

Meeting Highlights February 13, 2012

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

34 members attended

New members –

Dawson Cooper

Jim Griffin was absent

Guests –

Amando Heredia

Ron Aklestad

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters reported a February 1, 2012 operating balance of \$2,777.

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

Old business

- **Dues** – Gary Johnson reminded the membership that dues must be paid by March 1, 2012.
- **Flying fields** –
 - Flat Top: Jim Heuer reported that club members should lock the entry gate when entering and leaving the mine property. Also, we should close our club lock on one of the other locks, not on a link in the chain. He reported that the erosion in the entry road still has not been repaired and that we need a work party to repair the field for flying.
 - FICO: Club members should now leave the entry gate unlocked when leaving the field.
- **Safety issues** – Dave Risdon had nothing new to report.
- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that photos were added for January and February and that a new page was added for videos.
- **AMA News** – Jerry Case reported that the U.S. Senate and House included in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 a provision aimed at protecting model aviation from burdensome regulations. The President is expected to sign the bill into law. Also, the AMA expects the FAA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to be issued for public comment later this spring.
- **Continental School Radio Club** – Jerry Case reported that the one 8th grade student was removed from the club, and another is on probation for poor grades. The group of students is down to 4. The instructors are considering acquiring a foam T-28 for the advanced students to keep them challenged.

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- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that the preliminary member count is 80, but 5 hadn't renewed their AMA membership and 15 hadn't renewed their club memberships. Reminders will be sent out again before the March 1 deadline.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary John reported on Arizona model events scheduled for February and March.
- **Nogales HS Air Force Jr. ROTC** – Jerry Case reported on the visit to the FICO field by the Nogales High School Air Force Jr. ROTC. Five students watched us fly and were given close-up views of a variety of our planes. They brought a foam ARF that they will be building and asked us to test fly it when it is done. We also will train their senior cadet to fly. He in turn will train the other cadets. They were advised to apply for Junior AMA licenses.
- **Flight stands** – Jim Bollman reported that he completed two new flight stands and needed carpet remnants to complete the other two stands. He is building a second electric plane table like the one that Bob Hibschman constructed. The new table will have moveable upright wing supports.
- **FICO Car Count Limit** –The issue of too many cars at the FICO field was brought up again. Several members suggested procedures to limit the number of cars on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Ken Fleshman moved that the board come up with a plan, write it up, and announce it as soon as possible. The motion was passed.

Members were reminded that the speed limit on FICO property is 15 MPH. Also, that spectators must not approach the flight stands. They must remain by the cars.

New Business:

- **AMA Charter and Insurance Certificates** – Jerry completed the paperwork and sent it to the AMA along with our fees.
- **FICO Field Work Day** – Saturday, February 18 was set as a work day. Jim Heuer was asked to lead the project. The board proposed the following tasks:
 - Move the flight line farther to the south so that pilots will stay out of the No Fly zone while flying and landing.
 - Remove bushes and fill low spots to the south.
 - Leave the glider launch area where it is.
 - Install a safety fence along the entry road to prevent planes from hitting vehicles if the planes overrun the relocated runway.
 - Install a spectator fence between the pit area and vehicles.
 - Install a sign on the entry road to warn about low flying R/C planes.
 - Install a tall wind sock at the northwest corner of the approved flying zone to identify the boundary of the zone.
 - Relocate existing stands and table.
 - Add or replace safety stands.

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- Add an electric plane table.

Ron Simonds volunteered to bring fencing and posts that are being stored at FlatTop. Gary Johnson volunteered to rent a utility trailer to carry cut brush from the runway. The club voted to have Gary buy a T-post driver. The club voted to purchase a full-size windsock for the northwest corner of the field.

- **Club picnic** – The members approved a club picnic for 2 PM on March 10, provided that the meeting room was available. (Ed. Note: the date and time were subsequently changed to 3PM on March 2)

Show & Tell

- Jim Heuer brought his 18% scale Vultee BT-13 “Valiant” that he scratch built. The wing span is 88”, it will be powered by a DLE 30 gas engine, and it weighs only 10 lbs. It is covered with Solartex. Jim decided to not install flaps, but now wishes that he did. He is looking for ways to slow the plane down.
- Jerry Case attempted to show videos from the club web site on the meeting room overhead projector, but technical difficulties ended the show early.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM