

Meeting Highlights January 14, 2013

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

31 members attended

New members – None

Guests – Mo Mekelburg – former club member

Annual Club Elections – The following nominees were elected unanimously:

- Jim Bollman – President
- Jim Trimbell – Vice President
- Ben Butters – Treasurer
- Jerry Case - Secretary

Gary Johnson turned over the gavel to Jim Bollman for the remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Butters handed out a year-end report of club income and expenses. He reported a December operating fund opening balance of \$1535.52 and a closing balance of \$250.00. We spent \$1559.11 of the \$3000 in the capital fund for the Twin Buttes flying field.

Secretary's Report – Jerry Case read the December, 2012 meeting minutes.

Old business

- **Flying fields** –

- **Twin Buttes:**

- Jim Bollman suggested that we need to lay out side lines for the runway to define an area to be raked during the next work party. Jim and Jim Trimbell will do the marking.

- Jim Trimbell recommended that members put larger wheels on their planes to handle the runway's rough surface.

- Jim Knudson recommended that pilots walk their planes to/from the center of the runway for takeoff and after landing. The edge of the runway is still too rough for taxiing.

- Jim Bollman suggested that we put big X's on the ends of the runway to warn off full scale and ultra-light pilots. He also recommended that we delay the construction of a concrete pad for the shed until the rancher is available to do the work.

- Finally, members were reminded to lock the gate when entering and leaving and to be sure that our lock is connected to the rancher's lock.

- **FICO:**

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Members were reminded that the field is still open during the pecan harvest and that we need to watch out for the workers and to keep our driving speed below 15 MPH. A suggestion was made that members fly on days other than Wednesday and Saturday to avoid the congestion at the field.

Members were reminded that the last person to leave the field on weekends should close and lock the gate.

- **Safety issues** – Jim Bollman solicited attendees for a volunteer to be the club Safety Coordinator. No one responded. He
- **Web site report** – Jerry Case reported that the latest photos include December, the Pot Luck dinner, and some for early January. New videos were added in a second video page.
- **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner** – Gary Johnson reported that 62 members and guests attended the dinner in December. He thanked his wife Sandi, Dave and Pita Risdon, and Jim and Barbara Bollman for their effort with the event.
- **Membership report** – Jerry Case reported that club membership reached 83 at year end. To date 18 members had paid their 2013 dues, and 5 had not renewed their AMA licenses.
- **Coming RC events in the area** – Jim Bollman reported on local events that are scheduled for January and February.

New Business:

- **Club Dues:** Members were reminded that dues must be paid before March 1. If they are not paid, the member will be dropped from the club.
- **Spring Picnic:** --The picnic will be held on March 4, 4 PM, in the La Posada Recreation Center. Barbara Bollman volunteered to prepare barbeque burgers and kosher franks. Barbara will ensure that we have enough food in each category so that we don't end up with only deserts.
- **Static Display, Friends in Deed:** -- Jerry Case reported that the club was asked to put on a small static display and a slide show on March 1. The location is Friends in Deed during their Friday morning blood pressure testing session. We will put together a plan at our February meeting.

Show & Tell

- **Dave Switzer:** Showed his WM-22 pusher prop jet that is a foam kit sold by WingmanRC in Marana. The motor is powered by a 610 mAh LIPO. He also showed his homemade foam electric ducted fan jet, based on the WM-22, that he made out of a colorful foam sheet from Walmart. Dave is calling it his "Disco Jet". The 55mm fan generates 440 gm of thrust to push the 400 gm plane. He gets a 2 1/2 minute flight from the 1000 mAh LIPO. Total cost was \$50-60.

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- **Ron Bengston:** Showed his P-47 Thunderbolt foamy. The 800 kV motor is powered by a 2200 mAh LIPO. The plane, which weighs 2 pounds, has not been flown yet, only taxied. Ron locked the extended retracts and plans to move the landing gear forward to help with the ground handling. Gary Johnson suggested that Ron could just bend the gear struts forward. Ron bought the plane from Hobby Lobby last year.
- **Gary Johnson:** Showed his Bud Nosen P-51 Mustang. It has a 102" wingspan and is powered by an RCGF 62cc gas engine, swinging a 22 x 10 prop. Gary rebuilt the engine to get 300 more rpm's. He bought a 6" spinner and cockpit kit at a swap meet. The air retracts are Robert's. The plane weighs 20 pounds as of now and it is 27% scale. Gary is still working on fitting the cowl.
- **Bob Orr:** Showed the twin rudder and stabilizer from his Balsa USA 33% scale Ercoupe. He designed a mechanical device to operate one rudder at a time from a single servo that is linked to the aileron control. The full-size aircraft has no rudder pedals. The plane has a 120" wing span, is powered by a DA-70 twin cylinder gas engine, and will weigh between 28 and 32 pounds.
- **Ken Fleshman:** Reported on his experiences at the AMA Expo in Ontario, CA. He warned that an attendee should bring a shopping list, but will get a saving with carry out. Local clubs put on a show and tell. Bill Hemple Jr. was there with his 60% planes. Andrew Jesky predicted that airplane kits are coming back. Chris Anderson, formerly of Wired Magazine, started a special interest group to develop a robot that could fly an RC plane. He is marketing a fully functional autopilot and provides free downloadable software. The autopilot takes over if the pilot flies outside of pre-set boundaries.
- Mo Mekelburg, former club member, brought some RC hardware for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM