

SONORAN DESERT FLYERS, Inc. NEWSLETTER

AMA Club #3249

Tucson, Arizona

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John Willis, President

Sonoran Desert Flyers, Inc

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To the Sonoran Desert Flyers, Inc. Membership:



The following letter is written with sadness.

As we all know the clubs officers have been trying to locate land for a permanent flying field. The search was started somewhere in the years of 2003 or 2004, I think. Much time and effort has been volunteered without much success. We have looked at and inspected numerous sites without finding one that is suitable for our purpose. The Site Committee's have been working with Pima County, the City of Tucson, City of Marana, Arizona State Trust Land Department, BLM and the help of AMA, without any substantial results. It has been rumored for many years that the land we use has been for sale and we all have been fearful that we could lose our flying field to future expansion in the area. It has happened. We received a letter from Bourn Partners, LLC that they are the new owners of the property we use. Neither I nor any of the current members of the Sonoran Desert flyers board of directors were aware of the property sale until we received this letter dated November 13, 2006. The letter also states that we must vacate the Tangerine Property and remove all of the buildings, structures, and fencing on or before December 31, 2006. The new owners have the right to dictate those terms.

We are in the process of arranging for the removal of all the items on the site by the date specified.

This development is devastating to our club. We do not have a place to fly nor do we have any good prospects for a future field. If the club cannot provide a flying site, then we do not have a club. Unfortunately the club will therefore be disbanded.

An emergency board meeting was convened November 13th to discuss the clubs status with the following decisions;

1. We will not be accepting any new members nor will we be accepting any membership renewals. Any 2007 renewal fees already accepted will be refunded.
2. All scheduled meetings are canceled.
3. There will not be an election of officers for 2007.
4. Flying at the field will be allowed as long as the pits safety fence is still in place and no demolition work is in progress. The field will not be usable by any of our club members after December 31, 2006.
5. The Arizona Corporation Commission will be contacted to obtain the proper procedures for distribution of the clubs assets. The membership will be advised when this information is available.
6. Some club assets may be offered for sale to the members. Please contact Bob Schumann.
7. Dissolution of the corporation will not be sought until March of 2007.
8. The website will be removed from the internet March 2007.

We are very sorry that we cannot find a solution to our dilemma and move to another field. Much time and effort has gone into the search for a new field over the last several years by some very good talented individuals. Thank you all for your efforts.

And many thanks to all the volunteers who helped the club be one of the finest and friendliest in Tucson. And for the ones who have not volunteered for service to our club, you have missed out on knowing some very fine people and great experiences. I have been blessed with many very good friends.

We are saddened by these actions but we have no other choice at the present time. If by some miracle a flying field comes our way, maybe we can restart from scratch.

We hope we can continue our relationships at other flying sites. This is not the end, just a pause.

Please contact me or any of the present board if you have questions.

John Willis, President
2006 Board of Directors
Sonoran Desert Flyers

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