

Meeting to Discuss Potential Modifications to the Ann Arbor Airport's Voluntary Noise Abatement Program as Related to Pattern Traffic

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Purpose - A sub-committee of the Airport Advisory Committee hosted a forum of flight schools, the ATCT, and other significant users of the Ann Arbor Airport to discuss potential modifications to the voluntary noise abatement program. The discussion focused on potential modifications generated by a peer airport search and the solicitation of new ideas to aid in reducing noise impacts that result from pattern traffic.

Participants - Attendees included representatives from the Airport Advisory Committee, Michigan Flyers, Solo Aviation, and the EAA.

Outcomes – After a robust discussion, the following items were recommended for further discussion by the Airport Advisory Committee.

- 1) Consider eliminating pattern traffic or touch/goes on the major summer holidays of Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day.
- 2) Encourage local pilots to go to other airports for currency.
- 3) Encourage pilots to request either left or right pattern traffic from the ATCT.
- 4) Establish Rwy 06 as the preferred calm wind runway.
- 5) Consider a slight increase (approximately 100') in pattern altitude.
- 6) Add voluntary noise abatement program as a chart supplement.