



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes October 12, 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.

22 members attended.

Guests: Frankie Rivera's son.

New Member: Larry Lorenz introduced himself to the members.

Treasurer's Report: -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for September, 2015. Income totaled \$155 from new member dues and the sale of used R/C equipment. There were no expenses. The month-end operating balance was \$4,275.

Secretary's Report – Jerry read the meeting minutes for September 14, 2015.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**

- **Twin Buttes:**

- Jim Heuer purchased and installed a new AMA wind sock. He also replaced the foam bumpers on the safety stands.
 - The entry road is eroded, but the field is in good shape.

- **FICO:**

- The glider launch area was moved close to the north end of the flight line for better communication between pilots.
 - Jim Trimbell made it clear
 - Jim Trimbell suggested that pilots with the larger aircraft should use stations 3 or 4 in order to avoid flying over the mulching operations to the north.
 - The weeds in the pit area and runway need spraying. Jerry will do it.
 - A plane was found by a FICO worker and taken to their office. The owner was notified.
 - **Safety Issues:** Changes to glider operations at FICO were announced. Safety has been reasonably good. One pilot was grounded until he is re-trained by an instructor and must later fly only with a spotter. Pilots were warned that Rich Walden, farm manager, is watching our flying. We must be careful.



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- **Web site report** – Meeting minutes, the treasurer's report, and the roster were updated. Photos were added for September and October. Now there are now 7 photo galleries. A photo memorial for Fred Radle was added.
- **AMA News** – The AMA announced a new monthly video webcast containing AMA and club news. Free plans for an electric foam Avro Vulcan can be downloaded from the AMA site. Members were reminded to vote for our District X vice-president.
- **Membership report** – The membership count is 98 with the addition of Frankie Rivera and Larry Lorenz and relocation of Kermit Jensen. Kermit Jensen is leaving the area. He put some of his R/C equipment in the shed at FICO for anyone wanting it.
- **Area flying events** – Local events include the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout (TIMPE field), One Eighth Air Force Fly-In, Giant Scale Fly-In (TIMPE), and the London Bridge Seaplane Classic. Directions to the TIMPE field will be sent to members.
- **Holiday Party:** The members favored having a holiday party. Alternative locations and vendors were discussed and the members favored the American Legion in January. Jim Knudson will get available dates, menus and prices. No one volunteered to run the event.
- **New Flying Field:** Jim Heuer and Jerry Case presented maps and measurements for the proposed field on county property northwest of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Jim provided details about the desired infrastructure and some cost estimates. County Parks & Recreation are not confident that the bond issue will pass. They are developing leasing arrangements for bond or no-bond situations. We should retain a lawyer when we negotiate with the county. A member warned that we should avoid a 501c(3) status for funding the construction. Another member suggested that we should look for sponsors to help build the infrastructure. Members were warned that we will have to establish an assessment or dues increase to fund the field if the bond fails.

New Business:

- **Officer Elections:** Gerry Verity is chairperson of the nominating committee for 2016. He's looking for volunteers to be candidates.
- **Board changes:** Gary Johnson and Ron Simonds volunteered to join the board as members-at-large.
- **Fly Traps for FICO:** Member consensus is that we should continue to put out fly traps.
- **Sahuarita Police Department:** A Sahuarita PD officer stopped by the FICO field. He said that the field is in their jurisdiction. In case of any conflicts, we should call 911 and they will be at the field quickly. Outsiders have been using the area east of the FICO field for target



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practice. If there any problems with them, call the Sahuarita PD. Members were reminded to wear their badges at the field for proper identification.

Show & Tell:

- Jerry Case: Showed his foam electric Parallax plane built from plan in the April 2014 AMA magazine.
- Wally Kroll: Talked about the Flitetest.com website that has free downloadable plans for Dollar Tree foam planes and showed one of the planes that he built in one afternoon.
- Gary Johnson brought three of Fred Radle's electric planes to sell.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM