



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes August 10, 2015

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

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

20 members attended.

**Guests:** None.

**New Member:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for July, 2015. Income was \$107 from new member dues and the sale of a member's R/C equipment. Expenses were \$381 for a wind sock repair, fly traps, purchase of a member's R/C equipment, and new bank checks. The month-end operating balance was \$4,502.

**Secretary's Report** – Jerry read the meeting minutes for July 13, 2015.

### Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- The contracted weed extermination has paid off.
    - Rock trucks are using a new road from the quarry on Twin Buttes to Helmet Peak, so Twin Buttes is in good shape.

- **FICO:**

- Work party participants on July 18 successfully sprayed weeds, cut brush, and cut weeds in the pits and on the runway.
    - The safety fence at the south end of the runway was repaired.
    - A plane found in the groves by FICO was returned to the owner.
    - Mowing will start when FICO gets the equipment.
    - The two sun shelters will be moved close to each other just outside the spectator fence. Gary Johnson will use his truck to move them.

- **Safety Issues** –

- Pilots were reminded that the north-end mulch piles and the west-side pecan trees are out of bounds for flying.



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- On Saturdays, if workers are in the mulch pile area, we must not fly gliders or the tow plane over them. We can merge the glider operation into the pattern and take turns.
- At the TIMPA club field, 5 kinds of planes are flown by taking turns and setting up specific times for their flying.
- An article in Model Airplane News addressed the need for good etiquette at the field and suggested that aircraft types can be mixed by taking turns.
- The AMA has no policy on mixing rotary-winged with fixed-wing aircraft. We have to develop our own policy.
- We have had a problem with pilots not wanting to wait for the aerobatic pilots of larger aircraft to finish their flights.
- **Web site report** – Meeting minutes, the treasurer's report, and the roster were updated. Photos were added for late August and early July. Videos of Gary Johnson's P-51 and Corsair were added to the Videos page.
- **AMA News** – Members were reminded to renew their AMA membership by September 14 to avoid a dues increase. The next installment about LIPO batteries was issued. The AMA sent out a warning that wildfires and drones do not mix. Lawrence Tougas is campaigning for re-election as our district Vice President.
- **Membership report** – The membership count is 98 with the addition of Gary Wirrell.
- **Area flying events** – None locally. The Tucson Aerobatic Shootout is back and is set for October 16-18.
- **Plans for a new flying field** – Jim Heuer reported that the proposed flying field near the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be located in the center of the 290 acre property, away from the plant and power lines.

### **New Business:**

- A question was asked about guest flyers at our fields. The TIMPA club charges \$5 per day. The TRCC club is pretty lax about collecting money from guests. A guest flyer at our field must have an AMA license and should avoid our busy days.
- Gary Johnson reminded the members that Hobby Barn and Hobby Town both offer club member discounts, but that we must ask for them.



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- Gary Johnson is selling his Bulldog bi-plane with all hardware except the receiver. We will put an ad in our web site Classifieds page.
- Multi-Rotor and Rotary-Winged Aircraft: The board decided that we cannot safely mix rotary-winged or multi-rotor aircraft with fixed-wing aircraft at the FICO field. There is not enough land area to segregate the flying of the two types of aircraft. However, rotary-winged or multi-rotor aircraft are allowed to fly at Twin Buttes. They must be flown in the normal pattern if fixed-wing aircraft are also being flown. Club rules will be updated and posted at the two fields to reflect these changes. The new rules will also be posted on our web site.

### Show & Tell

- Gary Johnson's Bulldog bi-plane.
- An email and photos from Gary Ament (Minnesota) were shown to the members.
- A video presentation of the maiden flight of Gary Johnson's "Corsair" was shown.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:58 PM