



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017

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

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

13 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: Dave Johnson, not present.

Member Status: Jim Knudson is staying in Green Valley but is getting out of the hobby for now.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for June, July, and August 2017. The opening balance was \$5,102. Income was zero. Expenses totaled \$124 including \$96 for weed chemicals, \$13 for hardware, \$4 for gasoline, and \$12 for gasoline and tractor tire repair. The period-end operating balance was \$4,978.

Frank reported that the tractor had a flat tire and that Glen Aldridge helped to repair it.

Secretary's Report: Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for May 8, 2017.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - Jerry chain-sawed a dozen young mesquite trees in the expansion area.
 - Weeds on the runway were removed with the hula hoe.
 - Chemicals to spot-treat the rest of weeds on the runway were ordered.
 - Bob Korbas welded up a new frame for the wind sock.
 - An appointment with Wildcat Exterminating was scheduled to get an estimate to apply weed killer to the expansion area.
 - The sign about loose cattle is missing from the bulletin board. Jerry will contact the rancher to see if he's still running his cattle on the range.
 - **FICO:**
 - Someone peeled off part of the rear siding on the old shed. Nothing important was stolen. Gary Johnson reattached the damaged siding and Jerry Case caulked it.
 - A sink hole has been developing in the entry road. FICO is busy repairing other damaged roads, so we will have to wait. Drivers must beware of the danger.



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- Frank used the tractor to close-mow 20 yards all around the runway.
 - Jerry spot-treated weeds in the runway.
 - Jerry filled 44 water jugs with water and stored them in the old shed.
 - Gary Johnson suggested a work party to pick up the rocks off the runway.
 - Gary Johnson hula-hoed a large area to the north of the last flight bench. We should apply weed retardant to that area.
- **Safety Issues:** Launching gliders and foamies from beyond the ends of the safety fence is working well. We will wait to the fall to re-evaluate this procedure.
 - **Web site report:** Photos were added for May through September. The roster was updated with changes to phone numbers and addresses.
 - **AMA News:** Elections for AMA Executive Vice President are coming soon. Lawrence Tougas, our current District X VP, and Randy Cameron are candidates for the position. Their position statements are available on the AMA web site.

Gary Johnson brought up a reported collision between a drone and commercial aircraft that's been circulating on the Internet and Facebook.

- **Membership Report:** Now 78 members.

Local R/C Event: October 17-22, Tucson Aerobatic Shootout at the TIMPE field. The sponsor is expecting more than 150 contestants.

- **LIPO Battery Recycling:** The Pima County Transfer Station is accepting LIPO batteries, but not general electronics. Be sure to cut off the leads and tape up the pack.

New Business:

- **Static Display at Friends in Deed:** Jim Trimbell, Gary Johnson, and Jerry Case put on a static display at the Friends in Deed Social on July 21. Attendance was very low. Only one person asked any questions about our hobby. Betty Thayer, Program Chair, wrote a letter to the club to apologize for the lack of attendees and suggested that a display in the winter would be better.
- **Student Training:** Glen Aldridge suggested that pilot training be done at Twin Buttes, which it is currently. The confusion came about because of the wording in the twice weekly board announcements.



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- **Expense Limit:** Jim Trimbell suggested that the limit on expenses, not requiring member approval, should be raised from \$500 to \$1000. This change will require a by-law revision. We can address this idea later in the year when more members are present.

Show and Tell:

- **Keith Blaine:** Presented his technique of making a mold for a fiberglass glider fuselage. He used a repaired glider fuselage as the plug. He uses polyvinyl alcohol as a release agent. The fuse is laid up in two halves at the same time, which are then joined together with fiberglass tape on the interior. This method is better than the lost foam technique because multiple copies can be made.
- **Colin Hughes:** Brought a de Havilland DH-89 Dragon Rapide which is a twin motor bi-plane. It was a short kit that still required a lot of work. The motors, controlled by two ESCs and two 3-cell LIPO's, are not synchronized. That resulted in circular taxiing. He plans to replace the motors. It was suggested the Colin use a TWINSYNC to synchronize the motors.
- **RC goodies:** Hardware and supplies from Jim Knudsen were available for the taking.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM