



December 6, 2006
Newsletter

From the Preeez

We held a general membership meeting last Saturday the 2nd of December and had an attendance of 35 or so members. Sorry some of you could not attend as it was a very interesting and important meeting. As you know from previous correspondence our flying field was sold earlier this year. On November 13th we were ask to vacate the field and have all of our possessions moved off by December 31, 2006.

We are in the process of doing so and all items will be removed. The field equipment, fences, storage building and toilet should be gone by December 22, 2006. The lock will remain on the gate until year end. Please forward your gate key to Bob Schumann at our PO Box 35127, Tucson AZ 85740. You may fly at the field until December 31, 2006, but be careful if you do because there will not be any safety fences, so you are flying at your own risk.

We are in the process of seeking access to other temporary and permanent flying fields and the City of Marana, Pima County, and maybe Oro Valley are also in search of a field for us to fly on. We looked at several last week and one looks promising. It may be a long time before we have a flying field of our own and then again who knows one may pop up at any time.

While the search is continuing, you may want to fly at other fields in the area. There are several relatively near by. Catalina is close to I-10 and Ina Road, and I heard their dues were \$75. TIMPA is on Reservation Road south of Manville Road in Avra Valley. Their flying procedure is to purchase an electronic gate key for \$10 and then pay \$4 each time you fly or you can pay for one years flying for \$75. Each club requires an AMA membership as well. For those of you that live in Saddle Brooke there is a field in San Manuel and the yearly fee is \$50 I think. All of those fields have asphalt runways.

The current board of directors was elected to serve until December 31, 2007 (see previous newsletters for names and phone numbers). They will continue the search and proceed with plans to relocate, if a field is found. The membership also voted to reduce the dues for 2007 to \$20 per year. These funds will be used for current expenses as necessary to continue the club and keep all members informed of its progress. If you continue your membership you will be kept informed of all progress and you would also have voting privileges. Please mail your membership dues into our PO Box as soon as possible.

The By-Laws were changed to require at least one (1) membership meeting a year.

If a field has not been found by December of 2007 we will then re-assess the progress and make any decisions necessary to continue the Corporation or dissolve it.

We are optimistic that we will succeed in our efforts to find another suitable flying field. With the help of Pima County, the City of Marana, others and our board of directors, we feel confident that we will be successful in finding a field.

Below is a summary of the December 2, 2006 membership meeting minutes. If you have any questions please contact any of our board members or call me. 744-8517

John J Willis
President
Sonoran Desert Flyers.

Summary of Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2006

General Meeting Minutes 12/2/06, revised 12/3/06

Meeting started 9:10 a.m., 35 members present

No minutes of last meeting presented.

J. Willis Sr. explained the expenses to show it's hard to make money for the club.

J. Willis Sr. explained format of meeting due to the loss of club field and upcoming election of officers.

Told of eviction notice as of 12/31/06. To comply with eviction notice 6 contractors were solicited for bids, received 5 bids – range from \$ 3500 to \$ 1925.

Explained dissolution of corporation.

Charlie Sides explained site search and passed around aerial photos of Marana site.

Bill Evans said to keep club intact until 2008 bond election has passed so we could be included in the \$ 1.5 Million allocated to RC fields in Pima County.

Charlie Sides described the two sites offered by Pima County. Catalina area by Miraval Resort and 6 miles north of existing SDF, Inc. site. John Willis explained problems with Catalina site – overgrown & too tight with houses close by. John Willis described Marana Road site as ideal if road access was available. Charlie Sides said county & city might be worked for access & help. Nothing definite though.

Ed Fearing proposed opening the proposed new Marana RC field to RC cars and control line flying models.

Motion made to award field demolition work to JR Willis Contracting (low bidder), passed unanimously.

Motion made and passed to eliminate all stuff in both sheds at field to make demolition easier and eliminate storage.

Motion made and passed to sell club stuff, such as trainers and benches. Passed, 1 negative vote.

Motion made and passed lowering annual club dues to \$ 20 per year with an option to pay more. This is a by-law change.

Motion made and passed changing number of club meetings to one per year. This is a by-law change.

Slate of existing officers presented to club for vote, motion made from floor to acclaim them as unanimous victors, Seconded and passed.

Announcement of the City of Oro Valley Town Center Site meeting 6-9 p.m. 12/4 at Oro Valley Town Hall. Contents of \$ 150 million dollar park to be discussed. SDF members from Oro Valley urged to come to ask for RC flying site.

Motion made to adjourn, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Schumann, secretary