



## Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes March 12, 2018

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.

27 members attended.

**Guests:** Kent Dexter – joined the club during the meeting.

**New Members:** None.

### **Member Status:**

Bob Orr – Jim Trimbell visited him at the Handmaker facility. He is going into the Oro Valley hospital because an infection came back in his leg. The doctors will go into the stump, remove the infected material, and rebuild it. After putting antibiotics in the bone, they will rebuild the stump. The plaster mold for a prosthetic will need to be re-made.

**Treasurer's Report:** Frank Hite presented the report for February 2018. The opening balance was \$8,990. Income was zero. Expenses were \$279 for trash bags, paint equipment, and our club's AMA charter. The month-end operating balance was \$8,710.

**Secretary's Report:** Jerry Case read the meeting minutes for February 12, 2018.

### **Old business**

- **Flying fields –**
  - **Twin Buttes:**
    - Conditions are excellent. Rain settled the dust.
    - Bulls damaged one end of the runway while challenging each other.
    - The drag needs a major redesign.
  - **FICO:**
    - The combination for the locks on both sheds was changed since the new shed was twice left unlocked. The 6 board members know the new combination.
    - Gary Johnson will relocate the first aid kit to the underside of one of the picnic tables.
    - The pecan harvest appears to be done.
    - The trees are being watered again. They will soon be in bloom. We must be sure to keep the dust down when driving in the grove.
    - Jim Trimble, Frank Hite, Jim Cogle, Jim Stroh, and Dave McCrory painted the tables and benches. Only one more to go. Rubber mats are installed where gas engines drip fluids.



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- Waiting for the Twin Buttes drag to be finished so it can be used on the FICO field.
- **Safety Issues:**
  - Pilots need to stay out of the “no fly” zone, follow the pattern if multiple planes are in the air, and do aerobatics only over the grass area.
  - New safety rules from the AMA haven’t been received yet. When available they will be posted at the fields.
- **Web site report:** Photos were added for February and March. Meeting minutes and the treasurer’s report were updated.
- **AMA News:** None.
- **Membership Report:** Still 65 members.
- **Local R/C Events:** Tucson Jet Rally on March 13-18 at the TIMPE field. A control-line event is scheduled for Tucson later in the month.

### New Business:

- **FCC Drone Registration Number:**
  - The FCC says that the number should be “affixed to the aircraft” and must be “readily accessible and legible upon close visual inspection.” It “may be placed in a battery compartment as long as it can be accessed without the use of tools.”
  - The AMA says that the FAA registration number “is to be placed inside all of your aircraft along with your AMA number.”
  - FAA agents visited the TRCC flying field and stopped planes from flying that didn’t have the FCC number on them.
- **Radio interference at the NW corner of FICO:** The U of A weather station may be interfering with our planes. Gary Johnson will take his plane there to do a range check and see if there is interference.

### Show and Tell:

- **Jim Cogle** – Brought a ParkZone Sport Cub for sale.
- **Gary Johnson** – Brought a ¼ scale Hanger 9 Cub. Wally Kroll removed two bays out of each wing. Gary replaced the original engine with a 40cc twin gas engine. He planes to maiden it the next morning.



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- **Jerry Case** – Brought a Tower Hobby Parkmaster Pro foamy. He talked about his modifications. Hairline cracks developed in the horizontal stabilizer during the maiden. He added carbon fiber braces and rods to the stab.
- **Joe Kempf**: Brought a plane made of foam board. He plans to put a larger motor in it.
- ??? brought an ParkZone ArtiZan for sale.
- **Don Saiser** – Brought a Tower Hobbies Millennium Master electric plane.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:38 PM