



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes February 8, 2016

The meeting, held in the “El Dorado” room in the La Perla apartment building, was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:00 P.M.

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

35 members attended.

**Guests:** None.

**New Members:**

Jim Cogle – from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada  
Larry Verbanac – from Denver

**Treasurer’s Report:** -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer’s report for January, 2016. Income totaled \$374 from new member dues, renewals for 2016, and club dinner fees. Expenses were \$2,379 for the surveyor who prepared the Twin Buttes expansion document, and for the club dinner at the Cow Palace. The month-end operating balance was \$5,760.

**Secretary’s Report** – Jerry read the meeting minutes for January 11, 2016.

**Old business**

- **Flying fields –**

**Twin Buttes:**

- The runway is in very good shape, no weeds on the runway, pits, and parking area.
- The rancher is grazing cattle, be sure to keep the gates closed.

**FICO:**

- Entry road is in bad shape.
- Irrigation pipes and two trash piles are on the edge of the flying field.
- FICO sprayed the weeds on ends of the runway and pits. We should wait a while before removing the dead weeds.
- Pre-emergent spraying by FICO would require that the field be disked.
- When leaving the field and going northbound on Nogales Hwy, watch for cars passing southbound vehicles.
- Cattle from the nearby ranch got onto the field and left cow pies. Frank Hite took it upon himself to remove them. He was enthusiastically thanked for his deed.



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- **Safety Issues:** Members using the north entrance are speeding in the groves. The 15 MPH limit still applies. One safety table is being moved to Twin Buttes. Need to move a table that is pointing at a spectator entrance. Some start-up tables will be moved to the south. The no-fly zone is still in effect, do not fly over the groves to the west or the composting area to the north. AMA insurance will cover us if we fly over people.
- **Web site report:** Meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and 2016 roster were updated for January. No photos were added. We need more photos from members.
- **AMA News –** AMA is recommending that members put both AMA and FCC numbers on our planes.
- **Membership report:** The membership count is 86. Badges that were not picked up at the fields or meetings were mailed to members. Members must always wear their badges at the field in order to be recognized by FICO security.
- **Area flying events –** Announced for the next month.
- **Twin Buttes Flying Field Expansion:** Jim Heuer reported that:

Blue stake and the legal survey were completed and filed.

Freeport engineer will meet with Jim Heuer to go over the plan to push the grading debris.

Still waiting for the lease to be approved and filed by mine management in Phoenix.

Waiting for Caterpillar to come to the field and give us an estimate for grading.

If Caterpillar backs out, we may have to come back to the club for approval to pay for another contractor.

Pilots of the large planes need to be careful at Twin Buttes since there isn't a grass area at the ends of the runway.

### New Business:

- **Green Valley 2016 Club Directory:** Our club entry is current in the new directory.
- **Student training:** Two students soloed. They are Will Clymer and Ron Aklestad.

### Show & Tell:

- **John Ferrara:** Has gas planes, gas engines, tools for sale. Members should call him if they are interested.
- **Dave McCrory:** Brought a charger to sell.



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- **Colin Hughes:** Brought a Real Flight simulator to give away.
- **Ralph Salgado:** Brought a foam Aermachii MB 339 electric jet. He has 1000 flights on it. It has a 90mm EDF fan with 9 lbs. of thrust. It flies over 100 mph.
- **Gary Johnson:** Reported on a warbird fly-in Sun Valley, AZ. It was well attended, but not advertised. Gary had slides to show.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:01 PM