

Meeting Highlights April 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Gary Johnson, President.

24 members attended

New members – No new members were present.

Guests –No guests were present.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters reported a April 1, 2012 operating balance of \$2,174.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the March meeting minutes.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –
 - **Flat Top:** Richard Martin and Richard Bass worked on the lock to make it operable. The erosion in the entry road still had not been repaired.
 - **FICO:** Gary reported on the February 20 work party which accomplished most of the planned tasks. Tasks yet to be done were listed. Bob and Art mowed the field. Jim Bollman and Bob Hibschan were thanked for their work on the flight stands and electric plane tables. An announcement was made that there is limitation of 50 people on the FICO field, as confirmed by the FICO farm manager.
- **Safety issues** – Dave Risdon had nothing new to report.
- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported on changes and additions to the club web site.
- **AMA News** – Jerry Case reported that the President signed a bill to protect model aviation from burdensome FAA regulations. Congressional leadership agreed to not set the R/C plane altitude limit to 400' for model aircraft unless the flying site is with 3 miles of an airport.
- **Continental School Radio Club** – Jerry Case reported that the class is down to 5 students, flying for the rest of the year is limited to "Night Vapors" in the gym, Gary made up an obstacle course and limbo to challenge the students, and that the class field trip to FICO was cancelled.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that 11 members from 2011 did not renew, 8 new members were added, and the total membership was expected to be 74.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary John reported on Arizona model events scheduled for March and April.

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FICO field: We have 10 flight stands now, four of which are new, but we need 4 replacements. The membership approved the renting of a backhoe to remove the stumps at the south end of the runway. Gary and Jerry were to talk to the landscaping company across the road from the field.

Flat Top field: A work party is scheduled for March 24 to repair/install safety fences at the end of the runways; to clear weeds along the main runway, around the shed, and on the parking plateau; to repair pilot station fences; and to repair/anchor safety stands. A new picnic table was approved by the membership and Jim Bollman volunteered to construct it

Show & Tell

- Ted Dore – Showed an Aristrol Radio system that included an escapement and a vacuum tube receiver. He also brought a collection of vintage engines and props.
- Ken Fleshman – told about his first experience with an escapement system and the resulting crash.
- Bob Orr -- told about his Bonner vacuum tube system that didn't work, and a Controlaire single channel kit that he built.
- John Ferrara – showed his nearly finished Stearman 4E. Remaining work includes the cockpit and instrument panel, cutting an air inlet in the cowl, adding oil coolers, adding a fake exhaust, and adding a pitot tube. Graphics were made by Cajon R/C Specialties. The plane now weighs 28-32 lbs. The engine is a DA 50 with a 24" prop.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM