

Meeting Highlights July 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM by Gary Johnson, President.

19 members attended

New members – Jim Giles introduced himself

Guests –No guests were present.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters reported a July 1, 2012 operating balance of \$1,925.53.

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

Old business

- **Flying fields** –
 - **Flat Top:** Jerry Case reported that Freeport McMoRan has not made a decision about which way to go regarding a replacement flying site on their property. They could prepare a new field or cancel the lease agreement.
 - **FICO:** Jim Bollman and Bob Orr were thanked for their mowing of the field. Gary Johnson reported that the new large wind sock arrived from Chief Aircraft. He needed to buy some 1" pipe and would put it up on the NW corner of the field in the next week.
- **Safety issues** – None.
- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported on updates to the meeting highlights, the treasurer's report, and the addition of photos for June and early July. A video highlighting a funny relation between "Buttons" and "Bella" was added to the "Video1" page. A link to a new software product, "CG Optimizer", was added to the "How To" page.
- **AMA News** – AMA President, Bob Brown, represented the AMA at a meeting of all U.S. Air Sport Organizations in Washington, D.C. He met with staffs of several U.S. Representatives to discuss the value of model aviation. He also met with Senator James Inhofe and staff to thank them for introducing an amendment to the FAA Modernization and Reform Act to help protect our hobby from overbearing and unnecessary regulation.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that our club membership is now 78.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary Johnson reported that no local events are scheduled for July and August.

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- Gary Johnson proposed that the club purchase two replacement wind socks for the FICO field. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the attendees. Gary would do the research to find the socks.
- Ted Dore told the group about his trip to Washington, D.C. on the recent Honor Flight. He was accompanied by his granddaughter. He visited WWII memorials while there. Ed told about the warm reception given to the honorees at the airports where they stopped during their trip.
- Ken Fleshman announced that he was selling two plywood boxes that were used for gliders.
- Henry Hain reported that he and Jim Merriman toured Tucson hobby shops. Their observations were:
 - Competition Hobbies – Had no R/C aircraft items
 - Hobby Town – Prices of R/C aircraft items were higher than the Hobby Barn. He was disappointed in the inventory. The manager said that customers showing a club ID will get a 10% discount on their purchases.
 - Hobby Barn – Has been stripped of inventory. The owners, Bill and Mary Hempel, are trying to sell the business, but not the building.
 - Ace Hardware (22nd St.) has no aircraft inventory. Brian, former employee of the Hobby Barn, is talking with Tower Hobbies. He is willing to display R/C items or order them for customers.
 - Hobby Lobby is coming to town. They are primarily a craft store.

Show & Tell

- Gary Johnson brought his Bud Nosen P-51. Ken Fleshman helped Gary to build the fuselage and Don Nigg fiber glassed it. The left wing is framed with its retractable gear. The right wing still needs modifications for its gear.
- Gary also brought a Midwest Cap 232 which he is selling.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM