

Washington, DC Air Defense Identification Zone Rulemaking

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The Issue: ADIZ Established

- Hastily Imposed Rule via Notice to Airman (NOTAM), restricting access around Washington, DC
 - Initially established as *temporary* emergency action 2/03
 - New York initially too, but quickly rescinded
 - No coordination with airspace users before establishment

Washington ADIZ Rulemaking

- FAA Published NPRM August 4, 2005
 - Make the temporary restrictions permanent:
 - File flight plan, Transmit discrete code, Talk to ATC
- More than 22,000 comments opposing
- Four Public Meetings hosting 600 pilots, Airport & Business Owners attended

ADIZ Facts

- ADIZ has imposed significant economic costs on general aviation and has increased the administrative burden on the FAA.
- Government has never provided a specific, intelligence-based threat assessment to justify the design and specific procedures of the ADIZ.
- Government has provided no evidence or analysis demonstrating that the ADIZ results in any measurable increase in security.

Most Frequently Used Airports

Maryland:

- Montgomery County (GAI)
 - 238 based aircraft and 104,813 operations
- Martin State (MTN)
 - 255 based aircraft and 90,136 operations
- Tipton (FME)
 - 113 based aircraft and 48,000 operations

Virginia:

- Manassas (HEF)
 - 371 based aircraft and 150,000 operations
- Leesburg (JYO)
 - 228 based aircraft and 94,350 operations

The Impact...

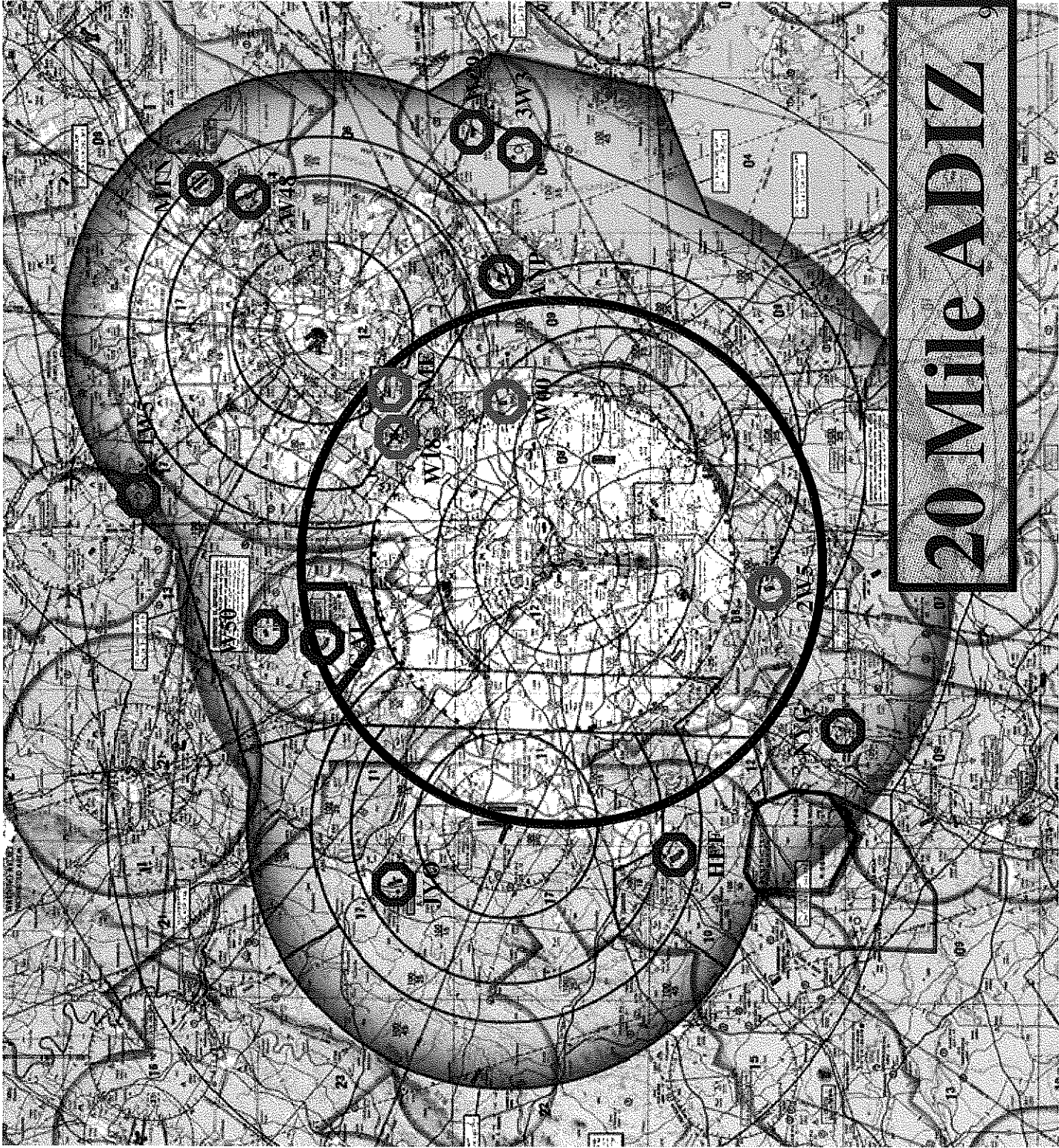
- Operational Requirements Discourage Flying
 - 16% of ADIZ Stopped Flying
 - Top Concern Potential Violation of Procedures
- \$43 Million Annual Loss at ADIZ Airports
- Pressure on airports to close

AOPA Member Recommendations

- Replace ADIZ with National Security Area (NSA)
 - Maintain 15-nm Flight Restricted Zone around Capitol
 - Activate ADIZ only for High or Severe Threat level

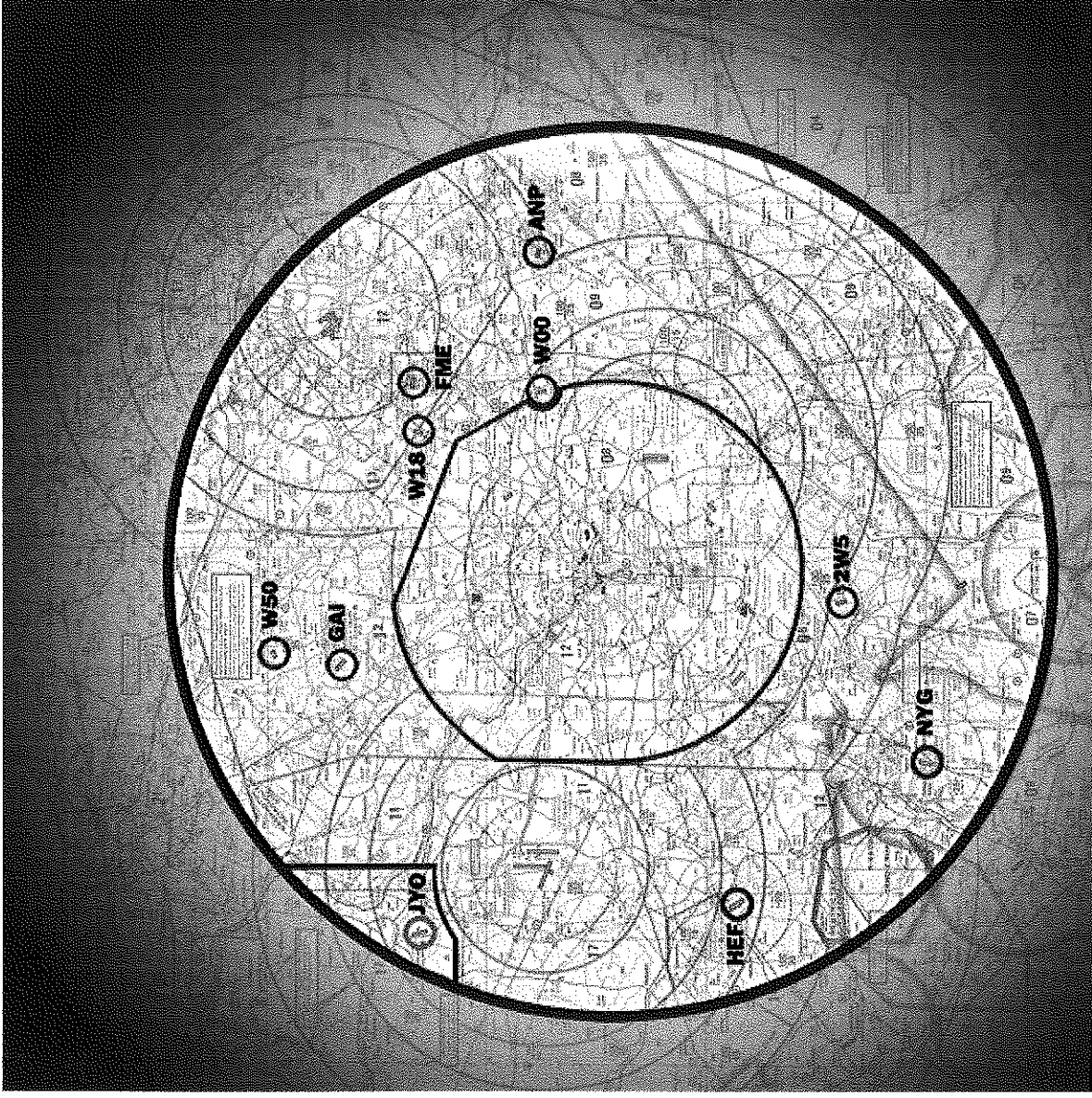
OR

- Reduce Size of covered area to 20 miles
 - Eliminates number of airports impacted
- Eliminate the flight plan requirement
- ATC procedures and new control tower for Montgomery County Airpark



20 Mile ADIZ

Current Size & Shape Still Creates Problems



Leesburg (JYO) Procedures

- Leesburg code (1227) arriving/departing ADIZ
- Must comply with published speed limit
- Announce Intentions via radio
- Inter-ADIZ operations require full compliance
- Reduce pilot & controller workload
- Increases safety

