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MINUTES OF THE MEETING JULY 2026

With 17 members in attendance, the meeting is called to order by President Mark Carlson at 6:27 p.m.

GIANT SCALE

7/11/26 is the date for Elk's Rodeo Grounds flying field cleanup at 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Entrance access at 8:00 a.m. at Gate 3.

Post-meeting report: The field parking lot was mowed, weeds around the pit fences were chopped down, edges of the runway mowed, and runway debris cleared. Also, the parking lot area was chalk-lined. It looks really good, pretty much exactly the way it looked post last year's Giant Scale event. Nice job, and thanks to all who showed up to do the job. Final setup for the event will begin the week of July 20.

The culinary plan for the event is as follows. Breakfast both Friday and Saturday morning, \$TBA. Friday, tacos and drink, \$10. Saturday, hamburger, chips & drink, \$10. Tri-tip dinner on Saturday night, \$30.

Help will be needed Sunday afternoon to tear down the sound system and return to The Cardinals (Jeff & Rhonda).

AMA DISTRICT 10 UPDATES

AMA District 10 Associate V.P. Chuck Barnes tells us the 100th Annual 2026 AMA RC Scale Nationals will take place Thursday, July 9 through Sunday, July 12, 2026 at Site 4 of the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana.

He also reports that in seeking any sort of field grant money, it requires receipts. Check out the link for information regarding the AMA Take Off and Grow Program:

[Take Off and Grow \(TAG\) | AMA Flight School](#)

AIRSHOW MEDIA BOOTH

It was also discussed the possibility of having a media booth at this year's Santa Maria Airshow (Central Coast AirFest) September 12-13, with the goal of providing and distributing FAA Trust Program info, TVRC membership info, and recruiting more members. It was discussed that we may have business cards printed with most of this information included, or possibly flyers.

Anyone interested in volunteering to run the media booth is encouraged to reach out to Chuck to coordinate.

CLUB FINANCIALS

Bill Korn had a little show-and-tell of his latest build, a balsa kit from 1979 by AstroFlight. The model is a Porterfield Collegiate. It's outfitted with a brushless motor and modern electronics, and she's ready to fly. Beautiful workmanship! Can't wait to see her in the air.

Treasurer Bill Korn gave a full and thorough financial report outlining incoming and outgoing for materials, club hats, fasteners for tabletops, ticket printing, portajohn, etc.

SAFETY FIRST

Safety Officer Mike Noble reports no incidents of concern in recent days. Good news! Gotta be safe out there, so we all need to see to it that it continues.

CLUB RAFFEL

Moving on to the 50/50, ticket #9017 scored \$35 to Chuck Barnes.

Auction items included Denise Singleton's famous cookies. Mike had the high bid of \$25. Mario brought a glider which was auctioned off to Mark Carlson for \$30.

The raffle plane, an Arrows Marlin, went to Mark Carlson for \$105. Barry offered \$120 and took it home. The proceeds went back to the club. It was discussed by Jim McKean the idea of having the raffle plane be on a quarterly basis, every four months, so we can afford more high-end planes. The attendance drawing ticket #9182 was held by Jim McKean, \$10. Finally, it was reported by Jody McCoy that \$570 in tickets have been sold to date for the auction biplane.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m

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