



The Gold Country Flyer

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Date: 03/07/2024 Monthly Club Meeting

1. Called meeting to order: 7:00 PM Members attending: 23
2. Approval or correction of the previously published meeting minutes. Not published
3. Guests/New Members: None
4. President's (John Stoney) report: John told of meeting Chet Van Scyoc's father, owner of R/C Country Hobbies many years ago. He was, and Chet is a long-time friend to our and other RC clubs in the region. John advises we will enjoy a future meeting with Chet present to tell us of his father's story. That will be a meeting you do not want to miss!
4. Vice President's (Dick Belden) report: Dick noted that the fence stile crossings have been repaired, but some are still a little shaky so be cautious.
5. Treasurer's (Alan Ross) report: 60 paid members. Reminder that non-renewed members will be dropped from the roster. Dues paid in full will be reinstated.
6. Newsletter: Nothing to report
7. Website: Tom attempts to keep all related schedules updated, but largely relies on those clubs/organizations keeping their websites current. When events and dates are learned we try to get that info out in the newsletter.

8. Safety Officer: Lance was unable to attend, but it was noted that we have had incidents where people were on the field, ie recovery, and others were taking off or landing unannounced. We should all fly conventional patterns, announcing our position and intentions. Maintain awareness of other's location and movements.
9. Committee Reports.
 - A. Swap Meet: Pending
 - B. Christmas Party: Pending
 - C. Promoting Flying: Having a presence at local "Airport Appreciation Days" events would be beneficial. A static display of planes and possibly a computer with an RC Sim would draw a lot of interest. Volunteers needed.
 - D. Field Maintenance: Mowing season is on. Alan has been hard at work with the mower, but advises with spring conditions it requires a "redo" in about one and half weeks. Discussed a contract to spray to remove vegetation within 50 feet of the runway. Quote was for \$900, but would require follow-up application to catch secondary weeds.
10. Announcements and reading of any pertinent correspondence. None
11. Discussion of old or continuing business items.
 - A. Review of our long history with the County. We have enjoyed a casual and "handshake" relationship.
 - B. The Control Line Contest is scheduled for April 19, 20, 21. The loss of one of our pads will cause some adjustments. Helpers are needed and welcome. Spectators are in for a treat.
12. Discussion of new business.
 - A. With the loss of the Control Line pad next to the fence we can no longer run simultaneous operations with the runway. The RC pilots should be respectful of the "dizzy" pilots and ensure they get their due air time.
 - B. A suggestion was made that we offer certificates or other recognition of new pilots reaching their "SOLO" flight. We all remember our 1st solo. It should be celebrated.
 - C. The club roster lists the required certificates to operate as an AMA affiliated club: 1- AMA number, 2- FAA number, 3 - TRUST number. The roster has a LOT of blank entries. Legally you are not authorized to fly without these items. Please give those numbers to John Stoney, who will work with Tom to update the roster.

- D. Concerns about club liability beyond that provided by AMA brought on discussions about Incorporation. This, of course, would involve considerable time and attorney fees. Those present feel it merits more discussion and consideration.
 - E. The club rules as defined in the Bylaws published on the website are in need of review and amendment. After starting through them it was apparent that a meeting review was too time consuming. A few volunteers agreed to meet with John to give them a good workover and to present the change proposal at the next meeting in April. At some point the members will have to vote on the changes to incorporate them into the Bylaws.
- 13. Presentation of member's projects. [Show and Tell]. None
 - 14. Dummy of the Month.
 - A. Sorry, I'm not clear on the circumstances...something about a receiver glitch on a Havok, and a second crash involving foam hinges failing, but I am pretty sure Todd Eldred took the trophy home.
 - 15. Raffle Time. Thanks to Dylan for running out to obtain tickets and offering some nice prizes

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Merrill, 2nd flight on Giles. St. Paddy's Day

