

## Meeting Highlights February 10, 2014

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

35 members attended

**Guests** – None.

**New member introductions** –

Mike Root

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

**Secretary's Report** – Jerry Case read the January 13, 2014 meeting minutes.

**Old business**

- **President's remarks:** Jim Trimbell commented on rumors about a friction between electric and gas/fuel flyers. He made it very clear that we need to show respect to all members. He also mentioned that someone was filling the fire bucket at the south end of the FICO field with garbage. Gary Jonson volunteered to paint the buckets red to identify their use for fires only.
- **Health status of club members:**
  - The club needs a volunteer to obtain Get Well cards and circulate them for members who are ill. Gary Johnson said that his wife Sandi would take on that responsibility when asked by us.
  - Ken Fleshman could not attend the meeting since he underwent prostate surgery and was recovering at home.
  - Bob Orr was at the meeting and reported that he was recovering well from his multiple knee surgeries.
  - David Risdon was at the meeting and was recovering well from his open heart triple bypass surgery.
  - Bob Hamilton could not attend the meeting and was recovering from a compression fracture of his spine. He was scheduled to be released from the Santa Rita Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where he has been convalescing for 3 weeks
- **Flying fields** –
  - Twin Buttes:**

Four pilot station signs were built and installed Jim Trimbell.

Weathered red tape on the tops of all the fences was replaced.

A copy of the AMA safety code was received and awaits posting at the field along with the club rules.

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Gary Johnson provided a sand-filled fire bucket for use on battery fires.

Jim Heuer volunteered to build two new safety stands.

Jim Heuer reminded the board that we need to post the field's GPS coordinates on the notice board.

### **FICO:**

Six pilot station signs were built and installed Jim Trimbell.

Gary Johnson prepared sand-filled fire buckets use on battery fires.

Ken Fleshman, Safety Coordinator, has the AMA Safety Code and our club rules for posting at the field.

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Sections of the flight line safety fence need to be replaced.

A question was asked about relocking the FICO gate if a member is the last to leave the field. The policy is to leave the gate as it was when the club member arrived at the field; relock it if it was previously locked

Non-members were seen using the field during afternoon hours. When advised about the requirement to be an AMA and club membership, they were not cooperative. The board needs to address this problem with FICO Security.

Club members thanked Fred Radle for inviting his son, Nick, to put on a freestyle aerobic demonstration at the field.

- **Safety issues –**
  - Jerry Case provided details about Bob Hamilton's injury while he was at the Twin Buttes field. When Bob injured his back, club members provided immediate help. There was an overwhelming and fast response by both Helmet Peak and Sahuarita first responders. Afterwards Freeport Copper & Gold were notified of the incident and said that they were satisfied with our handling of it. Jim Trimbell warned members again about the risk of flying alone at the field and becoming injured without a means of getting help. We need to carry cell phones to the field and give a contact person an estimated return arrival time.
  - Art Siri reported that a club member took off and flew into the flight line safety fence. He suggested that we all should strive to take off into the wind.
- Alternatives for Limiting Club Membership – Survey responses were collected via email and at the meeting. The results were:

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- Do nothing = 14
- Limit membership to 100 = 15
- Limit membership by residence = 7

Without a clear consensus, the board decided to not set any limits to club membership, but reserves the right to re-visit this issue in the future if the need arises.

- **Web site report** – Added new photos for February, Treasurer's report and Meeting Minutes for January.
- **AMA News** – Our AMA and the FAA formalized a relationship to help ensure that modelers fly their aircraft and unmanned aerial systems (UAS) without risking manned aircraft or people and property on the ground.
- **AMA Charter and Insurance Certificates** – Payments were sent to the AMA for the annual renewal.
- **Membership report** –
  - 87 members in both the club and AMA
  - 2 members in the club but not the AMA
- **Area flying events** – Announced by Jim Trimbell.

### New Business:

- **Remarks from the President:** Jim Trimbell again told members to stop perpetuating rumors about a conflict between gas/glow and electric fliers.

**Show & Tell:** Nothing was brought to the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00 PM