

Meeting Highlights May 14, 2012

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

22 members attended

New members – No new members were present.

Guests –No guests were present.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters reported a May 1, 2012 operating balance of \$2,046.

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

Old business

- **Flying fields** –
 - **Flat Top:** We paid the fee to Freeport McMoRan Gold for leasing the flying field. We were notified that Freeport planned to build a new pumping station close to the field. They asked us to close the field to flying for the next 3 months. A meeting between the Freeport engineer and our board members was scheduled for the coming week at the field to discuss options.
 - **FICO:** New poles were installed to support the South safety fence which is repeatedly being blown down by the winds.
- **Safety issues** – Dave Risdon reminded members to use spotters while flying and to put identifying information into their planes.
- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported on changes and additions to the club web site. Photos included an 87th birthday party at FICO for Fred, Ted, and Henry, and some from the TRCC Aero tow Fun Fly.
- **AMA News** – Jerry Case reported that the membership in the AMA is close to an increase after a 9-year decline. The AMA responded to an op-ed piece in the L.A. Times that attempted to raise fears about the use of amateur drones for terrorist attacks. The author now agrees that the definition of drones should not include model aircraft.
- **Continental School Radio Club** – Jerry Case reported that the last RC class of the school year was held on April 25. Three school Fun Cubs were sold at the TRCC Swap Meet. A third T-28 was bought to complement two donated ones and all three are being refurbished for next year.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that our club membership is holding at 77.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary Johnson, Bob Orr, and Don Nigg reported on their experiences at the first TRCC club aero tow fun fly on April 28. Bob crashed his Cub tow

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plane when the tow line got caught in the safety while he was landing. Gary lost his glider after he took his eyes off it for a second. It still hasn't been found.

Gary announced free flight and gliders events scheduled in May.

New Business:

- Jim Bollman asked if anyone wanted to go to the July – August NATS in Muncie, Ind. No one expressed an interest.
- Art Siri asked about whom we could contact with Pima County to determine what we need to do to work on the proposed flying field at our own expense. Ken Fleshman replied that we were told by the county not to touch the area.
- Ted Dore told the members that he has been chosen to be on the 3 day/ 2night Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. He is being accompanied by his granddaughter.

Show & Tell

- Nothing was brought to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM