



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes November 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:01 P.M.

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

33 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: Tom Long, Mike Vance, and Don Hornbeck introduced themselves to the members.

Treasurer's Report: -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for October, 2015. Income totaled \$165 from new member dues, dues for 2016, and the sale of used R/C equipment. Expenses totaled \$275 for fly taps and weed spray. The month-end operating balance was \$4,164.

Secretary's Report – Jerry read the meeting minutes for October 12, 2015.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**

- **Twin Buttes:**

- The runway is in very good shape, weeds are under control, but the entry road is eroded.

- **FICO:**

- The fly traps will be taken down for a few weeks. An animal is biting into and draining the bags.
 - The field will be closed on November 14 for the Pecan Festival foot races. Members will be notified by email. FICO pilots are invited to fly at Twin Buttes.
 - **Safety Issues:** .Pilots have been flying close to AMA safety guidelines. FICO employees are picking up broken pecan tree limbs in the tree line closest to the flying field. We must be very careful to not fly over the trees or workers.
 - **Web site report** –Meeting minutes, the treasurer's report, and the roster were updated for October. Some photos were added October and November.
 - **AMA News** – The AMA Foundation set up a raffle for a P-51 Dream Flight at the AMA Expo in January, 2016. AMa members are being asked to respond to a FAA survey about their proposed registration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems.



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- **Membership report** – The membership count is 99 with the addition of Tom Long, Mike Vance, and Don Hornbeck.
- **Area flying events** – Jim Trimbell reported on the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout and Giant Scale Fly-In events at the TIMPE field. Other events in November and early December were announced.
- **Holiday Party:** A proposal was made for a club party at the American Legion on January 4, 2016. Prices and menu were presented. A signup sheet was started.
- **New Flying Field:** The county bond issue failed to pass on November 3, therefore no funding would be available from the county for a new field on county property. The county's answers to some of our questions pointed out the hurdles we would have to overcome before construction could begin. Jim Heuer presented the latest layout of the field along with power lines. County Parks & Recreation told us that we will have to present our proposal, funding sources, etc., to the County Administrator who would make a go or no-go decision. The board's consensus is to drop the project. The attendees voted in a straw poll not to pursue the new field. The club was warned not to violate the no fly zone at the FICO field.

New Business:

- **Officer Elections:** The slate of candidates for the board positions will be presented at the December 14 meeting, with elections in January.
- **Dues for 2016:** Members were reminded about the deadlines for paying 2016 club and AMA dues. They were also told that reminder emails will be sent out prior to the deadlines.
- **FICO Field Status:** Board members met with Rich Walden, FICO Farm Manager, to discuss their long range plans for our flying field. He told us that they cannot use the acreage for agriculture. The field is safe until the Sahuarita Long Range Plan allows housing development in 40-50 years. Rich said that the mulching operation is not their own, they will ask the compost operators to move farther north away from the field. He also told us that he had the entry road repaired. We promised Rich that we would not endanger the FICO workers in the groves to the west. Members were reminded that they should put their contact information on their planes in case they get away from us.
- **Twin Buttes Flying Field:** We should try to expand the field dimensions for the gas airplanes. There was a concern that Freeport may not be able to help us.
- **Other Safety Concern:** Gerry Verity reported having fully automatic gun fire near the FICO field. He tried to report it to the Sahuarita PD, but no one was at the station.



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- **President's Remarks:** A suggestion was made that powered gliders should land south of the safety fence so that the plane can be retrieved sooner.

Show & Tell:

- **Ken Fleshman:** Presented a basic first aid session. Goal is to treat a victim until they can get to definitive care; we are not responsible for total treatment. We need to stabilize victim until ambulance arrives, e.g., controlling bleeding via pressure and pressure dressing. Ambulance response is good at both fields. For heart attacks, call 911 immediately and use compression only. For chest pains, call 911 only. For rattlesnake bites, call 911 or drive the victim directly to an emergency room, e.g. Green Valley Hospital. If the first aid kit is used or something is missing, let Ken Fleshman know so that he can replenish it. It was suggested that members use the ambulance insurance program with SW Rural Metro Ambulance.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM