

## **Green Valley RC Flyers Meeting Highlights**

**August 8, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Gary Johnson, President; 16 members attended.

Guests: Tony Flores, an experienced RC pilot from Sahuarita introduced himself and joined the club during the meeting.

Status of Ben Butters: Ben received his 2nd hip replacement. He contracted pneumonia but the illness is going away. Ben is now home and undergoing physical therapy. He welcome's phone calls and visitors.

Treasurer's report: Given by Jerry Case in Ben's absence. The balance as of August 1, 2011 is \$4360.65, of which \$3000 is reserved for capitol projects.

Secretary's report: Read by Jerry Case

Old business:

Field reports:

Flat top: Nothing new to report.

FICO:

The field is in good shape. Gary Johnson and Bob Orr brought the mower over to the field and cut weeds near the runway and glider area. Gary used the hula hoe to clean out the glider launch area. Jerry Case used the string trimmer to cut down weeds along the flight line, in the runway, and around the shed/shelter. He also has been applying weed killer and ant killer in the same areas.

Jim Heuer brought up a concern about pilots who are flying their planes over the "no fly" zone at the north end of the field. He suggested that we might move the general flying area further south. Bob Orr suggested that the glider area could be moved closer to the main flight line. The board will consider these suggestions.

Another comment was made about pilots who are doing maneuvers directly over the runway. They should do them only over the grassy area farther away from the flight line.

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One of our members was observed flying over the FICO pump station. We should warn the pilot and spot for him until he gets accustomed to our field boundaries.

Safety Issues: Dave Risdon reported that a recoil starter pulled a pilot's hand into the prop in Germany. Fortunately, we don't use this kind of starter here. Bob Orr reported that at the TIMPE field, a pilot dropped his transmitter into a spinning propeller.

Web site report: Jerry Case reported that the last three new club members were added to the club Roster. Also, a list of RC events in our area was added to the Announcements on the Home page.

AMA News: Jerry Case reported that:

The AMA's 75th anniversary was celebrated at the Int'l Aeromodeling Center in Muncie.

The FAI F3A (RC Aerobatics) Championships were held in Muncie. The USA team placed 1st and team members Andrew Jesky placed 3rd, Chip Hyde placed 4th, and Bret Wickizer placed 12th.

AMA members will receive their 2012 dues invoice and ballot in mid-September. AMA members can now customize their AMA numbers for a fee of \$50.

Finally, two security researchers developed an RC aircraft that is capable of wireless network sniffing and cracking, cell tower spoofing, and cell phone tracking/interception, and video surveillance. The AMA government relations staff is aware of this new development.

Correspondence from club members: Jerry read a Facebook posting from Phil Korth. He described his current RC activities in Wisconsin.

New Business:

Paul Brinkmeyer, owner of "Custom Plus" in Green Valley, described his laser-cutting business. He does engraving of metals, plastics, wood, he laser cuts wood, and he makes 2-color decals. He can scan in black & white drawings, or input drawings from Autocad or Corel Draw, or Adobe. He will discount his minimum fee for club members. His cutting bed is 24' x 18". He can scale up customer drawings. He recommends that

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customers provide their own wood for cutting. Paul announced that he can also apply our club logo on shirts and caps. Paul's website is: [www.allaboutstitches.biz](http://www.allaboutstitches.biz). His address and phone numbers are: 290 W. Calle de las Tiendas, and 520-625-2878.

Show and Tell: Nothing was brought to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.