



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes March 9, 2015

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

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

31 members attended.

**Guests:** -- None.

**Treasurer's Report:** -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for February, 2015. Income was \$40 in dues. Expenses were \$1,031 for the AMA club charter, fly traps, 3 flight stands and 1 electric table, and an additional club training transmitter. The month-end operating balance was \$5,651.

**Secretary's Report** – Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for February 9, 2015.

### Old business

- **Flying fields –**

- **Twin Buttes:**

- Weeds are getting bad, we will talk with an exterminator.
    - The fence at the south end of the runway is on the ground.
    - Twice our club lock was not attached correctly to the chain of locks. It must be separated from the other locks by the short chain.

- **FICO:**

- Jim Heuer made 3 flight stands and 1 electric table for the FICO field. He was thanked with a Hobby Barn gift card.
    - Pilots were warned to stay clear of FICO weed mowing personnel.
    - The fence at the end of the runway is disintegrating. Gary Johnson will bring new material to the field.
    - Nine new fly traps are already getting filled.
    - We need a garbage can for the south end of the pit area.
    - Weed control chemicals were purchased, but they will be applied after the mowing is complete.
    - The gate lock was discussed again. To open it, dial the combination, then press down on the hasp before pulling it open. Then change the combination and lock it on the end of the chain.

- **Safety issues –**



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- Ken Fleshman provided a document, “Aerotow Setup and Etiquette” from [www.rcflightdeck.com](http://www.rcflightdeck.com) which describes procedures to make aerotowing more fun and safe. He reported that our club is doing well.
- Field rules for FICO were shown on the screen and reviewed for the members.
- We need to require that club members sign off next year that they have read and understand the rules.
- Sailplanes should be launched from behind the safety fence, not from outside the pit area.
- **Web site report** – No significant changes.
- **AMA News** – A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) was posted by the FAA on the Federal Register on February 23. A 60-day comment period will end on April 24. Though the new rules do not apply to model aircraft, but they will apply to sUAS used for non-hobby or non-recreational purposes, e.g., hobby manufacturers.
- **Membership report** – Still stands at 95.
- **Area flying events** – Jim Trimbell announced a local R/C event for March.

### **New Business:**

- A visitor at the FICO field lost a Nikon Camera.
- Gary Johnson invited members to see the maiden flight of his P-51 Mustang at the TIMPE field on April 14.
- Two static display events are scheduled for the coming months. On May 28 a presentation and display will be put on for the Men’s Breakfast group at the Desert Hills Lutheran Church. On June 21, Father’s Day, a static display will be put on at the Sonora club house in Rancho Sahuarita during their Planes, Trains, and Automobiles event. Plans will be presented at future club meetings.
- Frank Hite suggested that the club give a gift to Amber Boswell before her family moves to Atlanta.
- Gary Ament revealed what happened when he bought his wife to the FICO field to watch his flying. The landing gear collapsed on his T-28 and his Corsair had a rough landing. He won’t do that again.



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### Show & Tell

- R/C items donated by former club members Earl Wilson and Carl Schwabel were given away.

**Meeting Adjourned:** around 8:00 PM