



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes November 12, 2018

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

20 members attended.

Guests: None

New Members: Dain Webster introduced himself.

Member Status: Talked about Ron Bengston (recovering from hip replacement), Keith Blair (out of the country until Jan.), Tom Long (moved to FL), Earl Olson (swapping planes for boats), Dave McCrory (returned to W VA to be with his wife who's undergoing eye surgery).

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for October 2018. The opening balance was \$8,260. Income was \$80 from new member dues. Expenses totaled \$142 for fly traps, fix a flat, and miscellaneous. The month-end operating balance was \$8,199.

Secretary's Report: Jerry read the minutes for the October 10 meeting

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - Field conditions are good. Weeds are under control on the runway.
 - **FICO:**
 - Field conditions are good. Waiting to spray the emerging weeds until they die off a bit.
 - Harvest starts in a week or so. Stay away from the harvest equipment.
 - Members were reminded not to use the north entrance to the grove.
 - Old shed can't be moved to a concrete slab or salvaged. Still need to buy a new larger shed that can be installed on blocks.
- **Safety:**
 - Skin from large rattlesnake was found near the field.
 - Ken Fleshman talked about the new AMA Safety Handbook which was finally sent out to club officers. It is available only online. Jerry will attach the page containing the safety rules to an email to the members.
 - Frank Hite thanked everyone for using the plastic box near the shed to dispose of their old LIPO batteries. He takes the batteries to the Sahuarita dump.



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- Dick Dehahn described an incident involving LIPO batteries that were being charged in a van. The van and contents were destroyed.
- Jim Trimbell told about a LIPO which burst open in his house while being charged. It filled the house with smoke.
- **Web Site Report:** New photos from September through October. Roster was updated on Nov. 6.
- **Membership Report:** Currently 69 members.
- **AMA and Club Dues:** Club dues, \$80, for 2019 are due anytime, payable for December 31. New badges are issued. AMA must be current to fly at our fields.
- **FAA Authorization Act of 2018:** Signed by the President. No longer must notify local airports within 5 miles. Can't fly over 400', but AMA is trying to get exemptions for sanctioned flying fields. FAA has authority to remotely identify our aircraft. AMA is working with the FAA on a reasonable approach. Finally, RC pilots will have to take an aeronautical and safety test, probably administered by the AMA.
- **Local R/C Events:** Tucson RC Club is having a Fly-In and Swap Meet for Nov. 24/25. Jim Trimbell reported on the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout in October.

New Business:

- **Wind socks:** Gary Johnson announced that 3 new wind socks are in the shed at FICO.
- **Procedures manuals:** Art Siri suggested that club officers should document their procedures for future office holders.
- **Nominations for 2019 Club Officers:** Asked for volunteers to run for office for 2019.
- **Guest flyer policy:** Still in progress, but currently we can invite other AMA members to fly, but the member must accompany them and limit the days. Non-flying guests are welcome, but we can't have large groups.
- **Remarks from the President:** Members reminded to wear their badge at the FICI field.

Show and Tell:

- **Phil Korth** offered LIPO batteries for sale.



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- **Gary Johnson** – Brought his AT-6, and ARF made by China Model Products. Fiberglass fuselage. Waiting on retracts. Installed 32cc RCGF as engine. Former owner stripped the wind, so Gary had to recover it.
- **Jim Heuer** – Brought his ¼ scale Comet Morris biplane which he built from scratch using measurements in an encyclopedia. Genoa 26 engine. He hand-burnished the engine cowl with a wire brush in a drill press.
- **Don Saiser** – Brought a new foamy from Horizon Hobby. He added color stripes to the underside. He built it in about an hour.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:59 PM