



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes October 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, 7:0 P.M.

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

22 members attended.

Guests --None

New member introductions – None

Treasurer's Report – Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for September. Income was \$40 from new member dues. Expenses totaled \$421 for fly traps and a powered weed sprayer. The month-end operating balance was \$4,481.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for August 8, 2014.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- Weeds were sprayed with the new powered sprayer.
 - Freeport McMoRan changed their position on allowing a contractor to provide weed control at the field. We can now utilize the same contractor that Freeport uses for their property.
 - A work party is planned for the Wednesday after the meeting.

- **FICO:**

- FICO mowed the grass and weeds on flying field.
 - Weeds were treated with the power sprayer.
 - Ron Simonds cut trees that were obscuring the southern view along the railroad tracks.
 - The club's iron drag was removed from the end of the field, probably by FICO.
 - Trees along Old Nogales Hwy are blocking our views when exiting onto the highway. A suggestion was made to contact local authorities to trim them.
 - Fly traps will not be replaced for a few days as an experiment.

- **Safety issues** – Ken Fleshman reported that:

- Pilots are crossing the runway diagonally to retrieve their planes. We must walk straight out from the flight line to minimize danger to themselves.



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- Members who climb the pecan trees to retrieve their planes are putting FICO at risk for injuries to themselves. We must use the poles in the shed to push debris out of the trees.
 - Pilot training should emphasize proper etiquette, safe traffic patterns, landing procedures, and aerobatics away from the runway. We need to develop an advanced training course and skill checklists.
 - Pilots need to callout landings and takeoffs loudly to be heard by everyone on the flight line.
 - Pilots who need to pick up crash debris should get help to minimize their time in the flying zone.
 - Ken will give a CPR and life safety class in the future.
 - Jim Heuer reminded us to put emergency information on the Twin Buttes bulletin board.
- **Web site report –**
 - Was accessed 7200 times in the last 2 ½ years.
 - Photos were added for late September and early October.
 - Meeting minutes and treasurer's report were added for October.
 - **AMA News –**
 - The AMA asked members to vote for them to win \$10K from the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation for starting a model aviation day camp.
 - The comment period for responding to the FAA's Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft ended September 23. More than 30,000 responses were submitted.
 - **Membership report –** The membership count is still 100.
 - **Area flying events –** Jim Trimbell announced several R/C events scheduled for November.

New Business –

- **Wanted to buy –** Dave McCrory is wanting a Spektrum DX6i transmitter.
- **Holiday Party for December 8 Meeting –**
 - Options were discussed. After several proposals were considered.
 - Attendees voted to have a pizza party put on by National Pizza Parties.
 - The vendor will be contacted for a 4:30 PM party.
- **Commemorative Air Force –** The CAF is seeking donations. Their brochure was shown at the meeting.



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- **Thank you award** – As a thank you for his efforts to support the club, the officers helped pay for the Precision Aerobatics “Addiction XL” 3D plane which Jerry Case has been drooling over.
- **Crash Trophy** – Attendees reminisced about the crash trophy that the club used to award to pilots having the most spectacular crashes. No further action is planned.

Show & Tell:

- Art Siri brought a field flight box with support equipment to give away.
- Jerry Case showed his new Precision Aerobatics “Addiction XL” 3D plane
- Jim Knudson showed his ARF foam AirWing R/C “P-38 Lightning”. The twin-engine, twin-tail plane is controlled by 11 servos. Gear doors operate in sequence with the retracts.
- Colin Hughes brought a built-up Estar Supreme Models “Fieseler Storch.” It has leading and trailing edge slats plus flaps.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM