

## Meeting Highlights October 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Gary Johnson, President.

23 members attended

**New members** – None

**Guests** –None

**Treasurer's Report** – Ben Butters reported a September opening balance of \$ 1,649.27 and a closing balance of \$1,527.27. Expenses during the month were \$122 for a new electric plane table.

**Secretary's Report** – Jerry Case read the September meeting minutes.

### Old business

- **Flying fields** –
  - **Twin Buttes:** Ron Simonds met with the Freeport engineer and gave him the plan for the new flying field. Ron reported that the site had been blue staked, i.e., checked for utility lines. Freeport still needs to survey the site for coordinates for the contract and insurance policy. A question was asked about our plans to move the old shelter and shed. This has not been decided yet.
  - **FICO:**
    - Fred Radle reminded the members that we could have a problem sooner or later with planes crashing in the pecan trees. We need to be more careful with FICO property.
    - Gary Johnson told about eliminating a rattlesnake in the shed.
    - Gary also reported that we have more fly traps if they are needed at the field.
- **Safety issues** –
  - None reported.
- **Web site report** – Updates were made to the Treasurer's Report, Meeting Highlights, and Photo Gallery for September and early October
- **AMA News** – Renewal bills and ballots should have been delivered to AMA members. Renewing online was recommended. National and global issues, that concern model aviation and small unmanned aircraft systems, are arising almost daily. AMA government relations is tracking and reporting on them. Photos that cover the various events of the 2012 NATS are available on the AMA web site.
- **Membership report** – Club membership is still 80.

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- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary Johnson reported on local events that were scheduled for October and November.

### **New Business:**

- **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner** – Gary Johnson announced that the annual Pot Luck dinner will be held on December 10 at 4PM in the La Posada Recreation Center. A signup sheet was available at the meeting.
- **Southwest Aerovista Hobbies** – The hobby vendor plans to bring their sales trailer to the FICO field on October 27.

### **Show & Tell**

- Ted Dore told about visitors at the FICO field who represent a company which is a contractor to Homeland Security. They are calibrating the surveillance equipment in the tower that is located on the gravel company property near the field. They can monitor nearby people, cars, and planes. They said that they have been watching our planes on their equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM