

# *Know Before you Go!!*

## Parachute Operations at Marana Regional Airport (KAVQ)



All pilots, whether based at Marana Regional or just passing through the area, should be **AWARE** of the parachute activities that are on going not only here but at other jump facilities around our southern Arizona airspace like Eloy (E60), Coolidge (P08), Casa Grande (CGZ), Bishop (Pvt 1AZ0) and Buckeye (BXK). These airports have a high level of jumping activity sometimes from just one plane and a handful of jumpers to multiple large aircraft with numerous continuing operations throughout daylight VFR and even into the dark hours. There is a tremendous amount of planning and execution done by the jump operators so here are some suggestions to help mitigate the risks to both the flying world and the parachuting world.

\*\*Do a thorough job of pre-flight planning and know where the jump activities may be occurring with regards to your flight planned route- **CHECK NOTAMS**

\*\*Call up on your phone for the AWOS of the airports you may be flying near to see if there are jump activities planned or active. Most iPad flight programs will give you the number to call (and call it for you) if you just tap on the airport information page.

\*\*If your planned route takes you near or over any of these airports, plan to go around them by a safe distance and to the upwind side of the drop depiction area.

\*\*Use flight following whenever possible as ATC is made aware of all jumping activities right down to time of release and the area for the drop, and they can vector you around those areas when they are active **and you are talking to them**. If in doubt ask!

Be SAFE out there..there are mountains, obstacles, drones, aerobatic boxes, gliders, balloons *and parachutes* in our airspace...so be prepared!!