



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes December 14, 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.

32 members attended.

**Guests:** Lloyd Schultz, who joined the club after the meeting.

**New Members:** Jim Stroh, who is arriving in February.

**Treasurer's Report:** -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for November, 2015. Income totaled \$1,830 from new member dues, renewals for 2016, and club dinner fees. Expenses totaled \$150 for AMA charter and insurance fees. The month-end operating balance was \$5,844.

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

### Old business

- **Flying fields –**

- **Twin Buttes:**

- The runway is in very good shape, weeds are under control.
    - The entry road was graded from the gate through our parking lot by Freeport.
    - On Nov. 14, some FICO field pilots flew at Twin Buttes because the FICO field was closed for the Pecan Festival. They reinforced our need to expand the field to the west of the runway.
    - An aerial search for Fran Ecker's Radian glider was successful thanks to Bob Korbas (Calypso glider), Gary Ament (video camera), and Jerry Case (pilot).

- **FICO:**

- Fly traps were taken down. The cold weather is suppressing the flies.
    - It appears that the composting operations north of the field are still there. We hoped that FICO could get the operator to move further north.
  - **Safety Issues:** .Generally no problems. Do not fly over the trees because harvesting is starting. Give the workers the right of way when they are driving on the entry road. Details about the Southwest ambulance insurance program were provided and are posted on our web site.



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- **Web site report:** Meeting minutes, the treasurer's report, and the roster were updated for November. Some photos were added for November and some for December. We need more photos from members.
- **Membership report:** The membership count is 100.
- **Area flying events** – None.
- **Officer Elections** -- Gerry Verity announced that the slate of candidates for 2016 includes the current board members. The election will be held during the January 11 meeting.
- **Dues for 2016:** Members were reminded about the deadlines for paying 2016 club dues. Two reminders were sent out. A third reminder will be sent out at month end. Badges for 2016 are being handed out to payed up members.

### New Business:

- **Search for Franz Ecker's Radian Glider:** Jerry showed a video made during a search for Franz's fly-away glider with help from Bob Korbas and Gary Ament. He described the history of the flyaway, search, video analysis, and the recovery.
- **Twin Buttes Flying Field:** The rancher is going to be relocating his cattle up to the area near the flying field. Members should be sure to keep the gate closed.
- **Holiday Party:** The party is now going to be held on January 13 at the Cow Palace in Amado. Times, costs, arrangements were announced. Deadlines for fees are December 31.
- **Twin Buttes Flying Field:** The board is proposing to expand the field to the west. Freeport approved the project. Jim Heuer showed the proposed layout for expansion. A surveyor bid \$980 to develop a legal document. A motion was made to approve the survey. The motion was approved by the members with one negative vote. Caterpillar offered to provide a limited amount of time and cost to help us with the grading. A rough estimate of grading is \$7000 if we contract it out. If we can't afford the full grading, we could cut trees in the corners of the area. Once the survey is done, the property will be included in our lease and we can clear the area at any time that we want to. If the club has to pay the full cost of grading, an assessment will have to be made on the members. Flying tow-line gliders on the expanded field will work if they fly from the runway.
- **FAA Requirement for Registration of All Unmanned Aerial Vehicles:** In an effort to control the use of drones, the FAA passed an interim final rule to require us to register ourselves as owners of UAV's. Details and deadlines were presented to the members. The



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AMA's responses to the FAA ruling were also presented. The AMA is trying to get the FAA to allow us to use our AMA membership numbers for the registration.

### Show & Tell:

- Gary Johnson brought some Fred Radle equipment to give away.
- Ralph Salgado brought an electric Hobby King Victory Jet produced by RC Lander. The 90mm fan produces 9 pounds of thrust for the 9.5 pound plane. Its wingspan is 66" and fuselage length is 61". It has RC Lander electric retracts. Ralph replaced all the servos with Futaba metal gear servos. He sanded down the plane, glassed it, and repainted it with Model Master spray paints.
- Don Saiser brought a FlyZone DHC-2 Beaver (foamie) with 59.5" wingspan, 850 kv motor, 12x6 prop, and 11.1 2200mAh battery. It has lights and flaps. Don changed the receiver to Futaba FASST.
- Carl Wilson bought his transmitter, receiver, charger, and a plane to sell.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20 PM