



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes September 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, 7:02 P.M.

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

26 members attended.

Guests --None

New member introductions –

Joe Lyons

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for August. Income was \$40 from new member dues. Expenses totaled \$231 for fly traps and weed killer. The month-end operating balance was \$4,862.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for August 11, 2014.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- The entrance road is partially eroded from the monsoon rains. Weeds are not too high yet. We asked Freeport if they would provide weed control for the flying field. They replied that we are responsible for it, provided that we do not harm the grazing livestock. A pack rat got into the shed and tore up a paper towel roll for nesting material. Clean up of rat poop needs to be done now.

- **FICO:**

- FICO mowed the grass per our request. Weeds are mostly under control. A warning about rattle snakes was sent out to members. A scorpion that was seen around the electric plane stands was attacked with ant spray and hasn't returned. We must continue to be careful about raising dust on the entry road. Fly traps are filling rapidly soon after they are replaced. The blue barrels north of our field are fly traps that were put there by the mulch contractor.

- **Safety issues** – None reported by our Safety Coordinator. Jim Trimbell reported that he tripped when entering the pit area at FICO and fell on his plane. Fortunately Keith Kidder was there to help get him back on his feet. Jim is still recovering from the fall. The plane also is recovering from his fall.

- **Web site report** –



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- Was accessed 6900 times in the last 2 ½ years.
- Photos were added for late August and early September.
- Meeting minutes and treasurer's report were added for August.
- New video of Bob Orr's 33% Ercoupe was added to the Video 1 page.
- **AMA News** – The AMA filed a Petition for Review in the U.S. Court of Appeals, challenging the FAA's interpretation of Congress' Special Rule for Model Aircraft. An AMA video that describes the FAA Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft was shown to the members. Renewals of AMA membership start on September 15.
- **Membership report** – Two new members joined during the month. The membership count is now 100.
- **Area flying events** – Jim Trimbell announced several R/C events scheduled for September through November.
- **Pima County Bond Election** – Nothing new to report. There was no response to our proposal of an alternate site for the county model airplane park that could be included in the 2015 bond issue.

New Business –

- Ken Fleshman reported on the self-destruction of the Space X Falcon 9 reusable rocket on August 29.

He also reported on Zephyr 7, which is Airbus' experimental High Altitude Pseudo-Satellite plane. It is made of carbon fiber, has a wingspan of 75', weight of 110 lbs., and can fly up to 70,000 feet. It is solar and battery powered. Its longest flight was 14 days.

Show & Tell:

- Frank Hite told about breakage problems on his Carbon Z Cub. The wing struts are flimsy and the plastic piece that holds the tail wheel on the rudder is thin. Because of long order times for replacement parts, Frank is using CA gel and baking soda to make strong weld repairs on these parts.
- Bob Korbas showed his electric "Cheap and Easy" plane made from one piece of papered foam board. He showed a board with the pattern drawn on it. The plane weighs about 5 oz. It is powered by a Turnigy 1200 KV motor with a 500 mAh LIPO battery. A video of the plane in flight was shown to the members.



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- Ted Dore showed his modified Balsa USA 1913 Taube. Ted added ailerons with scalloped trailing edges, changed it to a single seat configuration, and powered it with a Saito 100 four-stroke engine. He had to put a lot of weight in the nose to balance it.
- Bob Orr's 33% Ercoupe was featured in a video that highlighted its maiden flight.
- Henry Hain brought more stuff to give away.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM