

Meeting Highlights May 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, Vice-President, at 6:58 PM.

23 members attended

New member introductions – Mike Druen

Guests – Frank Hite
Rod Thompson (is joining the club)

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson reported that no income or expenses were recorded for April. The month-end operating and capital balances totaled \$5,576.16

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the April 8, 2013 meeting minutes.

Old business

- **By Law Change -- Dues now delinquent after December 31**

Email and hand votes were tallied during the meeting. The by-law amendment was adopted by a vote of 45 in favor to 3 opposed. Dues must now be paid between November 1 and December 31.

- **Flying fields –**

Twin Buttes:

Jim Trimbell reported on the April 13 work/fly day activities.

The concrete pad for the shed was completed by the rancher. Judy and Ron Simonds assembled the shed and installed two cables to anchor it.

Jerry Case suggested that a padlock be installed on the shed door. The consensus was that a lock would invite curiosity and possible vandalism.

Gary Johnson offered to donate a fire extinguisher for the shed.

Jim Heuer asked the mine be contacted to repair the north half of the swing gate which is dragging on the ground.

FICO:

Jim Bollman reported that one new flight stand was completed and another is under construction.

Two members reported that FICO employees warned them that the membership must slow down while driving through the groves. We must reduce the dust to protect the pecan

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blossoms. Members should keep their speed under 10 MPH and to use their mirrors to watch for dust rising behind the vehicle.

Jim Trimbell told about observing a large bee swarm resting in a Palo Verde tree across from the parking area. The swarm eventually moved away.

Gary Johnson observed a snake track across the entrance to our parking entry. This is another warning to be cautious about rattle snakes this time of year.

- **Safety issues –**

Jim Heuer reported that we need better back stops on the safety stands to keep a plane from running off the back if the engine runs backwards. Jim Bollman will determine how to change the design.

- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that updates to the web site included meeting minutes for April; photos of the April 20 Birthday celebration for Fred, Ted, and Henry; photos for the month of April; and some photos for early May.
- **AMA News:** Jim Trimbell had nothing new to report from the AMA. He also reported that “drone” bills in the AZ legislature are still in our favor.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that 87 members have paid their club and AMA dues, one was waiting for his AMA number, and one promised to pay his AMA dues before he resumes flying, for a total of 89.
- **Area flying events:** Jim Bollman read the schedule of RC events in the area for May and June.

New Business:

- **Remembrance for Ken Fleshman’s wife, Vicki**

Jerry Case announced that the remembrance would be held on May 24 in the La Vista building in La Posada.

- **Ad-hoc committee to recommend procedures for managing the use of the FICO flight line on busy days**

Members were asked to form a committee to come up with a recommendation for managing the use of the FICO flight line during the busy months. Jim Heuer is the chairperson and sole committee member so far.

- **Donations to the AMA:**

Bob Hamilton suggested that our club should make a donation to the AMA. The board will look into this.

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Show & Tell

- **None**

Adjournment: 7:40 PM