

News-O-Flyin'



The Desert Hawks are in need of the following volunteers until the time that new elections are held:

- **President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Safety Director**

The current board, with the exception of Don Cox has resigned due to the fact that many of the club members have not given the board needed support and have done everything possible to sabotage the boards chances of creating a friendly environment for everyone at the airfield. John Gunther said "this club doesn't need a board, it needs a baby sitter". Mike Grey stated that there was too much negativity in the club and that any attempts to make the club better were only met with hostility from a few of the club members. He also stated that the hobby for him was supposed to be fun and enjoyable but being on the board of this club has taken all the fun out of the hobby. Bob Clendenen stated that while he has enjoyed his job as treasurer for the past 2 years, the negative feeling and lack of support from the club has given him no other choice than to resign.

If volunteers are not received at the next meeting, the club will not be able to retain it's AMA charter, insurance and corporation status.

Other websites of interest:

18th Annual London Bridge Classic
www.havasufloatfly.com

John Gunther R/C Website
www.savagewings.com

Havasu Sport Flyers
www.geocities.com/amahsf/

RC Universe
www.rcuniverse.com
Discussion board, auction, swap shop, reviews etc.

UK Model Flyers Site
<http://www.rcmodelflyers.co.uk>

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**The
September
meeting
will be held
Sep. 8th at
the Ramada
Inn**

**New club
officers
needed**

The Desert Hawks August Meeting

No club meeting was held in August

The Desert Hawks August Board of Directors meeting minutes

- The Board of Directors meeting was held on August 27, 2004 @ 2:00 P.M. at the Ramada Inn. Mike Grey, Bob Clendenen, Don Cox and John Gunther were present. Also in attendance were George Field and Don Robinson.
- George Field stated that thank you letters have been sent to everyone who sent donations for the float fly. Also, pre-registration forms and flyers have been printed.
- Table rental costs have been obtained. The prices is about \$15.00 per table and an additional amount for chairs. The total rental price is over \$500.00 for 20 tables and chairs. Don Cox offered to check with other non profit clubs in town to see if they would allow us to use their tables for free.
- The float fly committee will contact other vendors in town to see if they are interested in setting up booths.
- No pre-registrations have been received as of yet from the website.
- Repairs have been made on leaking water pipes. A regulator was installed on top of the hill. The work was done by Duane Neuman, George Field, Bob Clendenen and John Gunther
- John stated that the club has a gas powered blower for cleaning off the runways. It is stored in the shed.
- Bob suggested that the club purchase a quad and new roller for use in rolling areas around the runways and for retrieving downed airplanes.
- There was a break in at the airfield that was discovered by John Gunther on Saturday Aug 21. The lock clasp was pried off one of the shed doors and the other shed showed signs of attempted break in. A police report was filed. The only item that was unaccounted for is the large megaphone. The main gates were not tampered with and no tire tracks were found around the main gate or possible field entrance locations. It didn't appear that anything else was disturbed.
- The Desert Hawks website that was being maintained by Bill Rudd was taken down by Bill and replaced with a caption and 2 links because of some bad feelings about whether it was an official club designated website. George Field inquired as to why the website was not made official by the existing board. The board responded by stating that since the club had a severe lack of volunteers, an official club website that is updated weekly could not be implemented, therefore, the board felt it was in the clubs best interest to allow Bill Rudd to maintain his personal site whenever he had time. There was confusion as to whether the Bill Rudd's website was ever authorized as the official

club website because no records of that authorization have ever been located.

- Don Robinson stated that there has been talk in the club that the board is not allowing Bill Rudd to be the park host at Stearling Park this winter. Mike Grey stated that the subject has never been discussed by the board and the only time the subject has even been brought to the boards attention is when Bill Rudd sent an email asking about being the Park Host. The board stated that they have no official position on that matter because it is something that needs to be decided by Bill Rudd and the Parks department as always has been done in past years.
- Mike Grey stated that he is resigning as club president effective immediately. This is because of the lack of support that the board has received from many of the club members and also because of the negative attitude that is associated with the club. He stated that he would chair the September meeting so that new volunteers could be found.
- John Gunther resigned from the board effective immediately due to the same reasons. At this point, he would still be willing to be the Contest Director for the float fly unless a suitable replacement was found.
- Bob Clendenen resigned from the board effective immediately due to the reasons stated. He is willing to help train a new treasurer until October 1.
- Don Cox stated that he would like to stay on the Board of Directors but only as a Vice President. He would not take over as President.
- It was decided that volunteers will be needed at the next meeting to fill the positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary. If the positions are not filled, the club would lose it's AMA charter and non-profit corporation status.
- Mike Grey stated that he would create the August newsletter and make the members aware of this situation.
- Don Robinson offered to be newsletter editor and post the newsletters to RCUniverse. John Gunther offered to send Don the appropriate information.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Submitted by Mike Grey.