

Meeting Highlights July 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Case, Secretary at 7 P.M.

20 members attended

New member introductions – None

Guests – Bruce Dean (who joined the club after the meeting)

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for June. Operating expenses totaled \$301 for the Twin Buttes flying field lease and web site fees. Month-end operating and capital balances totaled \$4,661.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the June 10, 2013 meeting minutes.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- Jim Heuer presented a list of requirements that we need to meet for the Twin Buttes field. They included posting the AMA safety code (which we have), making up new club rules specific to the field, and posting the GPS coordinates and emergency phone numbers. Ken Fleshman is making up a first aid kit for the storage shed.

- **FICO:**

- Jim Heuer also presented some requirements to be met at the FICO field. They included the AMA safety code which is unchanged since 2011 and Club safety rules. Jim will prepare an updated layout of the field, including no-fly zones, that will be posted on site.

- Gary Johnson will check the fire extinguisher at the field to see if it's fully charged.

- Gary Johnson reported that a member of the Tucson RC Club visited the field and asked about joining our club. Gary told him that he no longer is carrying our club membership application form.

- **Student Pilots** – Jerry Case reported that two students made their first unassisted landing of their planes: Vince Ercolani with his T-28 Trojan and Colin Hughes with his Apprentice.
- **Safety issues** – None reported.
- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that web site updates included meeting minutes and treasurer's report for June, and photos for June and July.
- **AMA News** -- None to report.

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- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that our membership count would be 91 if Bruce Dean joined during the meeting.
- **Re-opening of the Hobby Barn** – Jim Heuer attended the grand reopening of the Barn. The interior of the store was re-arranged to provide more display space, but inventory was very low in many areas.
- **Area flying events** – The only upcoming event in the area was in Flagstaff in late July. The Nationals in Muncie were in progress and the EAA AirVenture show in Oshkosh was scheduled for July 28 through August 4.
- **Ad-hoc committee to recommend procedures for managing the use of the FICO flight line on busy days:**

Gary Johnson's report that a Tucson RC Club member had asked for our club membership application form sparked a lively discussion about how to control our club's growth and manage the use of our FICO flying field. Jim Heuer's committee will be compiling suggestions when Ken Fleshman returns to town and Bob Orr is able to participate.

The consensus of members at the meeting was that we should freeze our membership count until we adopt new bylaws covering membership requirements.

New Business:

- **Fairfield Homes Flying Demonstration** -- Jerry Case announced that Fairfield Homes, at Canoa Ranch, invited us to put on a flying demonstration at the golf course around July 4. They postponed the event until September when it should cool down. We need to survey the site before developing detailed plans for the event.
- **Veterans Day Flyover** -- Ted Dore was asked if our club could do a flyover at the cemetery for Veterans Day. Due to government cutbacks, the Arizona Air National Guard may not fly this year. Due to potential flying issues at that location, and the practice needed for club members to learn to fly in formation, Ted had to turn down the requestor.

Show & Tell

- **LIPO Battery Fire** – Jerry Case and Jim Knudson presented a slide show covering Jim's plane crash and resulting LIPO battery fire at the FICO field. Gary Johnson was first responder with the club's fire extinguisher, which fortunately wasn't needed.
- **Carl Wilson** -- Gave a report on the book, "*A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II*," by Adam Mako. The author wrote of an incident in which a German fighter pilot allowed a severely damaged B-17 to return to England by escorting it out of Europe. The pilots met in later years and became friends.

Adjournment: 7:50 PM