



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes March 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:00 P.M.

Officers present: Jim Trimbell, Phil Korth, Frank Hite, Jerry Case.

25 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: Duane Felstet-not present.

Treasurer's Report: -- Frank Hite presented the report for February, 2017. The opening balance was \$5,600. Income was \$160 from two new members. Expenses totaled \$24 for office supplies. The month-end operating balance was \$5,735.

Secretary's Report – Jerry read the meeting minutes for February 13, 2017.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - Pilot training is going well.
 - Cows will be grazing in the area for another month. We must leave the gate closed.
 - Phone number of the rancher will be posted. He must be called if cattle are seen on the road.
 - Still need a hula-hoe and garden rake.
 - **FICO:**
 - Jim Trimbell and Frank Hite sprayed the pit area and half of the runway with weed killer. Will need a work party to remove the dead weeds. Will use a pre-emergent spray after the cleanup.
 - The sprayer boom and hand wand are working well. Jim Trimbell was thanked for all the walking he did behind the tractor.
 - Members approved spending \$685 for more weed control chemicals.
 - Gary Johnson is going to order new wind socks for Twin Buttes and FICO. The big FICO wind sock will be moved and installed on the rear of the new shed.
 - Rich Walden, farm manager, still wants the last club member leaving the field on a weekend to lock the gate, unless FICO farm workers are in the area.
- **Safety Issues:**



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- A club member suffered propeller cuts to his hand. Other club members followed the posted rules about getting him to the urgent care center.
- Beware of rattlesnakes to the east of the field. If someone is bitten, don't call 911 or apply first aid. Elevate the extremity. Drive them to the hospital immediately. If the hospital doesn't have the anti-venom, they will transport the victim to a source.
- New pilots or pilots needing help with trimming, ask for help.
- Ask for help if the plane is going out of sight. Keep the plane in the fly zone, not over the recycling plant or the trees.
- Loudly call out take-offs and landings. Otherwise a spotter will be needed to stand with the pilot.
- No low passes over the runway, only over the grass area.
- **Pilot training**

Jerry Case and Gary Ament are training the 4 new pilots at the Twin Buttes field. The students are learning on their own Apprentice 15e planes using the Safe system. The curriculum is the TRCC club's Basic Flight Maneuver checklist. All 4 students completed a takeoff and landing within two flights. Cory Nyman soloed under Gary Ament's instruction. Gary Allen was proceeding well with Gary Ament before returning to Canada. Ted Panhuis advanced to intermediate mode with Jerry Case. Bing Bingham is still flying in the beginner mode. Phil Korth offered to instruct students, such as Cory Nyman, in aerobatics. Newly trained pilots who want to fly at FICO should initially fly with a senior pilot as a spotter.
- **Web site report:** Club roster, photos, minutes, treasurer reports were updated for February.
- **AMA News:** No report.
- **Membership Report:** Currently 75 members. Added 9 new members since January.
- **Current R/C events:** Tucson Jet Rally at TIMPE on March 16-19.

New Business:

- **Club Picnic at the FICO Field:** No one volunteered to organize the club picnic. There was no interest in attending a picnic. The event is cancelled.



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Show and Tell:

- Derek Wooley's widow donated a Tiger Moth gas plane and a 40-size sport plane to the club. Gary Johnson is going to take the old Tiger Moth to a swap meet. Anyone can have the sport plane.
- Tom Guy brought a list of R/C stuff available for sale by a handicapped pilot who is getting out of the hobby.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:34 PM