



## **AMPS Membership Meeting Minutes**

**August 26, 2023 – 8:00 AM at the Field**

- Call to order by President Richard Girardo – 8:00AM, 30 members present
- Board Members – Richard Girardo, Dave Zara, Robert Norton, Ken Kihlman.
- May Meeting Minutes –Jim Bull (Absent) – Reviewed by Richard Girardo
- Treasurer’s Report –Steve Jay (Absent) July Financials given by Richard Girardo

### **President Report**

Welcome back from summer break. Now that we are in August with a wind chill of 110 degrees, we should all be out flying!

The County has reported the automatic gate appears to be working well. Vandalism is down, though there are those that are entering the park after the gate opens. No word what will happen there. Belinda and her husband will be returning as park host in September as it stands now. No decision has been made when to reopen the automatic gate during park hours. As always, please get to a safe place and report any vandalism or suspicious activity to the police.

As a reminder, our gate code is specific to AMPS members. Do not give it out to anyone other than current members of your club with valid credentials.

Thank you to Ralph Morris, a long-term member of AMPS, for donating the extra Ramada assembly tables and to Dave Zarra for finding and covering these tables with carpet. The extra assembly flat tops will be useful. The County requires us to secure these tables to the ground as we are in a flood plain. However, Dave and Garry are looking into a method where we can do that but still give us the opportunity to move those extra tables when needed.

We are fast approaching a busy time of year for AMPS. We have some big AMA sanctioned show events and local club events planned for this fall.

Over the last few years we have been working very hard to establish a higher level of sanctioned and local show fly in events that work best for AMPS. We, as a club, are settling in to quality show events that all club members can easily participate in and share the enjoyment of the hobby with other AMA non club members who come to our events from around the country.

Our AMA sanctioned events and our local shows, like the MacGyver Fun fly, Dawn Patrol, night flying, swap meets etc., are all part that assist us in raising money for the club which allows us to use that money for charity donations, miscellaneous club requirements, maintenance and purchasing training aircraft for our flight instructors during the ROTC and CAP training. The ROTC and CAP flight instruction is part of AMPS giving back to our community and getting younger flyers interested in the hobby. Look forward to those youth training programs beginning again in the early fall.

The AMPS spring events, Jet Jam and Green Fest have both proven to be successes for our club. These events are currently in the different stages of planning for 2024.

This fall, AMPS is hosting two best in class AMA sanctioned show events. The Warbird Classics Scale Fly-In in October and in November, the 3D Huck Fest. Both of these show events are steps in the right direction which showcase our membership base, our field, attract top RC flyers and we typically gain membership after such shows.

There is a great deal of work, time and personal financial contributions that are put into these events by our very own certified AMA Contest Directors or CD's. In addition, they have to comply with the FAA, County and AMA/Club safety rules and regulations that we must follow for our club. Even down to the promotional material level. CDs are also responsible for following and completing paper work according to AMA Contest Directors or "CD" guide. Not easy work.

I want to thank publicly, our AMPS contest directors Dave Zarra, Kyle Girardo for all of their efforts. And also thank Patrick Cassidy, though not a CD yet, who spends hours and personal financial contributions on his Jet Jam show. It's also important to note, as shows go forward and you come out to fly daily, please take the time to thank those members who have spent hour's refurbishing and continuously maintaining our club field and we need more volunteers. Thank you.

Briefly for those who do not know what a CD is. *The CD acts as an agent for the AMA in the administration of sanctioned meets. There is a high level of responsibility as a result of this status. The concerns of properly applying the rules, maintaining fairness, and providing high levels of safety in connection with the meets is critical. In acting as the Academy's agent, the CD is protected by insurance and, if necessary, legal support.*

Dave and Kyle come up and to talk about the upcoming fall shows

Please check the AMPS website and the field bulletin Board for the upcoming fall schedule.

## **New Business**

A couple of reminders, we will not have an October club meeting due to the show. We may announce an early November meeting. Please don't forget in October you will be receiving club membership renewals and hopefully have the option to renew online

The Arizona Model Pilots Society has officially been approved by the FAA – as a FRIA. A Recognized Identification Areas. A FRIA is a FAA approved defined geographic area where "drone" RC aircraft (includes fixed wing, rotor, multi-rotor, etc.) can be flown without Remote ID equipment. FAA Remote ID enforcement goes into full effect September 16, 2023.

All drone pilots who wish to fly at a FRIA location must comply with the FAA law and register with the FAA and place their FAA number on the outside of their aircraft(s), youth or adult. The Recreational UAS (unmanned aircraft system) Safety Test (TRUST). All UAS users (DRONE Pilots youth or adult) must take the no-fail recreational safety test in order to operate a recreational model aircraft within the National Airspace System (NAS) and carry with them proof of passing of the test while flying.

Remember wear your AMPS and AMA identifications. Get your aircraft updated with your FAA number. Carry your proof of passing the UAS TRUST test.

Don't be offended if our safety officer, board members or club members remind you of this. This is protecting your paid privileges to fly here.

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### A reminder

#### **Model Aircraft Marking Requirements & Knowledge and Safety Test Confirmation**

1. AMA Number Markings – AMA Members are instructed to place their membership number or their name and address on or within their model RC aircraft
2. FAA Registration Markings – All unmanned aircraft owners to display their Drone FAA Registration Number on the outside of their model aircraft
3. Trust - RC pilots must carry with them proof of passing the Knowledge and Safety Test – TRUST while flying

Still no word on GSF

Safari AMPS hats are now at \$25, \$20 for our new shirts regardless of color.

Anything to show?

Call for meeting to adjourn at 8:33am.

Next meeting will be September 30, 2023 at 8:00 AM.