

Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes May 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Jim Trimbell, President, at 7:03 P.M.

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

13 members attended.

Guests: None.

New Members: None.

Member Status:

Bob Orr – Jim Trimbell reported on Bob's status. Kent Dexter – is close to soloing.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for April 2018. The opening balance was \$8,598. Income was \$80 from dues. Expenses were \$30 for tractor supplies and \$50 for a "Stitch N Vaders" silk screen. The month-end operating balance was \$8,598.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were not read for April 2018.

Old business

Flying fields –

Twin Buttes:

- Conditions are still very good. Thorn bushes are growing back. Will have to be treated again.
- One wind sock needs to be modified to swivel in the wind.
- Two 6' picnic tables were bought from Costco. Attendees discussed options for moving them to the field and methods for securing them to the ground.

FICO:

- ATV drivers, who damaged the pits and runway, haven't returned. Discussions were held on ways to prevent the culprits from driving on the field.
- Hardware is needed to provide lightening protection for the wind sock pole which is attached to the shed. Jim T will get the hardware and Gary Johnson will install it.
- The entry road is very dusty. Members should drive very slowly when driving through the parking area.



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Safety Issues:

- Ken Fleshman revealed that he was not aware of the position of his plane while trimming it. Gary Johnson, his volunteer spotter, warned him about excursions out of the flying zone.
- Gary Johnson admitted to flying in the no-fly zone. Pilots must stay out of those areas.
- We should consider having members sign off when they receive the club safety rules in October or December.
- Web site report: Photos were posted for April. Roster was updated 4/2/18.
- **Green Valley News**: Called Jim Trimbell to confirm our club activities and facilities for the GV Club Directory. Jerry announced that our club information was provided already.
- **AMA News**: Presented the status of the FAA Reauthorization Rule of 2018, which is working its way through Congress.
- Membership Report: Currently 67 members.
- Local R/C Events: SAM's Swap Meet: Cancelled.

New Business:

- Letter to Rep. Martha McSally: Phil Korth drafted a letter that was sent by our board to Rep. McSally. We asked her to support the continued inclusion of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft in the FAA Reauthorization Act for 2018. We also invited her, or her representative, to visit our club field and observe our flying operations.
- **R/C fittings company**: Offered to attend one of our meetings to present their products. Jim T suggested that maybe in the fall when more members are in town.
- Future meetings: Cancelled for June, July, August 2018.
- **Hal Aasen**: A winter visitor asked about a source for glow fuel. Hobby Town is the only local supplier.

President's Comments:

• **Guest Pilots**: We need a formal guest pilot policy to be included in the bylaws. Phil Korth is working on it.



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- Club Officers: Should we consider having a summer and winter club President? It worked in the past. We might also consider having only six months of meetings.
- Club shirts: Stitch N Vaders can silk screen shirts and hats with the club logo front and back. We should bring our own shirts. Sears, REI, Old Navy, and Walmart have shirts.

Show and Tell:

- Wally Kroll: Wally repaired Art Siri's gas-powered Cobra bi-plane. He modified it for electric power and set it up with both a flight and receiver battery pack. It weighs 15-20 pounds. He reinforced the bottom wing which had been broken. He is going ask Gary Johnson to test fly it.
- **Desert Aircraft**: Are now carrying Menz (German) propellers. They showed Gary Johnson a special order 50% Billy Hampel Cub with a DA 6-cylinder, 300cc, 31hp engine.

• **Dubro:** They sell hubs for Carbon Z Cub rubber tires.

Meeting Adjourned: approx. 7:45 PM