

Meeting Highlights August 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, Vice President, at 7:01 P.M.

23 members and 1 guest attended

Club Officer Changes – Jim Trimbell read the resignation letter from our club President, Jim Bollman, who is leaving the area due family health issues. The board accepted his resignation on August 6, 2013. Per the club bylaws, Jim Trimbell became club President for the remainder of this year. Also per the bylaws, Jim Trimbell appointed Gary Johnson to be Vice President for the remainder of the term.

Club Member Health Status – Attendees were updated about the health status of Ted Dore and Bob Orr.

New member introductions – None

Guests – Dean Wheeler, who lives in the Flying Diamond Air Park.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for July. Operating expenses totaled \$108 for fly traps and chairs. Month-end operating and capital balances totaled \$4,594

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

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- Jim Trimbell reported that the field condition is excellent.
 - A fabric shelter that was donated by Jim suffered damage in a wind storm. Jim replaced the poles. The fabric covering will now be stored in the shed after each flying day.
 - Several folding fiberglass tables were purchased and are stored in the shed.
 - AMA rules and club rules need to be posted.

- **FICO:**

- Gary Johnson reported that the club's riding mower hydrostatic drive failed. He is going to take it to a shop in Tucson to get a repair estimate.
 - Don Nigg lost his glider in the pecan trees to the northwest of the field. It had not been found yet.

- **Safety issues** –

- A pilot was observed taking off from the pit area across the runway. He was violating the club's established traffic pattern.

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- Jim Heuer is writing up the club safety rules for the Twin Buttes field and asked if he could remove references to 72 MHz frequency controls. The membership approved the change.
 - A comment was made that the air horn, that is being used to signal glider take offs and tug landings, was not being heard at the southern end of the field. The glider group will use longer horn blasts.
 - Due to the resignation of Jim Bollman, a new club Safety Coordinator need to be appointed. Gary Johnson volunteered before he could be appointed. Jim Trimbell will continue to be safety officer at the Twin Buttes field.
- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that web site updates included meeting minutes and treasurer's report for July, and photos for late July and early August. Broken links to the TRCC and Sonoran Desert Flyers club web sites were corrected.
 - **AMA News** –AMA's August 17 National Model Aviation Day is being celebrated by the Sonoran Desert Flyers and TRCC clubs.
 - **Membership report** – Our membership count increased to 91 just before the freeze.
 - **Area flying events** – The only upcoming flying event is being held for gliders in Marana on August 17.
 - **Ad-hoc committee to recommend procedures for managing the use of the FICO flight line on busy days** -- No action due to traveling or injured committee members.
 - **Fairfield Homes Flying Demonstration** – We are still waiting for a new date for the event.

New Business:

- **Hobby Town visit to FICO field** – David from Hobby Town visited the FICO field. He talked to individual members, dropped off store coupons, brought some electric planes to try out.
- **Pilot Training** – Jerry Case announced that pilot training is currently held at Twin Buttes on Saturday and FICO on Wednesday. When winter visitors return, the training may only be done at Twin Buttes to relieve crowding at the FICO field. He asked if the club should start a pilot grading system like the TRCC club has. The response was a NO.
- **Parker Canyon Lake** – Gary Johnson announced that he is building a float plane for flying at the Parker Canyon Lake. He invited other club members to participate in flying at the lake. Jim Trimbell described his experiences in June flying his foam electric Beaver with floats off a lake in Wisconsin.

Show & Tell

- We viewed a video, "We Remember", that had been shown at the annual convention of the International Council of Air Shows. It was recommended by Jim Trimbell. We also viewed a

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slide show of Gary Johnson's P-51 model that he flew in formation with another one in Santa Barbara.

- **Great Planes "Reactor"** – Gary John brought his Great Planes "Reactor" that he has been flying with great success. It weighs 16 lbs. and is powered with a 60cc gas engine. Both the wingspan and length are 85". The plane is a giant-scale 3D ship.
- **"Shoestring"** – Jerry Stover is reducing his plane inventory and brought his "Shoestring" to give away. Jim Knudson took it and plans to convert it to electric power.

Adjournment: 8:00 PM