

Meeting Highlights January 9, 2012

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

31 members attended

A memorial was held for club member, Don Schattschneider, who passed away on December 18. Henry Hain read the poem "High Flight" by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

New members introduced themselves:

Joe Kempf
Don Saiser
Dave Switzer
Reed Smedley

David Naismith was absent

Treasurer's Report was read by Ben Butters: After an expense of \$323.22, the operating balance as of January 1, 2012 was \$777.00.

Secretary's Report's for November and December were read by Jerry Case.

Old business

- **Dues** – Gary Johnson announced that dues for 2012 were set to \$40 and the deadline for payment was March 1, 2012.
- **Club Elections** – Ken Fleshman moved that the slate of candidates be accepted. The motion was passed. The slate of candidates were unanimously re-elected for 2012. They are:

President – Gary Johnson
Vice President – Ron Simonds
Treasurer – Ben Butters
Secretary – Jerry Case

- **Flying fields**
 - Flat Top: Jerry Case reported that Freeport-McMoRan had removed their poles from the sides of the alternate runway and routed their fiber optic cable around the runway. They also submitted a work order to fill the washouts in the entry road.
 - FICO: Fred Radle has no information to report.
 - Sahuarita Road airstrip: Ron Simonds suggested that pursuing this location should be abandoned due to physical and jurisdictional obstacles.

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- **Safety issues** – Dave Risdon reported that members are still flying over or near the power lines at the north end of the FICO field. If this continues, we will have to have spotters for the pilots as is required by the AMA.

Jim Bollman suggested that members wear their ID badges at the flying field. We seniors need all the help that we can get to remember members' names.

- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that photos were added for November, December, the Aero Club presentation, the Pot Luck Dinner, and January, 2012. Meeting highlights were added for November and December.
- **AMA News** – Jerry Case announced the election of Bob Brown to AMA President and Gary Fitch to Executive VP. We should be prepared to launch a letter-writing campaign when the FAA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is released. The proposed rule will allow community based organizations, like the AMA, to submit their own standards for model aircraft operations. The AMA is developing a set of standards to allow model aircraft to be operated much as in the past.
- **Continental School Radio Club** – Jerry Case reported that the 2nd year students just learned to take off. Contention for the use of the soccer field was solved by the soccer coach who volunteered to use the baseball field when our students needed to use the soccer field.

The availability of the AMA's Introductory Membership (three-month trial) was suggested for the students. However, they are already covered under the Youth Membership category.

- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that 4 new members were added to the club, bringing the membership count to 78.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Gary John reported on Arizona model events scheduled for January.

New Business:

- **Nogales HS Air Force Jr. ROTC** – Jerry Case reported on a request by the Nogales High School Air Force Jr. ROTC to visit to the FICO field. Even though the public relations are desirable, members expressed their concern about the car count at the field. Ken Fleshman suggested that the club organize a flying demonstration on a light attendance day. We need to determine if the ROTC cadets plan to fly or observe our flying. Jerry Case will write a letter to FICO describing what the club will do with the ROTC and how many will be involved. Joe Myers will take the letter to FICO.
- **Safety tables for electric planes** – Jerry Case described tables the Bob Hibschan had built for his New Hampshire club for electric planes. Bob reported that he and Ron Bengston were paying for the first table, which he would build. No other action was discussed.

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- **Guest flyers** – Gary Johnson started a discussion about what to do with guest flyers. Ken Fleshman suggested that the board establish procedures, as opposed to the bylaws, for visitors.
- **Entrance gate** –Members were reminded that the last person to leave the field should close and lock the gate to protect FICO's harvest.
- **Safety benches** - Keith Kidder asked if electric flyers should be allowed to use the safety benches. The response was affirmative, but members should share the benches when they are all utilized.
- **Visitors and beginners** – The member census is that visiting Park Flyer license holders should be allowed to fly 3 times at the field and then asked to join the club. Also, beginners can use the club trainer for 3 times, but then must buy their own fuel.

Show & Tell

- Jerry Case brought an F-35 electric ducted fan jet. He demonstrated the vectored thrust exhaust nozzle.
- Ted Dore brought a modified Sopwith Camel biplane that he had modified twice. The first modification made the original plane more flyable. Then he got bored with it. So he modified it again by removing the lower wing to make it into a parasol configuration. Now it flies better than ever. The plane is powered by a .61 4-stroke engine

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM