1>

Well the real solution to this problem is to ban stage 2 aircraft at Scottsdale.

Since the feds will never let that happen, the next best thing would be a MANDATORY curfew from 9:00 PM until 7:00 AM. The voluntary curfew in place now is a joke. It is regularly broken, especially in the AM.

As an additional note, despite the propaganda in the local media, it is very rare that a small prop plane that is the source of disturbing noise. Jets and Helicopters are the problem. Over the past two years the number of Jets has increased dramatically.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2004 5:31 PM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 74.

Subject: Motorcycles are louder than jets

Author: Rich Garigen

Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=74&t=74&admview=1>

I live on 94th Street and Bell Road and do not see the jet noise as a problem. I find the loud Harley's a bigger nuisance and we should probably work towards curbing that noise pollution. And I actually like motorcycles. Those seem to be louder than any private jet.

We all knew where the airport resided when we purchased our homes here and I understand that flight paths will change once in awhile, but the airport was there years before any of us. There is increased traffic due to an increase in population and we are all a part of that problem.

I haven't kept up on every piece that has been written about this situation, but it seems to me that this is akin to building a home near the 101 and then complaining about the traffic. For example, the traffic on Bell Road and 94th St. (when Westworld is operating) is busy and very loud, especially the motorcycles, but I decided to buy this place and I have to live with it.

Respectfully,

Rich Garigen

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 04, 2004 4:41 PM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 75.

Subject: Noise Reduction
Author: Pat Murphy
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=75&t=75&admview=1>

I purchased a home in the Scottsdale area a little over a year and half ago. My problem with the local airport is not so much with jets but the small prop planes that make so much noise in my area between the hours of 6:00-7:30 am. As I do not own any aircraft and have limit knowledge about flight path in and out of Scottsdale Airport I would like to suggest that these smaller prop planes follow the 101 loop and much as possible until they gain the appropriate altitude and before they level off. I also have a complaint about low flying aircraft. Just about one week ago there was a twin engine aircraft that flew so low over my house (East Theresa Dr) that I almost made out their identification numbers! I don't think that that the people manning the flight control tower would approve of this type of approach—or do they? Yes, Jets make a lot of noise but "most" (other than the "run-ups) of them appear to follow the restricted hours between 10:00-6:00 am. The above comments are just my personal viewpoints on this issue. I'm sure that others have valid concerns and viewpoints that would that are just the opposite of mine on this controversial issue.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2004 11:26 AM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 76.

Subject: Noise complaint
Author: Pascal de Sarthe
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=76&t=76&admview=1>

I have lived at my current address, 6211 E. Cortez Dr. since 1995. For the last few years we have seen and heard a huge increase of planes flying over our home at far less than 1 thousand feet high. These are the largest and loudest private jets flying at odd hours at times such as 2 or 4 o'clock in the morning. For example, there was a plane flying incredibly low and was extremely loud at 3:26 AM on May 2nd. This is very annoying and we are not only concerned about the horrendous noise but also for the safety of the young, elementary school children next door, at Sequoia which is on the path of the planes as well as the power lines right next to the school. When I mentioned this to the representative at the Scottsdale Airport, they had no other response than to claim that the airport was there first. Last year, someone from your Kansas office came and installed a noise reading instrument in our yard in order to measure the intensity of the noise.

However, miraculously, while the instrument was in my backyard, there were hardly any planes flying overhead. This has always been a residential community and the Scottsdale Airport was supposed to be a touch and go runway for recreational, small propeller planes. This is getting out of hand and affecting the life of tens of thousands of people living in this area. I would like the proper authorities to control the Scottsdale Airport flights and be able to route them around residential areas which I have been told is possible (precedent being, the Ironwood community in Scottsdale, which has not been affected as much as we have been). It is absolutely abnormal for the airport officials to claim that they cannot restrict hours of operation and have no control over the approach over our neighborhood and neither any way to monitor the approaches. The Scottsdale Airport claims that they do not have the proper radar to allow such monitoring. The FAA should not allow the airport to function if they do not have adequate services. In the meantime, I, a resident of Scottsdale, am suffering from the Scottsdale Airport's negligence to not accommodate their neighbors. I hope you will be of help and thank you for your cooperation.

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Dave Fitz

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2004 9:34 AM
To: dfitz@coffmanassociates.com
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 77.

Subject: more frequent noise

Author: catherine hopkins

Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=77&t=77&admview=1>

Live in the Tatum Greenway area. This a.m., Oct 20, 2004, planes took off at 6:21 a.m., 6:33 a.m., and 6:37 a.m. Not acceptable for a residential area. The frequency of takeoffs since I moved to this address, 4 years ago, has doubled. Used to be an occasional plane, now its like living at the end of a runway. Have lived in Phx since 1989 and the past few years have had the most increased noise from Scottsdale Airport. Lets get back to pre 2000 levels.

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Dave Fitz

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2004 11:54 AM
To: dfitz@coffmanassociates.com
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 78.

Subject: aircraft noise
Author: herb schwartz
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=78&t=78&admview=1>

I have lived at 4932 e charter oak for 27 years. In the past 2 years the increase in noise from plane traffic has increased so much that there is constant noise from from the plane coming and going. Tthese aircraft are low flying and slow flying so the noise level is very intense. Many of these plans are single and twin prop plane going around and around ,one after another. Its insane. The private jets are loud and frequently fly over my home,sometimes as early as 6am and awaken our family.I have called and written e-mails to scottsdale airport many times but it has bin in vain. I have contacted the office of my state and locale representitives at least 6 times and have nerver gotten a call back.

ITS apparent that the people that fly these aircraft are well to do . In spite of of the high cost of fuel the continue to fly and fly and fly and without regard to the discomfort they cause people.

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Dave Fitz

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2004 11:37 AM
To: dfitz@coffmanassociates.com
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 79.

Subject: increased take-off noise level
Author: Genevieve
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=79&t=79&admview=1>

I live near the Scottsdale Airport.

Since moving here a few years ago, I have certainly noticed the exponential increase in the level of take-off noise at this airport.

There is a lot of talk about the economic vitality of this airport, something that I agree could be valid. However, we as residents, are also a crucial part of the economic vitality of Scottsdale, and we need for you to recommend measures, such as retrofitting the older jets, that will return the quality of living in this beautiful city to what it once was. It does not however include recommending that signs be posted around our neighborhoods to warn potential buyers that they will be buying near an airport, which will hurt our property values.

I must be honest in telling you that not all jets are a nuisance. I have observed some jets noiselessly gliding off, there are some however, that make this war survivor startle awake, with a pounding heart! And this is unfair! And at 6:00 a.m. no less.

I trust in your experience in this study, please help us.

Thank you very much.

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Dave Fitz

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2004 11:52 AM
To: dfitz@coffmanassociates.com
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 80.

Subject: Helicopter Noise
Author: Mark Kucera
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=80&t=80&admview=1>

Helicopter noise is a problem at our house. The news helicopters seem to make a regular commute to work and back from Scottsdale Airport over our house every day. They need to change their flight paths, rather than taking the most direct route that goes over the same neighborhoods every day.
Police and military helicopters add to news helicopters noise.

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2004 2:48 PM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 81.

Subject: New area of DC RANCH
Author: John Lekas
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=81&t=81&admview=1>

Can anyone tell me if anything is being studied regarding the NEW area of DC Ranch near Union Hills/94th St? This new area is currently being constructed and will have thousands of new Scottsdale residents. The site plan is directly Northeast of Scottsdale airport and I have noticed planes going over about every 3 minutes.

I would be interested to know if anything is being done about noise reduction over this new area of DC Ranch.

Thanks

John Lekas

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Dave Fitz

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Friday, November 05, 2004 6:07 PM
To: dfitz@coffmanassociates.com
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 82.

Subject: noise complaint
Author: herb schwartz
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=82&t=82&admview=1>

I am so outraged today, nov 5. This has been the worst day plane traffic I have experienced to date. It started at 6:30 am and it is now 5 pm and there is no end to it. These planes were big jets, big 2 engine prop plane and the 1 engine plane that go around and touch and go. they almost all low flying many directly over my house. This must come to an end.

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Dave Fitz

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 8:45 PM
To: dfitz@coffmanassociates.com
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 83.

Subject: Aircraft Noise
Author: J Walter
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=83&t=83&admview=1>

We have lived at our current address for approx 18 years. We have noticed a huge increase in the amount of traffic & noise over our neighborhood recently, as well as an increase in helicopter noise.

We would appreciate that the flight patterns use the adjacent canal area's or freeway airspace rather than go over our neighborhoods. Sometimes the sound can be so loud that it can rattle the windows of our house or can be a nuisance during conversation, telephone conversations, etc.

The flight patterns have changed considerably over recent years & to our detriment. We would appreciate consideration for our neighborhoods & would like to see the Scottsdale Airport become a "good neighbor" with us!

Sincerely,

The Walter Family

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Kory A. Lewis

From: Forum [dfitz@coffmanassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 24, 2004 11:55 AM
To: David W. Fitz
Subject: Moderate for Scottsdale Airport at Message: 84.

Subject: early morning noise
Author: herb schwartz
Message: <http://www.coffmanassociates.com/forum/read.php?f=124&i=84&t=84&admview=1>

once again low flying craft over my home awakening me at 530 am in the morning 4 times this week. Its driving me crazy.

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