

Meeting Highlights February 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Jim Bollman, President.

29 members attended

New member introductions –

Bud Cline
Russ Mead
John Weakly
Ron Malm
Frank Fuqua

Guests – None

Note from Richard Martin – Richard Martin sent a note that his wife's mother passed away so they were going to return to England immediately.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters reported that \$1,650 was collected in dues and that there were no expenses during January. The month-end operating and capital balances totaled \$4,915.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the January, 2013 meeting minutes.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**

Twin Buttes:

The field is still a work in progress. Jim Heuer reported that the runway is in good condition. Other members said that the rancher's cowboy is leaving horse hoof prints in the runway. Also work trucks are using the north end of the runway to access the other side of the wash (Ed: as allowed.)

Jim Heuer reported that the Tucson RC Club is using a Petromat (a woven mesh) to cover their runway. The vendor has an office in Phoenix. The fabric lasts about 5 years.

A proposal was made to return one of the two electric plane tables to the FICO field and leave one electric table and two gas plane stands. Jim Bollman plans to build two more gas plane stands.

The shed and sun shelter are on hold until we get the field in better condition.

Jim took a poll of meeting attendees and only a few said that they plan to fly at the Twin Buttes field.

A work party at Twin Buttes was being planned for February 16 weather permitting.

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FICO:

John Weakly suggested that we set up a helicopter area at the FICO field. It could be located near the glider tow runway. A platform could be built to make it easier to land and take off.

- **Safety issues** – Jim Bollman nominated himself as the club Safety Coordinator. The following issues were discussed:

We should be conducting an annual inspection of our facilities with regard to safety.

We need help from members who are regulars at the field to report safety issues to Jim Bollman.

Pilots must fly from behind the safety fence. Flying from the middle of the field or by the tree line is unacceptable. If there is a need for another runway for afternoon flying, then the board will address it.

One member reported that at another club field the first pilot at the field becomes the safety officer for the day, unless the club safety coordinator is present.

One member suggested that pilots volunteer to be spotters for those who are flying.

A member suggested a roving spotter to cover the flight line.

- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that the latest photos include January and early February. He thanked John Weakly for stepping up to be our club's photographer. New videos were added to the Video 1 page. A tutorial on RC LIPO batteries was added to the How To page.
- **AMA News:** Jim Trimbell reported that the latest AMA newsletter contained nothing of interest to the club.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that club membership reached 84 at year end 2012. This year 11 members dropped out. Seven new members joined. Eight still have not renewed their club membership. To date we have 72 paid up members.
- **Spring Picnic:** --Jim Bollman reminded the attendees about the upcoming club picnic on March 4, 4 PM, in the La Posada Recreation Center. He passed around a sign up sheet.
- **Static Display, Friends in Deed:** -- Jerry Case reminded the attendees about the March 1 static display at the Friends in Deed during their Friday morning blood pressure testing session. Five members volunteered to bring their planes for the display.
- **Area flying events:** Jim Bollman read the schedule of RC events in the area for February and March.

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New Business: None

Show & Tell

- **Ted Dore:** Showed a nitro trainer that he fixed up to teach his great grandson to fly. The boy lost interest in the hobby, so Ted is looking for home for the plane and two 72 MHz transmitters.

Adjournment: 8:03 PM