



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes September 10, 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.

18 members attended.

Guests:

Gary Butters – son of Ben Butters

Paul – friend of Collin Hughes.

New Members: Hector Navarro is a potential new member. He's being trained by Jose Castro.

Member Status:

Bob Orr – Attended this meeting. He has been visiting the field and is now mobile and driving with his prosthetic.

Jim Knudson – Who had a min-stroke probably will be dropping out of the R/C hobby.

Jeff Little – Talked to by Jerry in the bank. He was Ted Dore's buddy at the field. His wife, Miss Margaret, made wind socks for the club.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for May, June, July and August 2018. The opening balance was \$8,598. Income was \$80 from dues and a donation. Expenses totaled \$404 for lightening rod hardware, picnic tables for Twin Buttes, safety table repairs, and tractor supplies. The month-end operating balance was \$8,274.

Secretary's Report: Jerry read the minutes for the May 14 meeting.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - Field conditions are good. Small weeds are being hula-hoed.
 - Jerry described how two new picnic tables were transported to the field and secured to the ground.
 - **FICO:**
 - The field was mowed a few weeks ago, but the weeds are growing again. We are waiting for FICO to mow again.
 - Frank is mowing the weeds near the runway with the tractor.
 - Frank cut the weeds alongside the parking lot with the string trimmer.
 - Need to spray the weeds in the runway when the monsoons are over.



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- Entry road is blocked by the gas line construction work. It should be completed soon. Meanwhile, use the north entrance.
- FICO is spraying for aphids. Avoid the area being sprayed.
- Trash can under the shelter should be used for trash, not broken airplanes. The LIPO recycling bucket near the shed has been replaced with a new one.
- **Safety Issues:**
 - Ken Fleshman reported the latest AMA rules were posted at both fields.
 - AMA safety rule suggests that we pre-flight our planes. This practice might have prevented some of our crashes.
 - Another rule suggests having another pilot check out a new or re-built airplane.
 - Pilots should minimize their touch & go activity on busy days to reduce the waiting time for other pilots.
- **Pilot training:**
 - Kent Dexter – Learned to fly quickly. He soloed June 13.
 - Hector Navarro – Is being trained by Jesus Castro. Jerry sent Jesus the club's criteria for an entry level pilot. Jerry will test Hector when he is ready to solo.
 - Jerry prepared a syllabus for training entry level pilots. It was adapted from the work done by the TRCC club. Ken Fleshman suggested adding it to the club's procedures manual.
 - Glen Aldridge suggested adding a requirement for the student to be able to trim his plane. He also suggested adding a requirement for looping and rolling, which Jerry does after the student solos.
- **Web site report:** Photos were posted May through September. Roster was updated September 18.
- **AMA News:** Presented the status of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, which is still working its way through Congress.
- **Letter to Representative Martha McSally:** Phil Korth wrote a letter from the board to her asking her to support Section 336 in the FAA Re-Authorization Act of 2018. It was received but neither she nor her office responded.
- **Membership Report:** Currently 67 members.
- **Local R/C Events:** Tucson Aerobatic Shootout is scheduled for October 17-21 at the TIMPE field. A map is on their web site



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New Business:

- **Old shed at FICO:** The old shed, which contains water, chemicals, and the sprayer, is dying. The board is planning to shop for a new one. A proposal will be presented in the fall.
- **FICO weed eater:** Gary Johnson reported that the repair shop said that they are aren't sure if it can be repaired. We will lose the deposit if can't be fixed. Gary will let us know what the shop says.

Show and Tell:

- Video of Gary Johnson and Jeff Brown flying formation.
- Video of Bob Brown flying his 43% Extra 260.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 PM