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MINUTES OF THE MEETING JUNE 2026

Prior to the meeting beginning, we had pizza served up by Jim Corcoran/TVRC, and Jody's raffle plane placed on display. President Mark Carlson opens the meeting at 6:30 with the minutes of last meeting being approved by all in attendance.

GIANT SCALE

It is "go-time" for the Giant Scale planning for field cleanup. Mark plans on surveying the field in the next week or two. It's expected we'll have a sizeable team again this year to chop down the overgrowth of weeds and blow off the pits and runway in preparation for setup. Our cleanup day is tentatively set for 7-11-26.

For food at the event, the plan is tacos on Friday, hamburger lunch on Saturday, tri-tip dinner on Saturday night and breakfast (TBA) on either Saturday or Sunday morning, or perhaps both.

It's also time to get those gift baskets assembled and to Debbie Barnes for the Lady's Drawing. As noted in prior meetings, those were really the key to making last year's Giant Scale event a huge success.

Rod, Phil and Rhonda will run the registration table for the event, and we have Dave Cogley inspecting aircraft and approving for flight. Mike Noble will be in charge of credit card readers. Chuck is looking for anyone who has a large pressure washer with a water tank to clean the grandstands and picnic tables.

CAHCUMA LAKE FLOAT FLY

TA float fly is going on this weekend at Cahcuma Lake Mohawk Campground Friday, Saturday and Sunday with electric flyers firing up at 8:00 a.m. and gassers at 8:30 a.m. Mark made note of the nice little restaurant there, great food, drinks and entertainment. Veterans will get into the park for free, as it should be. Thanks to all for your service to our country!

EQUIPMENT / RAFFLE UPDATE

Jody reports that the generator and other items in the container at the field were damaged by mice. He was able to get the generator cleaned up and running and set more traps. Thanks Jody!

Jody's Giant Scale 83" wingspan Sopwith Camel raffle biplane build is complete. What a beauty! \$5 per ticket, six tickets for \$20, 36 tickets for \$100, etc. Get yours now! 50/50 drawing had \$65 in the piggy bank, with Mark Singleton winning the 50% pot. The Marlin raffle plane will be saved for next meeting. Bill Korn donated a UMX Waco for auction which Phil Henry scored for \$30. A unique approx. 37 size gas glow engine was donated by Jim McKean for auction. Bill McKindley took it home for \$30.

NEW TABLE TOPS

Last weekend, Bill Korn brought and installed brand new tabletops for our tables at Aero Camino with the help of Steve Schnieder. Primed, screwed down, spackled and a finish coat of paint. Awesome - Thanks, Bill & Steve! A few of the old tabletops were placed just off the road and west of the pits about a hundred feet as a temporary helicopter pad while arrangements are made for a permanent concrete pad.



AMA DISTRICT 10 UPDATES

District 10 Associate V.P. Chuck Barnes tells us that if you can get three people signed up for AMA, yours is free for the year. Also, he points us to an article by Gov't Affairs Manager Lucas Rodden in the June issue of "Model Aviation" magazine (page 8) that outlines parameters and scenarios of legal operation of aircraft in a given area. Of note, there are several mobile apps available, such as UASidekick, that allow pilots to plug in a specified site on a map of your desired flying area, seek approval, and specifies altitude requirements for that area.

CLUB FINANCIALS

7:05 p.m., Bill Korn outlined club finances, noting that some of the outgoing has gone for plywood and materials for the new tabletops and a new battery for the generator.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 7:20 p.m.

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