



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes May 9, 2016

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.

17 members attended.

**Guests:** None.

**New Members:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for April, 2016. We had no income. Expenses totaled \$714 for weed extermination at Twin Buttes, three years of hosting for our web site, and new landscaping tools at FICO. The month-end operating balance was \$4,523.

**Secretary's Report** – Jerry read the meeting minutes for April 11, 2016.

### Old business

- **Flying fields –**

- **Twin Buttes:**

- We wrote a letter to Caterpillar management thanking them for their donation of time, equipment, and personnel to the expansion of the Twin Buttes flying field.
    - Will Clymer talked about the status of a sun shelter for the Twin Buttes field. The vendor, Elephant Structures, claims that they do not service Arizona, and Will is waiting for a resolution from their sales personnel. The company accepted a down payment from Will.
    - A discussion was held about renting a Porta-Potty for Twin Buttes or FICO. No action was recommended.

- **FICO:**

- FICO mowed the weeds around the field with no charge to the club.
    - We need to replace the shed with a larger one, move it centrally, and install it on a concrete pad.
    - We discussed the removal of the safety fence at the south end of the runway.
    - We discussed our gate lock and how FICO is handling it.
  - **Safety Issues:** Pilots retrieving their planes from the flying field are taking too long. They are interfering with other departing and arriving aircraft.



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A gas engine plane on a safety stand tilted forward, the propeller dug into the stand and broke up. Recommendation: have another person hold down the tail while running up the engine or tether the tail to the stand.

For longer engine runs, use the test stand at the north end of the field.

Otherwise, pilots are observing the safety rules.

- **Web site report:** Meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and roster were updated for April. Photos were added for April. The video of Caterpillar's grading of the Twin Buttes field was added to the Videos 1 page on the web site.
- **AMA News** – The FCC Modernization and Reform Act with Special Rule for Model Aircraft was passed by the House, but not by the Senate. Our AMA is continuing to work with both houses. A suggestion was made by one of our members to contact Congresswoman Martha McSally regarding this issue.
- **Membership report:** The membership count is 87.
- **Area flying events** – 5/14-5/15 – SAM's club -County Fairgrounds – 2-day Fun Fly.
- **New Business:**
  - **Guest Policy:** The club needs to consider how we should handle guest pilots. We should consider how to set limits on flying days, restrict guests to days other than Wednesdays and Saturdays, and study policies of other clubs. Ideas and questions from attendees were discussed. The board will propose a policy.
  - **President's Comments:**
    - **Flies at FICO flying field:** They are back. We will wait awhile before putting out fly traps.
    - **Planned capital expenses:** The board is concerned that the club will exhaust our capital reserves on several planned capital projects. We could raise the dues. Or make an assessment. Doc said that we should not be afraid of spending our capital reserve. Dues should not be raised to increase the capital reserves when they are plentiful. An assessment is an appropriate means of raising capital. We should prepare a budget, long term capital plan, and maintenance plan before increasing dues.
- **Show & Tell:**



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- **Will Clymer** – reported on Franz Ecker’s health.
- **Kim Trimbell** – reported on the health of Frank Hite’s wife.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:47 PM