



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes August 8, 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.

21 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: Michael Brown introduced himself to the attendees.

Treasurer's Report: -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for May, June, and July, 2016. We had \$40 income from new member dues. Expenses totaled \$1,342 for the new sun shelter at the Twin Buttes flying field. The month-end operating balance was \$3,222.

Secretary's Report – Jerry read the meeting minutes for May 9, 2016.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**

- **Twin Buttes:**

- The runway is in excellent condition. Basically weed free.
 - Entry road is partially washed out from the rains, but passable. We will wait until the monsoons are over to get it dragged or repaired.
 - We had problems with the arrangement of locks on the gate chain because of the rancher or his workers. The short chain made it hard to unlock our lock.
 - Winds and rain moved some of the tables. Cows also moved some of them. Jim Heuer straightened them out.

- **FICO:**

- FICO mowed the weeds and grass around the field again.
 - Gary removed the orange fence at the south end of the runway.
 - Some vandalism by ATV's on the parking lot. FICO can't do much about the trespassers. They patrol the area every two days. Glen Aldridge suggested putting up video surveillance signs at the ends of the parking lot.
 - We asked FICO if they would approve us spraying weeds around the runway. FICO won't allow outside weed exterminators on the property.
 - We need a work party in the coming week to spray weeds.
 - Frank Hite researched the cost of installing a Porta Potty on the FICO field. Waste Management quoted a \$35 delivery fee, \$85 monthly service fee.



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- **Safety Issues:** Pilots need to callout takeoffs and landings, particularly for the other members in the pit area.
- **Web site report:** Meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and roster were updated for May, June, July. Photos were added for those months and August.
- **AMA News** – The FCC Modernization and Reform Act was passed by Congress. The Special Rule for Model Aircraft is still in effect. The 400' max ceiling does not apply to us. Pilots must do the drone registration.
- **Membership report:** The membership count is 89 as of the current meeting.
- **Area flying events** – None.
- **New Business:**
 - **President's Comments:**
 - **Planned capital projects:**
 - Twin Buttes
 - Picnic table and chairs.
 - Safety fence in front of sun shelter to protect members and guests.
 - Possibly a couple more safety stands.
 - FICO
 - New chairs to replace damaged chairs.
 - Tables at north end of pit area need replacing.
 - Thin fencing on flight line needs replacing.
 - Shed needs replacing with a larger building and relocating to the center of flight line. Considering putting it a concrete pad.
 - **Dues Increase:** The board will implement a dues increase to cover the cost of maintenance and capital expenses for two flying fields. An assessment would be too complicated.
 - **Conversation with Rich Walden, Fam Manager:**



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- He apologized about the condition of the entry road. They are repairing washouts on their high priority roads and will eventually get to our entry road.
- FICO is pleased with their new rain bird sprinkler system. They are seeing a 35% reduction in water usage.
- A new gate is being installed by FICO on the east side of the railroad tracks. We will have to unlock the gate before driving across the tracks.
- The mulching operation to the north of the field ran out of space and are using the south end of their lease again.
- **FICO field manager:** We are looking for one or two members to manage the FICO field.
- **Show & Tell:**
 - **Wally Kroll** – Brought a Great Planes Factor 3D (ARF) which almost completed. It has a blond pilot, i.e., someone to blame for pilot errors. He reinforced the landing gear section. It took him days to build it.
 - **Gary Johnson** – Sold a Radian glider to Will.
 - **Jerry Case** – Brought his second Avro Vulcan foamy, painted in camo colors like the full-sized military aircraft.
 - **Jim Trimbell** – Reported on the recent Oshkosh Fly-In, including the Canadian Snowbirds and a new Boeing 747-800.
 - **Bob Brown** – We viewed a video of Bob flying his Great Planes M12-S Pitts bi-plane was shown.
 - **Jose Castro** – We viewed a video of Jose flying his Pilatus Porter. Because he replaced the 35cc gas engine with a 26cc, the takeoff was very long.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM