



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Arizona Model Pilots Society

August 27th, 2022, 8:00 AM

The Arizona Model Pilots Society held its Monthly General Membership Meeting on Saturday August 27th, 2022 at the AMPS Field in Phoenix, Arizona.

The meeting was called to order by AMPS president Richard Girardo at 8:00 A.M.

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

- President and Board member: Richard Girardo
- Vice-President and Board Member: Brenda Cirincione
- Board Members: David Zarra, Ken Kihlman, Jim Bull, Steve Jay, Robert Norton

53 additional club members attended.

Introductions / New Faces – two new members introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes from April were not presented as previously approved and posted.

Treasurers Report presented by Steven Jay

Presidents Report

Manual Gate to Remain Locked Until Further Notice

We have been working with the County and MCSO to prevent much of the illegal activity since last year. Regrettably, our club facilities and our afternoon flyers regularly experience vehicle trespassing causing damage on our leased property.

AMPS along with our fellow concessionaires, continue to experience a significant threat in illegal dumping, off road driving, theft and vandalism within the Adobe Dam Park.

But the good news, since the manual gate was closed and locked which began on July 12, 2022, vandalism has decreased.

AMPS, County, MCSO and the other concessionaires continue to work towards significant solutions to greatly reduce reoccurring destruction. **Including:**

1. County Camera's additional lighting by the main gate scheduled to be installed before the end of September.

2. Beginning August 22, pipe rail fencing protecting the boundary of Adobe Park starting with the Northern portion that goes from Six Flags fence to the other side of the abandoned golf along the State land border.
3. The second phase is the east side, starting from the tree line and going south to the District's gate along 35th Avenue.
4. The third phase is the south property boundary on the hill side.

The pipe rail fence will be installed with no gate access. There will be signs posted that state no trespassing along the fence line.

AMPS members are to continue to access our flying field by unlocking/opening the manual gate and close/lock behind them before proceeding to our field, both entering and exiting.

On weekends, both the manual gate and automatic gate may be open for the race track concessionaire's events. If an event is occurring at the race tracks, do not close and lock the manual gate before proceeding to our field to fly. The evenings of the track races – security guards will patrol the loop and our field.

AS A REMINDER

PLEASE communicate at the flight line. With more pilots flying it is important to make your flight intentions known! Loud and Clear! Follow the club rules including using spotters when available. **We have many types of aircraft and pilots and we want everyone safe.**

FRIAs - Remote ID for FAA-Recognized Identification Areas

As you recall, The FAA has determined there is a need for a space for unmanned aircraft (drones and radio-controlled model airplanes) without remote ID to continue to operate. These spaces, known as FRIAs, are locations where an unmanned aircraft may operate without remote ID. FAA-recognized community-based organizations and educational institutions are eligible to apply to the FAA for FRIA status.

At this time, the FAA has not released any information on the FRIA application process. The final rule stated that it should begin on September 16, 2022. As that date quickly approaches, it seems possible there could be a delay.

The rule also states that operators are not required to comply with remote ID rules until September of 2023. It is the responsibility of each AMPS club member to comply with the FAA regulations in obtaining a UAS registration number and properly marking your RC model - and completing the Recreational UAS Safety Test.

More information as it comes available.

AMPS Fall Event Changes

The St. Jude Event schedule for October 6-8, 2022 has been cancelled. We are open for suggestions.

Our MacGyver fun fly event will be a local event on October 15, 2022. Kyle Girardo will be overseeing this local event. We will have prizes and food honoring some of the outstanding members we have lost this year. Look for information on our WEB site, Facebook Page field bulletin board. Questions please contact Kyle Girardo and get to building your MacGyver aircraft!

CAP and ROTC Flight Training to Begin

Garry Kraemer and his team of AMPS instructor pilots will begin training ROTC cadets on September 22 and CAP on September 21. The training usually begins in the afternoon around 3-4.

Garry may need helping hands and fill in instructors so please check with him. Much time and effort goes in to assisting, training these young aviators.

AMPS Relocation

NOTE: Parts of this section has been redacted or modified for posting publically. AMPS club members please check your email or field Bulletin Board for further details.

Since March we have been aware of a group called Global Sports Facilities that has put in a proposal to transform Adobe Dam Park into a sports / recreation area focusing in on children who may not be able to afford these types of sports and or activities. In addition to the activities of what the parks existing concessioners may have to offer. This will include the a possible relocation of the AMPS Flying Field within Adobe Dam Park.

The Board will communicate openly as more information comes available.

The next Club Meeting will be held on September 24, 2022 at 8:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Jim Bull
AMPS Secretary