

AERONAUTICAL CHARTING MEETING
Charting Group
Meeting – April 24 - 25, 2019

RECOMMENDATION DOCUMENT

FAA Control # 19-01-334

Subject: Deletion of VFR Waypoint Tabulations from VFR Sectional, Terminal Area and Helicopter Route Charts

Background/Discussion:

1. VFR Waypoints were initially added to VFR Terminal Area and Helicopter Route Charts, effective 7/15/99. The original guidelines stated the use of VFR Waypoints should be minimized to prevent chart clutter and complexity.
2. VFR Chart tabulations with name, associated VFR Checkpoint (if applicable) and latitude/longitude were added effective 3/20/01.
3. VFR Sectional charts were added to the list of affected charts, effective 11/29/01.

There was a minimal number of VFR Waypoints at that time.

A search conducted in March, 2019 reveals that there are now approximately 600 databased VFR Waypoints.

This is leading to problems where there will not be sufficient room for the VFR Waypoint tabulation to fit in the remaining blank space in the border area of the charts. Consequently, information presently depicted in the chart border area will have to be shifted into the body area of the chart. This will result in the forced deletion of chart data (obstructions, lesser airports, cultural data. etc.) from the chart body.

There are thousands of IFR reporting points/fixes charted on airways that are depicted on the VFR charts. There is no associated tabulation for these.

Recommendations:

1. Delete the VFR Waypoint tabulations from the VFR Charts.
2. Pilots should utilize published VFR Waypoint information from GPS databases, [Joint Order JO 7350.9P, Section 6: Assignment Listings, Paragraph P, Fixes: Airspace Fixes.](#)

<u>Submitted by:</u>	Rick Fecht
<u>Organization:</u>	FAA Aeronautical Information Services - Visual Charting Team
<u>Phone:</u>	202-267-3588
<u>E-mail:</u>	Richard.F.Fecht@faa.gov
<u>Date:</u>	25 March 2019

MEETING 19-01

Rick Fecht, FAA/AJV-A214, presented the new recommendation. Rick showed the audience [three examples of VFR charts](#) to demonstrate the proliferation of VFR Waypoint Tabulations (that list VFR waypoint names and their geographic coordinates) and how much space they occupy on the chart. He pointed out that these waypoints are depicted graphically on the body of the chart in their correct geographic positions. This proposal recommends the deletion of the tabulated listings from the charts.

John Bordy, FAA/AFS-420, asked what the original intent was for adding the tabulations. Rune Duke, AOPA, stated that they were added in the early 2000s for pilots that were not equipped with GPS. He stated that they are not necessary anymore and AOPA supports their removal.

Rick Mayhew, FAA/AJV-A311, stated that if a user needed the published waypoint coordinates, they are easily accessible through other FAA sources such as eNASR and AIRNAV databases.

John Barry, FAA/AIR-6B1, asked if a note will be added to the chart to alert pilots where to go for the data. Valerie Watson, FAA/AJV-A250, stated that concurrent with the removal of the tabulations, AJV-A will put out a Charting Notice to alert pilots of the change and direct them to other sources for the data. There was agreement that this would be sufficient.

STATUS: OPEN

ACTION: Valerie Watson, FAA/AJV-A250, will submit an Interagency Air Committee (IAC) specification change for the removal of the VFR Waypoint Tabulations from VFR Charts.

ACTION: Rick Fecht, FAA/AJV-A214, will develop a Charting Notice for publication on the AJV-A website concurrent with the removal of the VFR Waypoint Tabulations from VFR Charts that will include notification of where users may find VFR Waypoint geographic coordinates.

MEETING 19-02

Rick Fecht, FAA/AJV-A214, provided an update. He said the ACM-approved removal of the VFR Waypoint tables will begin with a day-forward implementation on the 27 February 2020 publication date. Users will then see the tables removed as each chart is updated. He added that a [Charting Notice](#) has been posted regarding the removal of the tables to alert users to this change which includes notification of where users can find VFR Waypoint geographic coordinates. There was agreement that this item can be closed.

STATUS: CLOSED