

## Meeting Highlights August 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by Gary Johnson, President.

20 members attended

**New members** – Jim Trimbell introduced himself

**Guests** –No guests were present.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ben Butters reported an August 1, 2012 operating balance of \$1,715.58. Income was \$120 from dues. Expenses were \$225 for wind socks and materials, and \$104 for fly traps and rodent glue boards.

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

### Old business

- **Flying fields** –
  - **Flat Top:** No news from Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold about a replacement flying field.
  - **FICO:**
    - Gary Johnson reported that the new large wind sock was installed at the NW corner of the field. Two new wind socks were installed at both ends of the flight line. Rodents and other pests are being dealt with.
    - The lawnmower needs repairs so the mowing was delayed. Gary is repairing the mower.
    - The bottom shelf of one storage rack in the shed was removed. This eliminated a nesting place for the resident pack rat. Glue boards are helping to remove other rodents.
    - Additional fly traps were put up near the field.
    - The frequency board's clothes pins were being used by the resident pack rat for nesting material. The pins are all present, but the frequency numbers are fading. The consensus was that the frequency board is not worth repairing. A suggestion was made that pilots bring their own clothes pins and post them before flying. No action is being taken.
- **Safety issues** –
  - Someone's airplane ran into the safety fence along the runway and damaged the fencing. No one has admitted to the incident.
  - Club members are being reminded to walk straight, not diagonally, out onto the field to retrieve planes.
  - Planes have landed or crashed in the pit area and near the cars. We need to yell out "heads up" if a plane goes out of control behind the flight line.
  - We should offer help to any pilot who needs the support while in the air.

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- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported on updates to the meeting highlights, the treasurer’s report, and the addition of photos for August. Photos include Ted Dore and his Honor Flight materials which he displayed at the Friends in Deed.
- **AMA News** –
  - Membership numbers are surpassing the 2011 total. This the largest gain in the last 9 years.
  - Annual membership bill and election ballots are coming out in mid-September.
  - National anxiety about the commercial and public use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) is escalating because of privacy and security issues. Because the FAA is under pressure to address the privacy issues, the release of their proposed small Unmanned Aircraft Systems rule is being delayed. The AMA is concerned about increasing congressional initiatives being enacted to address the issues.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that, including 2 new members, our club membership is now 80.
- **Continental School Radio Club** – Jerry Case reported that the RC class will resume meeting on Wednesday afternoons starting on October 24. Our club volunteers will meet in early September to review the airplane and radio inventories and prepare a purchase order for the school. We are concerned about the construction activities around the school and the impact on access to flying sites.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary Johnson reported on local events that are scheduled for August and September.
- **Honor Flight to Washington D.C.** - Ted Dore told the attendees about his participation in the latest Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He was accompanied by his granddaughter who put together a photo album and other souvenirs for Ted to show at the Friends in Deed. Ted also talked about two new aircraft specimens that recently arrived at the Pima Air & Space Museum.

### New Business:

- Bob Hibschan:
  - Described how the local club in New Hampshire, where he lives part time, has few facilities compared to our club. He stated that we have a great place to fly.
  - Bob also mentioned that the other club has an annual auction of RC equipment and that other clubs are invited to participate. A fee of 10% goes to the hosting club.
  - Finally, he suggested that a bulletin board be attached to the shed for advertising RC items for sale. It was pointed out that the board would be very hard to keep clean. We already have a “Classifieds” page on our web site, which no one uses now.

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- Keith Kidder asked if he should put out the wind socks and ribbons at the field even if he doesn't need them. The answer was "Yes."

### **Show & Tell**

- Jerry Case showed an improved version of his foam Yak 55. Carbon fiber (CF) spars were lengthened to stiffen the horizontal surfaces and CF braces were added to keep the fuselage from twisting in flight.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM