

## Check Pilot Meeting Minutes

TRARON held a Check Pilot Meeting in conjunction with the CAF AirSho, 21 September 2008. Attendees were:

John "Skipper" Hyle	Grant Lannon
John Currenti	Carter Teeters
Jeff Linebaugh	Rick Hoskings
Stan Musick	Ray Kinney
Morris Ray	

1. Meeting called to order at 0730.
2. Everyone was made aware of the new v.20 Protocols and the FAST Wingman and Lead PTS Guides that were recently published. Copies of the PTS Guides were handed out and a discussion was held concerning the TRARON protocols (for example, TRARON does not issue a 2 ship card, we also have higher flight time and rating standards than FAST v.20)
3. Further discussion was held concerning the TRARON Syllabus required under v.20 and Morris Ray brought the group up to speed on where that was (it was supposed to be in shape for presentation at the Oshkosh meeting, but since a decision was made to try and standardize T-6 formation with NATA, it was not ready for presentation).
4. Since the issue of NATA v. TRARON standards came up, there were several additional notes. A) basically, NATA and TRARON use different positions for fingertip. The group was briefed that, per a meeting held under NATA at Ocala, FL this year, the Clinic would "decide" which standard would be followed and that position would be the standard for that clinic. B) Nevertheless, the opposite (be it NATA or TRARON) position would be demonstrated for use at other clinics and/or under other flight leads.
5. Concurrently, since each organization gets to decide it's standard, there was a discussion of the check pilot's responsibility or requirement to be familiar with all standards, since FAST recognizes a check pilot as a check pilot. Also, since our clinic just issued several new Wing cards to pilots that also fly other aircraft, up to and including L-39s, we decided that the student/applicant must be made aware of the differences in flight characteristics. We also think that FAST should explore this issue further and make other signatories (or the responsible party, read: Flight Lead) aware that a TRARON card, issued in a PT-26 would not qualify a pilot necessarily for flight in an L-39.

6. Grant Lannon brought forward, and will distribute through email and the website, a wallet-sized briefing guide for formation briefings. Several check pilots brought up that a consistent debrief items has been failure to use briefing guides.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 0805.

In conclusion: TRARON has and will continue to adopt and supersede FAST standards. We are requesting that National FAST at least open a discussion of the multiple signatory standards problem and that some method be devised to make sure that a formation rated pilot has currency and proficiency in the aircraft he is flying at that demonstration. Perhaps the signatories could combine data bases into a national "Letter of Xs".

Submitted,

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