



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

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:02 P.M.

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

28 members attended.

R/C Equipment for Sale: Vince Ercolani offered all of his R/C equipment for sale.

Guests: None.

New Members: Earl Olson who introduced himself to the group.

Member Status:

Bob Orr – returned to the meeting after his knee replacement.

Phil Korth – returned to the meeting after his knee replacement.

Ron Bengston – broke his hip and is in the hospital.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for November 2017. The opening balance was \$4,383. Income was \$44 from donations for hardware giveaways and \$2,480 from 2018 dues. Expenses were \$39 for backing up our web site, and \$21 for bank supplies. The month end operating balance was \$6,847.

Secretary's Report: Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for November 13, 2017.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - Field is in really good shape.
 - Gary Johnson reported that he bought a windsock, and Ron Simonds and Jim Heuer installed it. It's rated at 20 mph.
 - Weed killer was applied repeatedly to the young mesquite trees which are now dying. Eventually we can cut them down.
 - **FICO:**
 - Field is in excellent condition.
 - Javalina have been digging holes in the south end of the runway. Eventually need to fill them in.
 - Looking for a project leader to repair the safety tables. Four need to be sanded and 7 need to be repainted. The two picnic tables need to be repainted.



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- Members have been complaining about dust being raised in the parking lot. Drivers must slow down in the parking lot.
- Rich Walden, Farm Manager, would like us to close the field when the harvest starts in the groves near the field. He will try to give us a date and we will announce the field closure.
- **Safety Issues:** Runway at FICO is for take-offs and landings only. Aerobatics should be performed only over the grass area.
- **Web site report:** Photos were added for November and December. Now have 9 pages of photos in the Gallery.
- **AMA News:** None.
- **Membership Report:** 77 members in 2017, added 2 before the end of the year. Still collecting dues for 2018. Money in the treasury is needed in case we lose a number of members for 2018 and still have to support two flying fields.
- **Local R/C Event:** None.
- **AMA Renewals:** Reminder that AMA memberships must be current by January 1, 2018.
- **Club dues:** Drop dead for dues renewal is the January 8 meeting.
- **2018 Elections:** Current board is willing run again for the coming year. Gary Johnson will be Safety Officer for FICO. Gary Johnson and Ron Simonds will be board members at large. Jim Trimbell and Bob Korbas will be field managers for the two fields. Still need a Safety Officer for Twin Buttes. Elections will be held during the January 8, 2018 meeting.

New Business:

- **New member recruitment:** Jim Cogle recommended that the club seek new members. Suggestions from attendees:
 - Put meeting announcements in the local paper, Green Valley News.
 - Put an entry in the Green Valley Club Directory. Done.
 - Hold public static displays. Done, resulted in only one new member.
 - Pecan Festival booth. Very expensive.
 - R/C classes at the Continental Middle school didn't result in any new members.
 - Possible display at the Continental mall shows.
 - Farmers market at Fry's parking lot.
 - Develop a flyer to hand out.



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- Farmers market near Walmart.
- Car show at Post 66 American Legion Post.
- **Shed at FICO:** Is there a chance of replacing it with a larger shed? Jim Trimbell will check if there is a trade-in possibility.
- **FICO gate during harvest:** Last person leaving the field on a Saturday or Sunday must lock the gate. We will put up a sign if the field is closed.

Remarks from the President: None

Show and Tell:

- **Ken Fleshman:** Had photos of a large-scale fly in in 1989 that was held south of Las Vegas on a dry lake. Talked about a pilot who developed an early FPV system from off-the-shelf components.
- **Bob Orr:** In 1979 he met an R/C pilot who flew several miles away with a TV.
- **Gary Johnson:** Brought an 89" $\frac{1}{4}$ scale Sukhoi SU-26, that Walley Kroll started building 3 years ago in Wi. Wally gave it to Gary who now wishes he hadn't continued to work on it. A lot of work is still needed on the wing fillets. Servos, smoke tank, smoke pump, engine, and ignition box are in. A cowl will be very expensive. Engine is a DA 59. Wing is 2.5" thick. Working on it for a month and a half, but the wing fillets are still not done.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 PM