

## Meeting Highlights September 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:00 P.M.

15 members attended

**New member introductions** – None

**Guests** – None

**Treasurer's Report** – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for August. Operating expenses totaled \$788 for field maintenance and four new safety stands. Month-end operating and capital balances totaled \$3,806

**Secretary's Report** – Jerry Case read the August 12, 2013 meeting minutes.

**Old business**

- **Flying fields** –

- Twin Buttes:**

- Jim Trimbell reported that the field condition is excellent.
    - Jim posted the AMA rules and club rules on the storage shed.
    - Jim is bringing ice water to the field to keep the pilots hydrated.
    - Weeds are being controlled by chemicals and a propane torch.
    - Jim warned members to leave the field early if rain storms are in the area to avoid flash flooding across the roads.
    - Jim suggested that electric plane pilots use Twin Buttes on Wednesdays and Saturdays when the FICO field gets crowded.
    - Pilot training is going well at the field.
    - One more safety stand is needed for gas planes.

- FICO:**

- Weeds on the field are getting long. Several planes were damaged while landing in them.
    - The club lawn mower is not repairable. It was left at the shop.
    - Gary Johnson is trying to find an outsider to bring their own equipment to mow the field. There is a concern about the liability of bringing an outsider onto FICO property.
    - Ken Fleshman added that FICO has county obligations to control the weeds.
    - Keith Kidder asked why the club has not met with the farm manager. Gary Johnson responded that we need first to talk to Fred Radle about his role as liaison with FICO.
    - A large rattlesnake was seen crossing the entry road to the south of the field and was headed to the pasture. Members were warned to check for snakes around the picnic tables and the shed.
    - Four safety stands, which were built by Jim Bollman, are being painted at the field. So far, two were primed and two were repainted with a second coat.

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- Gary replaced one of the damaged windsocks. He will be replacing the other one soon.
- Gary reported that the FICO gate lock is not working and needs to be replaced.
- **Safety issues –**
  - The AMA sent an announcement to members about a young helicopter pilot who was fatally injured by his own machine.
  - Two visitors were seen at the FICO without badges. Jim Trimbell talked to them about our club.
- **Web site report –** Jerry Case reported that web site updates included meeting minutes and the treasurer's report for August, and photos for early September. Keith Kidder offered the help of his friend, Julia, to take photos of club activities at the field. Jerry readily accepted the offer.
- **AMA News –**

Three U.S. teams placed first in this year's FAI world championships: RC Pylon competition, RC Aerobatics, and Outdoor Free Flight

AMA membership renewals begin on September 15. Current AMA members should be receiving their annual membership dues invoice by the first of October. We are encouraged to renew our AMA membership online

A battery-powered model plane completed a voyage through all 48 states. The trainer plane took more than 5 years to make the voyage and was flown by 811 pilots. It is being donated to the National Model Aviation Museum.
- **Membership report –** Due to the freeze, our membership count remains at 91. Three applicants are now on the waiting list.
- **Area flying events –** Jim Trimbell announced 8 flying events that are scheduled through the end of October in Arizona.
- **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.

### New Business:

### Show & Tell

- **Oshkosh:** Ken Fleshman reported on his visit to Oshkosh EAA AirVenture. The AMA had a booth at the affair. He also described the nighttime full size aircraft aerobatics with pyrotechnics.

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- Bob Orr reported that he is waiting for a DA-70 opposed twin cylinder gas engine for his Balsa USA 33% scale Ercoupe.
- **Pot Luck Dinner:** Gary Johnson asked if the holiday potluck dinner should be catered or pot luck. The consensus was pot luck. Gary's wife, Sandi, and Dave Risdon's wife, Pita, volunteered to organize and manage the pot luck dinner in December.

**Adjournment:** 7:40 PM

**R/C Equipment Sale:** After the meeting, planes, radios, and other equipment were sold to members from the inventory of the Continental Middle School Radio Club, which was discontinued this year.