



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes January 12, 2015

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

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

35 members attended.

Guests: -- Jerry Lewis, resident of Green Valley for 11 years.

New member introductions – Bob Easterling

Treasurer's Report: -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for December. Income was \$1760 in dues. Expenses totaled \$972 for the Christmas party and gate padlocks. The month-end operating balance was \$6,283.

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

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- Saturday, January 10, was a great flying day.
 - A new padlock was installed on the gate.

- **FICO:**

- The new padlock has been difficult to open. It needs to be checked out. Jim Trimbell will get some dry graphite to lube it.
 - Flight station signs are peeling in the sun. Jim Trimbell will repair them.

- **Safety issues** – For later in the meeting.

- **Web site report** –

- Photos were added for the Christmas party, December, and early January.
 - Meeting minutes and treasurer's report were added for December.

- **AMA News** – The AMA is joining other Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) organizations to launch a "Know Before You Fly" campaign to promote safe and responsible flying of small UAV's.



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- **Membership report** –Starting with 100 members in Oct. 2014, 6 new members joined in Nov. and Dec., 5 resigned, and 9 still hadn't renewed their membership. The membership count at the start of 2015 is 92.
- **Area flying events** – Jim Trimbell announced several R/C events scheduled for January and February.
- **Holiday Party** – Special thanks went out to the members and their wives who helped to set up the party. They were Jim & Pat Trimbell, Frank & Suzi Hite, Gerry & Sharon Verity, Dave & Kay McCrory, Jim Knudson, and Dave Risdon. The Hobby Barn donated gift cards for the event. We had 78 attendees who all enjoyed the all-you-can eat-pizza.

New Business

- **Election of Officers for 2015** – The current board was re-elected unanimously for 2015.
- **BAJA Fun Days** – After planning a flying demonstration for the BAJA softball league at the Canoa Preserve Park, we were told by Pima County Parks & Recreation that no model aircraft could be flown in any county park.
- **Newspaper Article About Our Club** – Christopher Boan, sports reporter, wrote and published an article about our club in the Green Valley News (Dec. 14, 2014) and Sahuarita Sun (Dec. 24, 2014)
- **Safety Issues Discussion** – Ken Fleshman

Ideas presented include:

- Role of the Safety Coordinator as specified by the AMA.
- Prop strikes on hands – first aid kit is up to date and kept in the shed above the door.
- All pilots should follow the pattern set by the first pilot. Change the pattern by mutual consent when the wind changes.
- Some clubs use an arrow to indicate the pattern direction.
- Incompatibility between different aircraft types is being worked out by the members.
- No flying over the dirt runway, only over the grass area.
- Pilots must call out low fly-by's and touch and goes.
- We need a documented training program for beginner and advanced pilots.
- We should use additional spotters per AMA rules.
- Pilots should not hesitate to ask for help.
- Suggestion: practice touch & goes on days other than Wed. and Sat., or else later in the day.
- Club policies and procedures should be posted on the web site and handed out to members.



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- Need instructions on how to use the flying field.
- Suggestion: move pilot training to Twin Buttes.
- Suggestion: move pilot training to days other than Wed. or Sat.
- Suggestion: don't fly very small planes on Wed. or Sat.
- Ken will make presentations every other meeting on safety and training issues.
- Suggestion: experienced pilots should fly on days other than Wed. and Sat.
- Suggestion: set aside hours for different types of aircraft.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM