

Meeting Highlights September 10, 2012

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

21 members attended

Gary thanked the attendees for signing a Get Well card for his wife, Sandi. She is improving quickly.

New members – None

Guests –No guests were present.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters reported an August opening balance of \$1715.58 and a closing balance of \$1,649.27. Expenses during the month were \$66.31 for lawnmower repairs.

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

Old business

- **Flying fields** –
 - **Flat Top:** This topic was deferred to New Business.
 - **FICO:**
 - The gate lock needs lubrication.
 - Gary told the members that the two new wind socks were made by the wife of Ted Dore's buddy, Jeff Little.
 - A pack rat was eliminated by glue boards in the shed.
 - Jim Heuer reported that he saw a large rattlesnake crossing the entry road and entering the pasture to the south.
 - Jim Bollman reported that he:
 - Rebuilt the third electric plane table.
 - Will rebuild one of the newer safety stands using an improved design.
 - Gary stated that metal stakes and screws are in the shed for anchoring the safety stands when they are completed.
 - Gary reported that the field needed mowing again. Bob Orr said that he would transport the mower.
- **Safety issues** –
 - Dave Risdon reminded members that aerobatics should not be performed over the runway.
 - Keith Kidder reminded members that everyone needs to fly the same pattern when taking off and landing.
 - It was mentioned that other clubs use a direction arrow to indicate the pattern being used at the time.

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- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported on updates to the Treasurer's Report, Meeting Highlights, and Photo Gallery for August and September.
- **AMA News** – AMA members should be receiving their annual renewal notices and ballots around the first of October. Members are encouraged to renew online.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that our club membership is holding steady at 80.
- **Continental School Radio Club** – Jerry Case reported that an inventory of airplanes, radios, batteries, and support equipment needed to be taken to prepare a purchase order before the RC airplane classes began.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary Johnson reported on local events that were scheduled for September and October. The AMA calendar did not include the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout scheduled for October 18-21 at the TIMPE field.

New Business:

- **Potential flying site in Amado** – The board presented the results of a visit to a potential flying site north of Arivaca Road and the Amado Territory Inn in Amado. The owner placed several restrictions on our use of the property. He also hoped that we would host an RC event to help pay for his property taxes. The board determined that the site would not meet our requirements.
- **Planes & engines for sale:** Jim Jefferys has planes and engines for sale. The list is posted in the Classifieds page on our web site.
- **Flat Top Field Replacement:** The board met with Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold to discuss a proposed replacement for the Flat Top flying field. The proposed site is located off Twin Buttes Road, near Mission Road. We visited the site and staked out an area for the runway, pits, and parking. Ron Simonds, our project manager, prepared a detailed plan for Freeport. Freeport will survey the site, remove cacti, and then grade it.

Show & Tell

- Jim Heuer showed his ¼ scale Stinson L7, which he had successfully flown. He built it from Roy Vaillancourt plans and changed it from an L5 to an L7. The wingspan is 180", the length is 75", and it weighs 23.5 lbs. The plane has flaps, and is covered with Solartex, which also serves as hinges. The plane is powered with a DA 50cc gas engine. Jim reported that it flies well, fast or slow, and lands well in a cross wind.
- Gary Johnson showed two top hatches from the Beaver that he is building as an aero tow plane. One hatch was original and the other was a modified version with the tow hook installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM