

Meeting Highlights June 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Jim Bollman, President, at 6:59 P.M.

19 members attended

New member introductions – Frank Hite
Rod Thompson

Guests – None

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for April. Income included \$120 from dues. Operating expenses totaled \$244. Capital expenses for the Twin Buttes field were \$489. Month-end operating and capital balances totaled \$4,963.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the May 13, 2013 meeting minutes.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- The field is in good shape.

- **FICO:**

- Jim Bollman reported that he and Bob Orr delivered Jim's latest startup stand to the field. This version is 3" lower, has a larger work surface, and includes a shelf.

- Jim suggested that the members form a work party to re-paint the newer tables.

- He reported that he is starting another safety table. He will try to finish it before he goes out of town for a few weeks.

- One half of the sun shelter and one picnic table were dragged down to the south end of the pits by Gary Johnson's truck for use by the electric plane pilots.

- Gary reminded us that concrete anchors are available at the field to tie down the flight stands. Gary also proposed that the club purchase new fly traps. He was asked to buy the traps and charge the club.

- Gary also proposed that a speaker be connected to a walky-talky at the field to help communications along the flight line.

- **Safety issues** –

- Members were reminded that if a plane goes down in the field, the pilot should wait for a safe time to retrieve it and tell active pilots where the plane is located.

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All pilots should warn everyone by calling out “heads up” if they lose control and fly over the pit area

Bob Orr reminded us that our FICO Safety Rules require that we fly west of the dragged runway, not over it.

Jim Bollman proposed that we mark the runway boundaries with ribbons. Ken Fleshman suggested that we mark the runway with chalk lines.

- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that web site updates included meeting minutes for May, photos for May including moving the sun shade at FICO, and the May treasurer’s report. He also reported that the club now has its own web site account on GoDaddy.com.
- **AMA News:** Jerry Case reported that three states, Texas, Tennessee, and Illinois, recently passed legislation aimed at restricting the use of unmanned aircraft (drones). It is now illegal for enforcement officials to gather information through the use of drones.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that our member Frank Hite brought the membership count up to 90.
- **Remembrance for Ken Fleshman’s wife, Vicki** -- Jim Knudson reported that the remembrance and celebration very well done. Ken thanked the members for attending.
- **Area flying events** -- No R/C events were scheduled in Arizona for late June and early July. The AMA Nationals are scheduled between June 25 and July 30 in Muncie, Indiana. The EAA AirVenture show will be held in Oshkosh from July 28 through August 4.
- **Ad-hoc committee to recommend procedures for managing the use of the FICO flight line on busy days:**

Bob Orr recommended that club membership should be limited to a geographical area in case other regional clubs are closed. He also suggested a membership limit of 90. Jim Heuer will be working with Bob and Ken Fleshmen to propose a solution. We need to pass our proposals by the AMA.

New Business:

- **Hobby Barn** -- Jerry Case announced the re-opening of the store on June 21-22. The owners were offering gift cards for use on that day. Jerry said that he would forward the announcement to all members.
- **Community Quarterly Article:**

Daryl Mallet Daryl is writing an article about our club for the next issue of the Community Quarterly. He visited the FICO field, talked to several members about our hobby, and took

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several photos. The Quarterly is published by the local radio station, KVGY1080, and is mailed to all Green Valley and Sahuarita residents.

Miscellaneous discussions:

- Jim Bollman talked about the RC Float Plane pilots who are flying at Parker Canyon Lake.
- Jim Knudson talked about his visit to the Radio Control Expo in Long Beach, CA. The show and exhibitors were mostly concentrated on RC cars. Quadcopters were also featured.
- The scheduled closure of the county land fill site in Sahuarita raised the possibility of flying gliders off the hill.

Show & Tell

- **None**

Adjournment: 7:50 PM