

Meeting Highlights June 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Jerry Case, Secretary, in the absence of Gary Johnson, President.

14 members attended

New members – No new members were present.

Guests –No guests were present.

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

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

Old business

- **Flying fields** –
 - **Flat Top:** Jerry Case reminded the member that the field is closed until further notice due to the construction of a pumping station adjacent to the runway. Board members met with Freeport McMoRan engineers at the field to see the construction site and to discuss alternate flying sites. Freeport is reviewing their properties to determine if they can provide an alternate.
 - **FICO:** Jerry reviewed recent improvements to the field and mentioned a need in the future to remove bush stumps that are growing back in the south end of the runway. Jim Bollman reported that he was going to mow the weeds on the field with the help of Bob Orr.
 - **Safety stands/tables:** Jim Bollman gave an update on his plans to replace or add flight stands and electric plane tables:
 - The new picnic table for Flat Top is on hold until we have a new flying site.
 - One of the new FICO safety stands needs to be repaired because of a warped joist under the platform. Jim plans to replace the joist with a 2x4 and plywood laminate. He will no longer use pressure treated lumber because of its tendency to warp in the heat.
 - The electric plane table built by Bob Hibschman will be modified with his permission. Jim will remove some of the warping, add movable plane restraints, and add a lower level shelf. He will build a third table to replace Bob's while it is being repaired.
 - Jim plans to build three more flight stands for FICO to replace three of the older stands.

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- At this time Jim does not plan to add cup holders to the flight stands and tables.
- **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 the end of May and start of June.
- **AMA News** – Jerry Case reported on the AMA's concern about the growing segment of RC activity called First Person View (FPV). This involves piloting the airplane via an on-board camera and a pair of goggles or with a monitor. The AMA is reviewing their current policy regarding this facet of the hobby. The need to address pending FAA regulations, as well as, complaints from the modelers about the existing rules. In other news, the FAA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for small unmanned aircraft systems has been pushed back to October. Potentially, the release could be moved until after the presidential election.
- **Continental School Radio Club** – Jerry Case reported that the school's three T-28 trainers have all been refurbished and flight tested for the upcoming school year.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that our club membership is still holding at 77.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Jerry Case reported that no events are scheduled for the rest of summer in southern Arizona.

New Business:

- Jerry Case reported that Spektrum is now selling the DX6i transmitter with two park flyer receivers for around \$196.
- Attendees talked about having more flight instructors in the club. Jim Heuer suggested that we look at the AMA requirements for instructors.
- Joe Kempf said that he would like to find a guide on flight hardware for electric planes. There were no suggestions.

Show & Tell

- Nothing was brought to the meeting.
- In response to the AMA's concern about First Person View flying, Bob Orr told about an RC pilot who flew a model using an on-board TV camera and a television monitor, back in 1979.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM