



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

17 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: Jim Trimbell handed out an application to a visitor at the field. He hasn't turned it in yet.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for April 2017. The opening balance was \$5,115. Income was \$80 from one new member. Expenses totaled \$66 including \$23 for tools, \$38 for a new wind sock, and \$4 for gasoline. The month-end operating balance was \$5,130.

Secretary's Report: Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for April 10, 2017.

Club member status:

Joe Kempf: Returned to the FICO field with the help of his neighbor and flew his glider. He is feeling a bit better following his chemo and radiation treatments. He thanked the club for their best wishes and prayers.

Keith Kidder: Is moving to Washington state and said goodbye to the club during the meeting.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - Weeds on the runway can be removed with a hula hoe.
 - We bought a 2-gal sprayer to spot-kill weeds.
 - Still no need to hire the weed exterminating company since few weeds are growing back.
 - The wind sock was blown off the pole by high winds. Temporary repairs were made at the field.
 - **FICO:**
 - The box for used old LIPO batteries was filled and taken to the dump by Frank Hite. Battery leads should be clipped and taped over before leaving them at the field,



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- Gary Johnson installed the large wind sock over the new shed.
- Frank Hite and Jim Trimbell applied pre-emergent killer 25' beyond the west edge of the runway.
- Members were asked to knock off any stray weeds found in the runway.
- Gerry Verity chased the bees away from the safety fence with a home-grown concoction that he sprayed from his truck.
- Ants are still in the pit area. Jim T will spray them tomorrow.

- **Safety Issues:**

Launching gliders and foamies from beyond the ends of the safety fence is working well. Hand-launched planes should align with the normal pattern as soon as practical. We should wait to the fall to formulate rules covering this requirement.

Jerry is making another ramp for launching the Vulcan's for the north end of the field.

- **Web site report:** Many photos were added for April, March, May. More photos are needed from members using their phones.
- **AMA News:** Government Relations has successfully contacted policymakers and the media to help defeat legislation that would be harmful to our hobby. Congress is working on an FAA reauthorization bill. The AMA is working with them to strengthen and protect the Special Rule for Model Aircraft.
- **AMA Insurance:** Wherever we fly, we are covered by our AMA insurance, which is "excess" to any other applicable coverage, such as homeowner's.
- **Membership Report:** Still 76.
- **Student Training Status:** Gary Ament assisted with student training. Cory Nyman graduated. Gary Allen returned to Canada where he can continue his own training. Ted Panhuis, who moved up to intermediate mode on the transmitter, is back in Ohio where he is arranging for a local club instructor. Bing Bingham is still flying with the safe mode and needs more time.
- **Current R/C events:** None in the area.
- **Meetings for June, July and August:** Attendees were reminded that there are no club meetings this June, July, and August. The next formal meeting is in September. Members were reminded that the board is still operating and that the same safety rules apply all summer.
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New Business:

- **LIPO battery collection:**

Frank Hite took a big box of batteries to the dump where there is no fee for disposal. Collin Hughes said that other electrical components can also be left there.

Jerry Case told about the danger of using a salt water bath to discharge a LIPO battery. The internal leads can corrode without completely discharging the battery, thus leaving it unsafe.

Radio Shack is closed and can't take the LIPO's.

Show and Tell:

- **RC goodies:** Were available for the taking.
- **Gary Johnson:** Brought a former member's Hanger 9 Cub ARF which he is powering with a 40cc twin gas engine. Wally Kroll removed a bay from each the wing tip to reduce the 104" span to 88". Some finish work is needed.
- **Phil Korth:** Brought his Sbach (General Hobbies) ARF with a 30cc DLE gas engine. He sheared some prop bolts, but Bob Orr reamed out the bolt holes. It took two Ace Hardware stores to supply the four 10-32 bolts for the prop. He's getting a splitter to connect the elevators into one channel before flying it.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM