



**Las Vegas Soaring Club  
Membership Meeting  
October, 14, 2023**

**MINUTES OF RECORD**

Meeting was called to order by the LVSC Flying Field President, Al Badoux at 9:05am. Board members in attendance were David Knapp, Barry Mattison, Mike Dantonio and Neal Welch. Today's meeting was held at the LVSC Field.

**New Members:** *(90-day period)*

- From August 01, 2023 to Oct 02, 2023: we've had 10 new members sign up – believe 1 is a youth member...
- From August 01, 2023 to Oct 02, 2023 we've lost 14 members. (1 moved out of area / 1 no longer in hobby)
- From August 01, 2023 to Oct 02, 2023 we've processed twenty (5) renewals.
- According to Group Works, we have 137 members (up 8), 88 have signed in the past 30 days (Up 14) and 23 never signed in (up 16). Suggests not everyone using GW.

**Under old business ensued the following:**

**SPECTATOR FENCE PROJECT:**

- Taken off the table for financial reasons. Will continue to utilize the yellow chain & cones..

**RUNWAY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:**

- Special thank you(s) to our Facility Manager, Neal Welch, for assembling a group of members to help clear debris and plant life in the middle of July. This is not only important to pilots, but also gives our field a nice clean appearance as local & tourists pass by. Great job to everyone that came out and thank you Neil for a great job well done..

**Financial Report (Presented by Barry Mattison):**

- Barry reported that we have \$6878.00 in the bank. According to Mike D we have \$2950.00 in the Go Fund Me Account.

**Under New Business discussion ensued the following:**

**BIRTHDAY:**

- We all want to wish our Treasurer, Barry Mattison, a Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday (wink)....

### **WIND SOCK DAMAGE:**

- Well, it didn't take much weather to wreck our beautiful Spektrum wind sock. I have provided our Project Manager, Neal Welch, a new Day Glow Orange sock which will be replaced and calibrated on Oct 02, 2023. PS: Spectrum socks are \$24.00 for next time..

### **RUNWAY DAMAGE FROM FLOODS:**

- On Sept 12, 2023 Neil and Barry repaired rain damage to the west taxi-way. The taxi way developed a rut (again) under the material which was dangerous to members. Anytime a member observes a potential safety concern, please speak with a Board Member ASAP.

### **WINCH LINE FLOOD DAMAGE:**

- On Sept 26, 2023 Barry & I met with the Gun Club Maintenance Manager and showed him the damage from the recent rains that affected the driveway and winch launch area. We were told this would be a "big job" and recently the "Dust police" AKA: EPA, were on their case. He agreed to discuss this major job with the Gun Club President and let us know – we also asked for option 2 if we could rent a tractor and do the work ourselves – still under advisement. On Oct 02 the Board held a "Special Meeting" at the field to both walk the damage and develop an Action Plan. Mike Dantonio set up a "Go Fund Me" account seeking donations from other clubs throughout the Nation as well as local assistance. We are currently consulting with the Gun Club to ensure no rules or laws will be broken using a tractor.. Mac has a contact (son) and is looking into what they may offer us once we get the OK from the gun club. We fear permits from the EPA including dust mitigation may be problematic as well as water for a water truck.. Barry Maddison is applying for a \$500.00 grant from the AMA and Mike Dantonio has set up a Go Fund Me Acct.

### **PILOT RESTROOMS:**

- If that special personal "red warning light" comes on, and it more than visiting a rock or bush, travel back down Charleston and you'll see **Al's Garage** restaurant on the left. Turn left and use the Chevron Stn. If so compelled, it's nice to buy a little something as a way of thanks.. Pilots may also use the "Port-a-Potty" at the Gun Club main gate.

### **FRIAS FIELD:**

- Sept 13, 2023: As AMA anticipated, the FAA has announced they are extending the Remote ID enforcement date by six months. Operators now have until **March 16, 2024** before they will have to comply with the rule. This extension provides the FAA more time to approve FRIA applications and all aircraft & drone manufacturers the time for production of broadcast modules. Barry has agreed to look into framing our certificate and mounting it on the bulletin board. A copy was posted on Groupworks on July 14, 2023 with the suggestion each member print a copy and keep in their flight box. I can repost if needed.

### **UNEXPECTED WEBSITE ISSUE:**

- Our website suffered a nasty incident which left new members, and renewals, the inability to pay dues or sign up. This caused a full week of back logged apps. Fortunately for us, after a full week of identifying the problem then fixing it, Mr. Barry Mattison, was able to straighten out this mess and get the website back on line. Super special thank you !!!

### **WEATHER STATION:**

- I'd like to see a show of hands how many pilots know of, and use, our weather station.. Eventually it will require some maintenance and hoping Sandy will be able to point us in the right direction.. Not many aware – a memo will be sent via Group Works in the next 7 days with step by step instructions on how to download and sign into the link. Mac suggested using the Red Rock Visitor center which is updated hourly. Mac will send Barry the link and it will be posted on Group Works.

### **GATE LOCK COMBO CHANGE:**

- It has been quite a while, nearly one year, since the gate lock was changed and we've seen plenty of members come and go. It's time to change it again and it will be changed to **XXXX** today after the meeting. Please do not share this with non-members and always remember to spin the tumblers when on the chain.. **VOTE: dads / jets / nuts / best / luck / rock / sand** New code was sent to all members via Group Works on 10/14/23

### **GROUP WORKS:**

- Members are encouraged to use the free Group works app as we often discuss topics such as: NOTAMS, Items for Sale, Field Closures, Meeting Updates, Swap Meet Info, Special Flying Events, Lost Aircraft, Photograph's of members & aircraft and many more relative & significant info to the club. If you are not sure how to sign up to this free service, let me know.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:**

- As always, I will be sending out renewal reminders **two weeks prior** to your expiration date to your **LAST KNOWN E-MAIL....** If I do not hear from you in those two weeks, your membership will be removed – obviously it can easily be reactivated upon renewal. The process is not difficult and is accomplished on the LVSC web site. As a reminder, LVSC requires members to have a full membership – Park Pilot membership do not qualify.

### **NEED TO SPEAK WITH:**

- Richard Carson – Bad EM as of 09/04/23
- Dan Sturgill – Bad EM as of 07/29/23
- [unck.jack.machine@gmail.com](mailto:unck.jack.machine@gmail.com) – Bad EM as of 07/26/23
- Beulah Griffen – No App as of 09/18/23
- Scott Morgan – Membership Expired 9/30/23 (AMA good) – Told must renew.
- Noah Lewis – No App as of 08/07/23 (Yes Paypal)

### **NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

- In the event you change your E-mail address, please send me a quick notice so I may update your records to insure you get the proper notifications and a renewed invite to Group Works.

## **LVSC WEBSITE “CLASSIFIED”:**

- A member has asked if we can add a “classified” section to the LVSC Main Web Page rather than posting on Groupworks. It was determined to be an unqualified hardship to rearrange page tabs etc to accommodate this request. I thank you for the suggestion and please keep em coming.. Meanwhile, members are welcome to post for sale items on the group works page.

## **BIKE PATH UPDATE:**

- I have discovered it may be easier to order an ice cream in the Sahara Dessert than to reach anyone at BLM that has a clue of this project. After countless voice mails, being transferred to lines which ring and ring I was able to pull his much out of the hat.
- The trail can't be built fast enough because traffic problems, crashes and reckless motorist behavior issues are mounting along the current stretch of State Route 159 from Summerlin's Sky Vista Drive to the Bureau of Land Management's Red Rock loop entrance in Red Rock Canyon.
- This 5.5-mile stretch is just the first phase of a regional trail project designed to increase safety for bicyclists, families, walkers and runners while improving access to Red Rock Canyon's scenic landscape. **The overall trail project is budgeted for more than \$100 million, including the \$33 million phase 1.**
- After meeting with officials from the federal Bureau of Land Management, the Nevada Department of Transportation, Clark County, Summerlin master developer Howard Hughes Corporation and other agencies, Jones said Thursday that a traffic signal will start to be installed later in 2023 at SR 159 and Sky Vista Drive — a dangerous intersection where ambulances have been known to transport all types of crashed road users because of the poorly designed intersection.
- **Shovels will start moving dirt in 2025 for Phase 1** of the much-needed Legacy Trail to link West Summerlin and the Red Rock Scenic Drive in the first phase, according to Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones.
- The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) has capped funding at \$18 million for the first phase, so trail developers are looking at amending an expensive aspect — building an underpass below SR 159 as part of the trail project. Eliminating the need for the underpass could save a lot of money...
- Construction on Phase 5 from Hualapai/160 to Blue Diamond expected to begin 2026. Estimated completion is one year from groundbreaking.

## **RUNWAY SAFETY REMINDER: (Info)**

1. Remind pilots the **red line is a safety line and pilots must stand behind it while flying.**
2. Pilots must always call out, with authority, when walking to and from the runway. Safety first!
3. Pilots will always give gliders right of way.
4. Pilots must stand/sit behind the red line and must be able to hear other pilots call out maneuvers (IE: Low Passes, Landing or Take Off's).
5. Pilots are also asked not to cross the runway for short take off's.

6. Heli Pilots are strongly urged to avoid crossing over the west end of the runway while using the Heli pad. This is a recognized safety hazard.
7. All pilots should avoid performing 3d maneuvers over the runway while other aircraft are in the sky. Heli pilots must call out helicopter landing, on the runway, off runway as quickly as possible.

### **UNSAFE ACTIVITIES:**

- I have asked the Board Members, and now each of you, if you observe *true* unsafe behavior, or *significant* rule violations, rather than to approach the person and possibly create conflict, give me a call and explain who, what, when and where and I will reach out to the member and explain the situation. Rule violators will be asked no more than four times to obey field safety rules after which the board will vote for intervention from the AMA District X VP or suspension of membership up to revocation based on severity. Barry distributed via groupworks a memo to all members around mid Sept 2023..

### **LVSC PILOT APPRECIATION / FUN FLY BBQ:**

- June 2023 the club hosted a pilot appreciation fun fly BBQ day that turned out to be even better than anticipated. We had nearly 25 hungry pilots show up and leave full. Jason manned the BBQ rib cooker while John Surrency provided all the fixings along with some dogs and burgers.. Well, the board has voted to squeeze one more in to say thank you and have a day of just fun, friends and flying. Mark down **Sunday October 29, 2023** starting at 9am till whenever. Just to make it more fun, we will be offering some special "skill" flying opportunities. Gliders must land within taped off area, planes must do 2 or more touch & goes in one pass, heli's need to pick up a wood block etc. We need judges so please step up.. Just try not to get too much BBQ sauce on those score sheets...

### **USE OF FIELD:**

- Tactical Solutions use of field on Oct 23, 2023 from 1pm to 4pm. I will be present to monitor activities.

### **ATTENDING FUN FLY'S:**

- Many other RC clubs within our region are having fun flies. You do not need to be a member nor own a RV or trailer. Tables can be set up to save spaces during the day while you rest up in a nearby hotel. Most events have porta-potties and local food. I was curious how many would be interested in attending a fun fly as a group? A small handful of members were interested.

### **Open Discussion:**

Mike Dantonio expressed concern over fast flying aircraft flying in close proximity to gliders on the winch line. Mike suggested to dedicate specific days and times and restrict all aircraft other than gliders. Sundays from 10a-1p during the winter and 9am to 12pm during summer days. A hearty debate ensued resulting several recommendations such as increased communication between all pilots, specific glider only hours and days to the use of a horn to signal all pilots a glider is preparing to go up and stay clear of the flight path toward the east side of the runway. These options will be presented to the membership on line for voting as early as this Monday Oct 16, 2023.

A member, Ray Di Noble, brought, and donated to the club photographs and DVD's of the early start of the club including misc construction and opening of the main gate back in 1999. Barry Mattison accepted the items and will digitize some photos to post on the main LVSC site.

A motion to conclude the meeting at 10:15am was made by Al Badoux and seconded by Barry Mattison.