

RCRCC MARCH MEETING MINUTES  
March 1, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 1915

Attendees:

Ron James  
Roberto Machado  
Tom Hill  
Greg MacGregor  
Awie Smit  
Richard Moeller  
Rick Mahlum  
Paul Littleton  
John Jenicek

Treasurer's Report:

At present we have 28 paid members and a balance of \$7,263.85 in the Club account. All club accounts are current with AMA registration pending.

Field Report-

- Run Up Stand Repair needed,
- Weeds/Cracks in tarmac need repair,
- Pit Area is good shape,
- Last slurry cover of runway cost \$2700 and not likely needed,
- Club owns hot crack filling equipment which will be brought out for clean-up day. Cold patching of pot holes can be done at the same time,
- Runway conditions will be assessed prior to clean-up day.

Old Business:

Transponder Discussion-

- Requirement still in place for Fall 23,
- 250 gr and over will require transponders,
- Club applying for exemption for field and MRC,
- Drone community leading response with AMA jumping in
- Something to keep monitoring.

New Business:

AMA grant application:

- AMA accepts grant applications from member clubs for repairs/upgrades to flying sites
- Club has made application for grant money,
- If accepted it would likely amount to about \$500.00 for field improvements/repairs,
- Thanks to Jeff Coe for taking the lead in getting the application in order and submitted.

Field Access:

-There was an extensive and detailed discussion of field access issues and rather than try to lay-out the entire conversation blow-by-blow I'm going to summarize the high points and action points:

- Access to the mine road on weekends has been curtailed by the Baca organization, we assume in part because we were unsuccessful in getting the gate to the “goat path” closed again. This does not seem to be an issue for weekday access but that could change,
- The goat path presents issues to club members without high-clearance vehicles at the best of times and in the current condition w/unrepaired washouts it may be impossible,
- The Club, in the past, has made repairs to the goat path but with uncontrolled access to the road it seems like it is time for BLM to step up and repair the road
- Much of what has been done by the Club is based on agreements w/BLM that date to the 90’s and are woefully out of date,
- It was agreed that the Board will reach out to the current BLM Manager (Pamela Mathis) to set up a meeting with her in Taos to discuss the current situation and what BLM can do to rectify present conditions. It was suggested that we invite Gilberto (no last name provided), range manager for the Baca cattle grazing operation on BLM land to participate. No decision was made on that,
- More details will be provided as progress is made. In the meantime be aware that access will be problematic on weekends.

MRC Gate Combination:

- Combination has been recently changed. Please contact Rick Mahlum for the current combination.

Club Event Schedule:

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| -Spring Clean-Up    | April 6      |
| -Spring Fun Fly     | April 29     |
| -Summer Fun Fly     | July 8       |
| -Float Fly Cochiti  | August 19    |
| -Fall Fun Fly (MRC) | September 30 |

If members have any suggestions for other potential events please contact Rick.

Evening Program:

- Good roundtable discussion of battery care was had. Lots of good information and discussion. I’m open to program suggestion for next meeting. I’ll throw out transmitter programming since I have an interest in getting up to speed in that area.

Next Meeting:

- Next Club meeting will take place April 5. 7 PM at Tom Hill’s shop.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030.