

Meeting Highlights January 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:05 P.M.

31 members attended

Guests – None.

New member introductions –

Gary Ament
Paul Athey

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for December. Operating income totaled \$280 and expenses totaled \$282. The month-end operating balance was \$6.398.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the December 9, 2013 meeting minutes.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

Twin Buttes:

Red tape was used temporarily to mark flight stations at both fields, until permanent numbers could be made.

Bub Cline will make Plexiglas holders for the AMA safety code and club rules.

Jim Heuer offered to make a sun shade to protect the rules board.

FICO:

Everything was going well at the field.

Fencing material was moved from Twin Buttes to FICO to replace some of the old flight line safety fence.

- **Safety issues** – None reported.
- **Safety Coordinator:** Safety Coordinator responsibilities were presented to the attendees. Ken Fleshman volunteered to fill the position. Phil Korth will be his backup.
- **Web site report** – Added new photos for January, Treasurer's report and Meeting Minutes for December.
- **AMA News** – No significant news.

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- **Membership report** –Eighty-four (84) members as of the meeting, including 77 renewals and 7 new members. Five 2013 members did not renew their AMA and club memberships. Five others renewed their AMA, but not the club, membership.

New badges are being distributed to the 2014 members.

- **Area flying events** – Skipped due to time constraints.
- **Pot Luck Dinner** – Organizers, Sandi and Gary Johnson and Pita and David Risdon, were thanked for their successful Pot Luck Dinner. The club will give Desert Diamond restaurant gift certificates to them as a thank you.
- **Elections** – Jim Trimbell thanked Gary Johnson for his service as interim Vice President. The slate of candidates for 2014 was presented by Jerry Verity. No other nominations were offered from the floor. Email votes and a show of hands resulted in the unanimous election of the candidates:
 - President – Jim Trimbell
 - Vice President – Ron Simonds
 - Treasurer – Jim Knudson
 - Secretary – Jerry Case
- **Revised flying field rules** -- Jim Heuer reviewed the revised club rules for both flying fields. Attendees brought up concerns about aircraft with special take-off requirements, e.g., gliders and scale planes. Pilots should use common sense when hand launching or placing these aircraft on the runway for taking off.
- **New requirement for club membership** – The board presented three alternatives for an additional requirement for club membership:
 - Do nothing.
 - Limit total membership to 100, with an option to modify it if warranted.
 - Limit membership to residents of Sahuarita, Green Valley, Amado, Tubac, Rio Rico, with an option to expand the area if warranted.

A lively discussion ensued about the need to limit membership, the fairness of the alternatives, the difficulty of implementing a limit, the risk of discouraging new hobbyists, and the impacts of additional members on our privately owned flying fields.

A survey containing the alternatives will be sent to members for voting via return email or in person at the February meeting.

New Business:

- **Members' health** – Ken Fleshman reported that Bob Orr was back from the hospital after surgery number 7.

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- **Factoids regarding our flying fields** – Jim Heuer reported that the elevation of the north end of the Twin Buttes runway is 3372', and the south end is 4' lower. The FICO field elevation is 2810'.

Show & Tell:

- **Ted Dore** – Showed a P-47 Thunderbolt that was given to him by Art Siri. It was formerly powered by a gas engine, now by a .61 2-stroke. Ted sanded the fiberglass fuselage down to the gel coat and covered it with Monokote.
- **Ron Simmons** – Showed his Sig J-3 Clipped-Wing Cub that is powered by a 40cc twin cylinder gas engine. The 86" span model is built from 1970's plans, but Ron modernized it.
- **Ken Fleshman** – Showed ¼ scale tundra tires that his son is making from raw materials.
- **Kermit Jensen** – Showed a prop-driven foam jet that he built from a downloaded Internet plan. The download included build videos and instructions. He took the printouts to Busy Bee to be made into a single full-size plan.
- **Harvey Mickelsen** – Designed and built a micro-sized Ugly Stik. He used the electronics from a crashed Parkzone P-51. The receiver has 4-channels and includes a 3-axis gyro.
- **Jerry Case** – Showed a Nitroplanes Mini Popwing that is a small pusher-propelled flying wing.

Adjournment: 8:10 PM