

by Steve Scott

# November 14th Minutes



Dan Schroeder, President  
7:45 P.M. Presidents call to order  
9:30 P.M. Meeting ended

## New Faces:

We welcomed Rikard Coro to the meeting and the club. He is a Swedish born pilot who has lived in Brazil and now is doing postgraduate work at ASU.

## New Business:

Meetings will begin at 7:30 sharp and unofficially at 6:30 across the street. Tim Costello will use some Verde River Days money to pay for ramp sealant. An additional stepped, voluntary club dues structure didn't get much of a response. Dixon White will make a trip down for the Feb. AHGA meeting and will discuss the land issues around the Merriam Flight Park. Club donations are welcome and will be put into the MFP fund. The North side of Merriam is being parceled into ten-acre lots and a mining company is looking at the East LZ.

## Old Business:

Jim Afinowich said Linda Hodgson really enjoyed the AHGA flowers. Shawn Jarrell and Joe Pettit are following up on the Yarnell land situation. The mining threat is greatly reduced and LZ

procurement is still being investigated. Jerry Dalen will try to get a hold of the Oatman users association and see where we stand with regard to insurance requirements. We have not had any contact with them in four years. The Oatman work party is scheduled for 17 November. Bob Buxton gave a talk on his time with the club here in Arizona. He is moving to Bozeman Montana. He told several stories about the starting period in hang gliding in this state. We are losing one of the original pilots who have worked hard at keeping this sport alive. Bob said he would be sending his e-mail address down to us. Also, if anyone gets up to Montana he will be happy to take a ride to King Mountain and show off his new gliding home. Gill Couto talked about trying to get a highway section for the club to maintain as a way of advertising the sport. He will work on it some more and bring it up again. Dan mentioned that we need to be careful what is said and especially written regarding our sport and how it may relate to the flight rules of 103. Currently this part of the aviation community is under close

observation by the FAA.

## Safety Talk:

Schroeder had a new automatic cable retractor for attaching to hook knives. XC Contest: No comments

## Site Reports:

(Got skipped for Buxton and Oatman discussion)

## Awards:

Eagle Nomination: Todd for his awesome breakfast cooking at the flyers camp during Demo Days  
Todd won! Congratulations Todd!  
Turkey Nomination: Scott Campbell for blowing a tandem launch with his girlfriend. The winner is Scott Campbell. No competition, and he is still in denial.  
Driver Nominations: None  
Raffle: Jim Afinowich won the dog chew and gave it to a grateful pet owner, Joe Pettit.  
Merle Louck won the auto retractor.  
Mingus Relief Fund \$55.00

## Dealer Reports:

Shawn Jarrell has all sorts of good stuff on sale at good prices.  
Chad Koester deals Wills Wing, Northwing, Ball Vario and High Energy. Has for demo/sale Talon gliders.

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# HG Safety System update

There's good news and bad news. First, the bad news. The "warning position" attachment method along with the wrapping of the bungee around the card at launch was too time consuming. There were several observed circumstances of pilots using the system incorrectly due to this procedure. The good news is that the attachment method has been simplified. The new model uses a small "two piece, quick disconnect key ring" as the sail/keel attachment device and makes attaching and detaching effortless. Also, the bungee is now less than 8 inches long and does not have to be wrapped around the card prior to clipping it to the karabineer. As per the

original agreement, any changes to the system will be free of charge to those who already have it. I must once again ask those of you with the system to upgrade to the latest design and return the old card and key ring to me. Please contact me at 480-491-1088 and a new design will be shipped to you.

It may seem frustrating having to go through so many design changes but the end result will be worth it. This may very well be the end result.

Thanks for the input.

at the December 11th meeting:

- for sale  
Hang Gliding Calendars  
Paragliding Calendars
- for raffle  
Gingerbread house

## Classified

**For sale: Litespeed 155** in new condition 50 hours. Make me an offer. Undersurface is red/gray/red. Used CSX 5 for \$2500 with probably 100 hours. contact flydustin@hotmail.com

**For sale: Wills Wing RamAir 154.** Fluorescent red LE w/ fluorescent orange under-surface. Sail is still crisp with almost no blemishes. Adjustable VG. Brand new wing wires. \$1,750.00 **High-Energy Sports Pod harness.** Deep-blue pod harness with a small light-blue and a small white stripe going down both sides. Great condition with no rips or tears but it could use a mild bath. Adjustable for a person from 5'9" to 6'5" tall. \$250.00 **20 gore High Energy parachute w/swivel.** Fully inspected and repacked by Betty Phiffer. Brand new deployment bag, new swivel, & new strap. \$100.00 **Ball 651 variometer.** Has the 1 foot increment modification. \$100.00 **"Sport" oxygen system.** \$30.00 **Ball helmet.** White, half helmet version. Structurally sound but it could use a paint job. \$25.00 **Knee-hanger harness.** Black, in new condition. \$30.00 **Parachute swivel.** (uninstalled) New never used. \$20.00 **Drogue chute.** Orange w/ bag. \$15.00 **Pair of black Ultra-Mitts.** VERY WARM Like new. \$20.00 **Wills Wing airspeed indicator.** Like new. \$10.00 **"Jack" hook knife.** \$5.00 **Set of 12" training wheels.** Blue and in great shape. \$15.00 **Water bottle and holder.** Custom made. It connects to a downtube for in-flight use. \$10.00. total: \$2,380.00 Note: will sell all items together for \$2000. Call Ken Bruder(home) 480-962-5974 (cell) 480-206-4184 (work) 480-592-2343 or Ken.Bruder@Honeywell.com

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