

Green Valley RC Flyers Meeting Highlights

September 12, 2011

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

Guests: Jim Bollman, a new RC pilot Sahuarita, introduced himself and joined the club during the meeting. He learned about our club at our Father's Day static display in the Sonora development of Rancho Sahuarita.

Treasurer's report: Given by Ben Butters, Treasurer. The balance as of September 1, 2011 is \$4405.39, of which \$3000 is reserved for capital projects. Gary Johnson told the members that \$370 was spent on lawnmower repairs. This expense will show in the next report.

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

Old business:

- Field reports:
 - Flat top: Nothing new to report.
 - FICO: A rain/wind storm overturned all our safety stands. Club members were able to repair all but one of them.
- Safety Issues: We discussed the AMA requirement that we should "Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft." Without the owner's identification, AMA insurance will not apply in the event of injury or property damage. Jim Heuer said that he uses adhesive return address labels. We were also advised that the AMA has address labels ("Decal - AMA ID Label 5084-- adhesive-backed label has fuelproof adhesive and space on the bottom for your name and address.")
- Web site report: Jerry Case reported on changes to the web site. These changes are listed on the home page.
- AMA News:
 - On September 15, membership renewals for 2012 will be accepted online.

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- We will be voting on the next AMA President and Executive Vice President.
- For a fee, iPhone users will be able to purchase an app to link them to “RC Flight Source” and the AMA.
- Our District X VP, Lawrence Tougas, invites all members to visit his revamped district website, www.ama10.org.
- A report on the 2011 International Radio Controlled Helicopter Association’s Jamboree in Muncie said the flight line was over 3800 feet long and 912 pilots from 28 countries participated.
- Correspondence from club members: Jerry Case read emails from Tony Flores, John Brunsdale, and Bob Hibschman, who are still away for the summer.
- Coming RC events in the area: Gary Johnson read the list of coming events for this year. Bob Orr stated that the October 5-9 Aerobatic Shootout at TIMPA needs volunteers, especially during Saturday and Sunday. Workers get a free lunch.

New Business:

- Membership report: Jerry case reported that the club has 67 members. One applicant still needs to pay his due. We had a visitor from Surprise, AZ, who is considering moving here and joining.
- Gary Johnson proposed that we start a project to replace our field safety stands, particularly to prevent future weather damage. Our new member, Jim Bollman, described his experience with artificial woods and volunteered to make up a prototype out of pressure-treated lumber for club review.
- Jerry Case joined the Aero Club of Arizona, along with some our own club members. He volunteered to make a presentation about our club and our activities to the Aero Club whenever they need a topic for their monthly programs.
- David Risdon announced that he has new ID badges for club members. The new badges include our new/old club logo.

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Show and Tell:

- Ted Dore showed his new Multiplex Xeno foam electric flying wing. It needs an electric motor drive and a pusher prop. The elevon's feature live hinges. The wing folds in half for transport.
- Ken Fleshman showed a computer device that he bought to upgrade the firmware in his Hitec Optima receiver. The upgrade is required to resolve a lockout problem in the Hitec 2.4GHz AFHSS system that is caused by an optical kill switches being used in conjunction with ignition engines. He offered to share the device with other club members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.