



# General Membership Meeting Minutes

## Arizona Model Pilots Society

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 8:30 AM

The Arizona Model Pilots Society held its Monthly General Membership Meeting on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the AMPS Field in Phoenix, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by AMPS president Rich Girardo at 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was attended by the following officers/board members:

Rich Girardo, David Zarra, Ken Kihlman, and Jim Bull

31 additional members attended.

Meeting Minutes from March were summarized by Jim Bull.

Treasurers Report not available at this meeting

### **Presidents Report**

The Fun Fly and Swap Meet was a huge success. Thanks to all of the volunteers who put on the event. Club events take a great deal work and preparation, and the help is greatly appreciated. The club was able to raise just over \$300. And our donation to St. Jude's will be made shortly.

The Sun Valley Flyers (SVF) Club is currently working through issues at their field. Many of the SVF members have contacted us wishing to fly at AMPS as guests or become AMPS members.

AMPS has made great strides in working with other flying clubs within our area the last few years. Not only to invite to our shows/events but to meet great people who share model aviation from around the valley. SVF being one of them.

We will maintain our proven practices in welcoming new members and guests, by thoroughly acquainting them to our club culture, flight rules and field conduct. For those individuals, either as guests or new members, where our club environment and culture doesn't work for, we wish them well.

AMPS members have worked hard in advancing our club into a premier model aviation flying field here in the Valley. We will continue to work together as a positive membership base sharing the joy of model aviation.

As a reminder, VALID AMA members can fly at AMPS as guests when hosted by a current AMPS member in good standing. A hosting AMPS member is solely responsible for their guest's flight and field behaviors.

AMA guests must request to fly as a guest each time and they will be thoroughly briefed on our flight rules and field conduct by the hosting AMPS member, or a flight instructor, or a Board member **BEFORE FLYING**. The hosting AMPS member MUST be present and remain present at the field while the guest is flying.

Guests will be allowed to fly up to three different times. After which, the guest **MUST** cease flying and apply for AMPS membership — no more guest "visa" after the third time. There are no exceptions to this.

The enrollment processes have not changed, for new AMPS members. After the acceptance of the completed application and receipt of payment, prior to flight, all new members are required to attend a full club orientation, flight lessons and if a seasoned pilot, a check out flight. Check out flight and orientation are completed by an AMPS flight instructor or a Board member.

As AMPS club members, we all need to be cognizant everyone's participation is required in reminding someone's improper flight behaviors/conduct and encourage them to follow club rules. Flight safety is everyone's responsibility.

Our new Safari hats and shirts are being well received. Additional orders have been placed and we now also have some AMPS stickers. The bumper stickers are 2 for \$3.00 and 2 decals for a \$1.00.

Just a reminder if you are posting items for sale on the Field Bulletin Board, make sure they are model aviation related and a date of your posting is clearly marked.

We are continuing to improve and update our field. Extensive maintenance has been occurring for the last several months. Current planned upgrades is the new chain link fence being erected on both the east and west ends to further protect pilots who fly at the end of the flight line.

Additional scheduled field projects include the rebuilding of assembly tables under the Ramada and expanding the width and length of the flight line tables. The field bulletin board is also on the repair/upgrade list for 2023. However, as the heat approaches, general maintenance will be the norm and projects will be completed as the temperature allows.

Please check with Garry Kraemer for anything that you might be able to assist with, even during the summer months. Maintenance always has to be done. We need more volunteers.

Donations are greatly appreciated for our drinks in the refrigerator. Donations go a long way in keeping the refrigerator stocked and drinks available. And just as important, please restock the refrigerator. If you take a drink put two in.

### **New Business**

Vandals have broken and stolen the drive gear chain on the automatic entrance gate. ETA for repair time is unknown. It is likely, the white gates will be closed for the summer during normal park operational hours to again reduce vandalism. This is challenging, but there is no denying that with the white gates closed, the protection increases for our club, the other concessionaires, and the entire Adobe Park.

If you see suspicious activity in the park, please make sure you are safe and contact the sheriff or call 911. The AMPS field coordinates are on the bulletin board. My recommendation, simply copy these numbers and coordinates into your phone so you have them available.

## Old Business

Global Sports Facilities / GSF. If you recall this is the group who wishes to take the Adobe Dam Park to multiple sports activities and move us to the west, across 43rd. A bit of new information has come forward, GSF was granted an extension to the end of August in obtaining financing. If anything moves forward, we will keep everyone one posted.

### Rules were reviewed:

Starting of gas/glow engines or arming/disarming electric motors must originate at designated flight gates, flight line tables or north of the yellow line. Gas and glow engines are not to be flown before 7:00AM or after 5:30PM. Never start or arm/disarm electric aircraft under the covered Ramada or food service area. All flights are subject to dawn to dusk rules of the FAA and Adobe Dam Park.

The yellow concrete bumpers constitute the flight line (dead line) and all take-offs, landings and touch and go's shall be kept North of this line and to its full extension both east and west. Low speed flight passes are permitted north of the runway Center Line – HIGH SPEED PASSES ARE NORTH OF RUNWAY ONLY - in the direction of the established traffic pattern arrow. A hovering maneuver may be performed north of the runway centerline in front of the pilot in command only provided there are no other active aircraft in the field airspace.

Taxiing is not allowed in the pit area, to flight line tables or the flight line. Pilots are responsible for pre-flight check of their aircraft and equipment prior to flight.

Again, as club members, we all need to be cognizant this is our club and respectful of others flying. Everyone's participation is required in reminding someone's improper flight behaviors and encouraging them to follow club rules. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Questions were asked about Lithium Battery storage and disposal.

- Discharge to storage levels – usually about 3.8v per cell- read manufactures safety instructions
- Keep storage batteries in a lithium safe case – cool and dry – never in car – never by anything flammable.
- Dispose of batteries in accepted location. Currently Home Depot is accepting lithium batteries for disposal.

Always, read manufacturers safety, storing, charging and disposal instructions. Never leave batteries at the flying field or dispose of them in dumpster.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am.

The next Club Meeting will be held on April 29, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

Jim Bull  
AMPS Secretary