



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes July 14, 2014

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

Officers present: Jim Trimbell, Jim Knudson, Jerry Case. Ron Simonds was absent.

22 members attended.

Guests --None

New member introductions –

- Billy Bannister

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for June. There was no income for the month. The only expense was \$120 for the lease on the Freeport McMoRan flying field. The month-end operating balance was \$5,022.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for June 9, 2014.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

Twin Buttes:

- The flying field weeds are about 2" high. The runway should be cleared when the monsoon rains stop. The entry road is partially washed out and covered with rocks from the rains. Lots of cow pies are on the road.

FICO:

- Ant extermination continues around the pits and runways.

- **Safety issues:**

- Jim Trimbell talked about a recent issue with pilots not being able to clear the glider launching airspace in time for a launch. The air horn will now be used about a minute ahead of a launch.
- Jerry Case told about struggling to fly his plane with only one aileron. He had assumed that both ailerons were working when only one was actually connected and moved.

- **Web site report** –

- Web site was accessed 6500 times in the last 2 ½ years.
- Photos were added for June and early July.



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- Meeting minutes and treasurer's report were added report for June.
- **AMA News** – The AMA is asking the National Park Service (NPS) to reconsider their ban on launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft on park lands.
- **Membership report** – The membership count is currently 98
- **Area flying events** – Jim Trimbell announced R/C events in Flagstaff and Marana, as well as, the Nationals in Muncie.
- **Pima County Bond Election** – Jerry Case was appointed to chair a committee to provide data to the county Bond Advisory Committee. The information was required for their consideration of a county model airplane park in our area. Several members volunteered to be on the committee.

New Business

- Jim Trimbell presented a follow-up to his credit card issue with Hobby King.
- Jerry Case presented the FAA's Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft, which is the FAA's workaround to an agreement between Congress and the AMA. The agreement was to allow the AMA to set rules for model aircraft operations in the national air space. AMA members are being asked to submit comments about the rule directly to the FAA.

Show & Tell:

- Jim Heuer showed his Waco biplane, YKE version, which he built from Bob Holman plans. Jim simplified the plans. The top wing spans 90", the plane weighs 24 lbs. It constructed of Balsa USA balsa and plywood, covered with Coverite's 21st Century fabric. Jim had problems with the early flights and it is extremely hard to handle on the ground. It's powered by a DLE 55 gas engine.
- Bob Orr brought a Controlaire Mule single channel transmitter, which was built from a 1965 kit. He used a Royal servo instead of the normal escapement so that he could control the rudder, elevator, and spoilers. It was powered by a 9V dry cell battery and transmitted on 27 MHz.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 PM