



Green Valley R/C Flyers Meeting Minutes March 11, 2019

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

26 members attended.

New shed for FICO: Votes were tallied to authorize a capital expenditure for the new shed. The motion passed unanimously. The plan for the installation and use of the shed was presented.

Guests: None

New Members: None.

Member Status: Gerry Verity was flying again.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Hite presented the report for February 2019. The opening balance was \$12,424. Income was \$0. Expenses were \$543 for tractor gas, AMA dues, a new wind sock, tractor blades, herbicide, laminating, and trimmer line. The month-end operating balance was \$11, 880.

Secretary's Report: Jerry read the minutes for the February 11, 2019 meeting.

Old business

- **Flying fields –**
 - **Twin Buttes:**
 - The entry road was bladed by Freeport employee from Twin Buttes to the shelter. Its smooth and wide now. We need to consider blading and compacting the runway in the future.
 - An issue came up concerning the rancher's failure to close the entrance gate. Freeport told the rancher to close the gate whenever he is on the property. If we find the rancher's lock open, we should close it. We must continue to follow our gate protocols. If the first pilot finds the gate open upon arrival, he should report the incident to Bob Korbas or Jerry Case who will notify Freeport. A notice was sent to club members about this subject.
 - We are looking at ways to treat the weeds on the runway, pits, and parking lot. We considered hauling the tractor and tow-behind sprayer. Renting a U-Haul trailer to take the tractor to Twin Buttes is prohibitively expensive. Instead we can tow the sprayer with one of our personal vehicles if we get a proper hitch. The sprayer fits in Jerry's enclosed trailer.



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- **FICO:**
 - We should be careful of the ruts in the entry road.
 - FICO mowed the rest of the field, but the weeds grew again. Frank used the tractor to mow the area around the runway.
 - Jim and Frank spent two days spraying weeds on the runway and pit area.
 - Watch out for farm equipment fertilizing and cutting up pruned branches.
- **Safety:** Pilots are flying safely.
- **Web Site Report:** Photos for February and March were posted. Minutes and treasurer's reports were updated for February.
- **Membership Report:** Currently 60 paid members.
- **Local R/C Events:** Tucson Jet Rally, SAM club fly-in, SAM club display at the county fair.

New Business:

- **AMA Club Charter:** Payment for the charter and property owner insurance was sent to the AMA.
- **Frequency monitor:** A monitor is available to determine if intermittent signals are causing some of our aircraft to crash in the NW corner of the field. We would need a direction finder to locate the source. It may not be possible to solve the problem. Pilots should set a fail-safe in their receiver to handle a loss of signal. The problem is too infrequent to capture it.
- **Transmitter repairs:** Radio South is in business to repair radio systems.
- **Cow damage to Twin Buttes runway:** Tools for repairing the runway are available in the shed.
- **Green Valley News:** A reporter watched us fly at FICO and is working on an article for the paper for Wednesday March 13.
- **Intra-Club Events:** Gary Ament asked if we could hold Fun Fly events. Gary was asked to put together a proposal. He suggested building cheap foam planes. He also suggested



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putting markers on the runway, such as chalk lines. Gary Johnson offered to get plans for a chalk marker.

Show and Tell:

- Ron Simonds: Is building a Kit Fox from AMA plans and using hardware materials. Will cover it with Oratex. Will power it with a .46 sized electric motor. He brought photos of the same plane that he built in Kansas.
- Gary Ament: Brought his 63" bubble-top F4U Corsair. It has 10 flights. Struggling with the landings, with and without flaps. Has main and tail wheel retracts. Weighs around 10.5 lbs. Requires 6000 mAH 6-cell battery. His wife made mittens for the wing tips.
- Richard Martin: selling some planes since he's returning to England.
- Hal Aasen: Brought his 2-meter "Yellow Jacket" electric glider that is kitted by Sonoran Laser Art.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM