



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes September 12, 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.

16 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: None.

Treasurer's Report: -- Jim Knudson read the Treasurer's report for August, 2016. We had \$40 income from new member dues. Expenses totaled \$380 for two tanks of propane for the weed torch and jugs of pre-emergent weed spray. The month-end operating balance was \$2,882.

Secretary's Report – Jerry read the meeting minutes for August 8, 2016.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - The runway is clear of weeds.
 - Shrubs are growing up in the graded expansion area. They need to be cleared for emergency landings.
 - The entry road is washed out again from the monsoon rains. It's still drivable.
 - Jim Heuer asked our Freeport contact for help to repair the entry road. They don't have any funds; we are on our own.
 - Jim repaired a couple of flight stands that were knocked over and damaged by cows. We currently have 4 usable safety stands.
 - A work party is needed to repair the road when the rainy season is over.

FICO:

- A work party was held on August 31. Pre-emergent weed killer was applied to the pit area.
- FICO was asked to apply weed killer around the runway.
- **Safety Issues:** Around the end of September, Ken Fleshman will rebuild the first aid kits at the flying fields. Heat summer heat is damaging the contents.



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A young rattlesnake that was discovered at the foot of the north flight stand was dispatched. Jim Trimble saw an adult snake crossing our entry road at the end of the parking lot. Members should watch carefully while walking in the high grass on the field.

Take-off and landing calls are necessary for people in the pit area as well as the airborne pilots.

- **Web site report:** Meeting minutes, and treasurer's report were updated for August. More than two hundred photos were added for August.
- **AMA News** – The FAA made our AMA organization part of their Drone Advisory Committee. AMA issued a clarification to members. FAA regulations for commercial drones do not apply to drones flown by AMA members for recreational or educational purposes.
- **Membership report:** The membership count is 89.
- **Area flying events** – Only in the Phoenix area.
- **Dues Increase for 2017:** The board recommended that the dues for 2017 should be raised to \$80. Our dues are still less than other area clubs. A motion was made and seconded to increase the dues. It was passed unanimously. It was suggested that we should develop a budget to support the increase.
- **New shed for FICO:** Email and voice votes were cast (43 to 9) in favor of buying a new shed. Details about the shed construction, installation, location, and planned enhancements were discussed. The old shed will be disassembled and taken to the dump.

Frank Hite and his wife, Suzie, are donating a riding mower to the club. Frank described its features to the members. He acknowledged that theft from the shed is a possibility.

Jim Trimble will investigate the cost of insuring the shed and tractor.

Methods to secure the tractor in the shed were discussed.

New Business:

- **Holiday Party:**
 - Gary Johnson announced that his wife and Dave Risdon and his wife would organize a holiday party for the club. It should be pot luck to reduce the cost to the club.



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- If the La Posada Recreation center isn't big enough we could hold it at the American Legion Post 131 on Esperanza. David is willing to arrange a karaoke performer. Gary will provide cost estimates for the post at the October meeting. Drinks will be available from the cash bar at the post
- Gary will get the tub of decorations from the Twin Buttes shed to see what is needed for a party this year.
- Reservations were made for the party at the La Posada Rec Center for December 12 if we need it. However, seating and serving space is limited.
- We will make a decision on where to hold the party at the October meeting.

President's Comments: None

Show & Tell:

- Bob Hamilton brought a box of balsa wood to give away. Two members immediately solved his storage problem.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 PM