

## Green Valley RC Flyers Meeting Highlights

**November 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Gary Johnson, President.

29 members attended.

New Member: Tom Lane was present.

Treasurer's report: The operating balance as of November 1, 2011 was \$1020.22. There were no incomes or expenses during the month.

Secretary's report: Read by Jerry Case, Secretary.

### **Old business:**

- **Field reports:**

- **Flattop:** Jerry Case reported that Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold will be removing the poles from the end of the NE-SW runway and then run their fiber optic cable underground. They honored our lease by implementing this work and thus avoided having to develop a new flying field for us. Gary Johnson said that we should set up work party to clean up our area and repair the storage shed after the holidays. Ron Simonds suggested that we ask Freeport to grade the flying site every few months. Jerry will talk to the mine engineer to determine when they will do it next.
- **FICO:** Fred Radle mentioned that the flight stands have been fully used. He reminded us that the original agreement with FICO set a limit to the number of cars on the property to 25. So far, we don't have a problem.
- **New county field:** No new information.
- **Sahuarita Road airstrip** – Ron Simonds reported that the old landing strip is owned by the county and the state. The strip, that became South Sahuarita Park Road, is now closed to traffic. Even if we could use the airstrip, we would have to address noise concerns. Jim Heuer presented a list of other abandoned airstrips in our area.
- **Safety Issues:** Gary Johnson expressed his concern that spectators on the FICO field are not staying back by the cars.

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- **Web Site:** Jerry Case continues to update our web site with roster changes, meeting highlights, treasurer reports, and photos.
- **AMA News:** Jerry Case
  - AMA dues must be paid by December 15. Pilots must have current AMA memberships to belong to our club.
  - Publication of the FAA's Proposed Rulemaking for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems is scheduled for mid-December. We will have 60 to 90 days to comment. The AMA will provide analysis and commentary on the impact of the rule, as well as, suggestions for improving the rule. The AMA will also provide us with a means to respond to the proposal.
- **Continental School Radio Club:** Jerry Case
  - Radio Club instructors for 2011-2012 are Jerry Case, Gary Johnson, David Risdon, and Ron Simonds.
  - Of the six students in the class, three are 6<sup>th</sup> graders and three are 8<sup>th</sup> graders from last year's class.
  - The first three sessions consisted of lectures and flight simulators.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that 4 new members joined in October. The membership total is 74.
- **Coming RC events:** Gary Johnson
  - Nov. 18-20 – Jet Rally at Superstition Air Park.
  - Nov. 26-27 – Fly-in and swap meet at the TRCC field.
  - Dec. 10 – Swap meet & Electric Fly-In -- Eloy
- **Holiday Pot Luck Dinner:** A signup list was circulated among the attendees.

### **New Business:**

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- **Dues for 2012:** Gary Johnson proposed that we raise club dues for 2012 to cover expected expenses. Ken Fleshman reminded the board that a budget must be presented to the membership prior to a vote on a dues increase. This will be done during the December meeting.
- **Welcome Document:** Jerry Case reported that a document was prepared for new club members. It includes directions to our flying sites, a list of club officers, information about our meetings, and flying field rules.
- **Club elections:** Ken Fleshman reminded the board that a Nominating Chairman must be appointed to develop a slate of candidates for 2012. Ken volunteered for the task. The slate will be presented during the December meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. The election will be held in January.
- **SW Aero Vista Hobbies:** Joe Nelson was scheduled to make a presentation about his business. He could not make it to the meeting.
- **AMA Expo:** Members were reminded about the upcoming AMA Expo in Ontario, CA on January 6-8, 2012.
- **Spektrum Radios:** Phil Korth, who sent his system in to Horizon for repair, told us that he got a notice that neither amplified 'Y' nor electronic reversing 'Y' harnesses should be used with Spektrum receivers.

### **Show and Tell:**

- Bob Orr showed his 1/3 scale Balsa USA Super Cub, now covered with Solartex. He is planning to power it with a DA 100cc twin gas engine.
- John Ferrara showed his Stearman 4E with lights installed.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:58 PM.