

Green Valley RC Flyers Meeting Highlights

September 13, 2010

We welcomed our new club member, Larry Rabbe, to the club. He is a full-time resident of Green Valley, recently moved from New Hampshire.

Ken mentioned that the latest AMA newsletter had an article about the AMA's efforts to protect our 72 MHz frequencies for the foreseeable future.

Dan Dyvig gave a progress report on the planning and preparations for this year's Continental School Airplane Club which starts Oct. 26.

Ken reminded the club that AMA dues must be paid before the end of the year.

Field reports:

Flat Top – Jim Heuer reported the field is not usable because 4" of grass is growing in the runways. One of the plane benches is broken. A picnic table was blown over and he up righted it.

Canoa – The field is not usable. Jim Heuer reminded us that we need to relocate the benches and other club equipment when we vacate that field.

FICO – Mowing of the weeds in and around the runway will commence when a new blade arrives and is installed on the club's lawn mower. A dozen hidden stumps, that were left from previously cut-down bushes, were dug out from the south end of the runway. Weed cutting around the shed, shelter, benches, and flight line is delayed due to mechanical problems with our string trimmer. Parts are on order.

New county flying field – No progress.

Gary Johnson suggested that we have a club pot luck dinner on the night of our December 11 meeting. Attendees approved the proposal. Details will be announced at the next meeting.

Club officers for 2011: Ted Dore is the "Nominating Committee". He is preparing a slate of candidates for club election in December. Gary Johnson volunteered himself for President. Club members are welcome to nominate themselves or other members for the slate.

Show and Tell:

John Ferrara brought his Stearman with wings, tail feathers, and an engine. He showed his temporary rigging of flying wires and landing wires. The engine was installed temporarily to help set the CG. The finished landing gear assembly was

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brazed together. He plans to cover the airframe with Coverite in the next 2 to 3 months.

Jerry Case brought a Hanger 9 Angle Pro to privately analyze performance problems with Larry Rabbe's plane. However, he was coerced into demonstrating it for the Show & Tell. The device is a digital control throw and incidence meter. The meter indicated that all surfaces and the engine were properly aligned on the same angle of incidence. However, the audience felt that the tendency for the plane to descend was probably due to the engine being mounted high above the fuselage center line.