Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

Yavapai County Sheriff's Air Group, Inc.

Proposed Agenda for the Meeting

30 May 2012

CALL TO ORDER Bud Lathrop

- 1900hrs

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Membership

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sign-in form-- Ray Pfeffer

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS Bud Lathrop

- Mr. Milt Vought was introduced to the membership. An original founder of the YCSAG, Milt took a few minutes to introduce himself and tell us about his most interesting background. Milt had worked for Hughes Aircraft Company designing product, Lockheed Skunkworks and Area 51.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES Bud Lathrop

- Minutes of April 2012 approved and seconded

TREASURER'S REPORT Mel Tiensvold

- Status of account: The organization balance is $2,778.97
- State Corporation report has been filed
- IRS 501C3 report has been filed

COMMANDER'S REPORT Bud Lathrop

- Smoke and Logging Patrols: Bud Lathrop re-affirmed that these patrols should be done concurrently. Also, looking for marijuana growing locations should be included. The Case number for these flights is **#12-010821**
- The new gate access code is in affect. **46845**
- Farrell Harris was singled out for his work and involvement with the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Flight Team in May 2012 competition and the team taking first place in the national competition.
  Congratulations to Farrell Harris

OPERATIONS OFFICER REPORT Noel Urban

- The March 28 Prom Patrol: Conducted by Dan Berry (Pilot), Scott DeArman (Obs) and Ray Pfeffer (Obs). The purpose of this mission was to attempt to spot desert parties of Prom goers from local high schools. It was noted that the mission team had taken great care to ensure that the flight would be safe by conducting a pre-flight of the route in the daytime since the mission would be conducted at 2300hrs at night to attempt to located prom party goers in the desert areas,
  Dan Berry briefed the members on the mission noting that an altitude of 8500 feet was maintained to be sure of clearing the elevations that may be encountered. The route took the team from PRC to Perkinsville, Fair Oaks, Dosy Pit(sp?), Coyotes Springs and back. The route was traveled two times. Visibility was good and any fires or traffic would be easily seen. No evidence of party fires was seen.
  Problems were encountered with the police radio equipment in trying to contact sheriff's dispatch. Dan ultimately contacted the FSS and told them of our mission and requested they forward any needed information to sheriff's dispatch via the phone number he provided. FSS was very cooperative with this request. Upon return to PRC Dan contacted FSS and thanked them for their assistance.

The failure of the sheriff's radio appeared to be with the initial set-up of the radio causing interference with the aircraft radio, Noel Urban took the radios to be looked at and now a toggle switch will be put in-line so that the operator can physically switch between the sheriffs equipment and the aircraft. This will hopefully resolve this problem. Future tests will tell.
It was also noted that conducting this mission without proper support by the sheriff's office in the form of an incident commander was questionable.

- Mission of May 4: Pat Moore conducted a mission with Supervisor Tom Thurman and others for the purpose of surveying hiking trails. Photos were taken for the trails program and the mission was deemed successful. As yet a mission number has not been provided.

- Mission of May 9: Mike Liversidge and Chuck McCoy were called upon to search for a green forerunner vehicle in the vicinity of Congress. After checking in with IC "Frank35" they learned that other aircraft were involved in this search. It appeared that Maricopa County was also conducting this search. This caused a great deal of confusion as to who should be doing what. Mike and Chuck continued search without success and finally terminated their search.

  Due to this confusion it was recommended that any mission information in the vicinity of N34.00.00 be questioned as to whom and where is the Incident Commander.

FLIGHT SAFETY OFFICER REPORT Farrell Harris

- The training exercise originally scheduled for June 2, 2012, has been cancelled and rescheduled for July 21, 2012.

ADJUTANT REPORT Ray Pfeffer

- No comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Bud Lathrop

- Last month the local newspaper presented an article by Judy Bluhm about the Search and Rescue groups but failed to mention the Air Group. Bud Lathrop emailed Judy about the oversight but has heard nothing back from her. Along the same lines, the Courier newspaper publishes local meeting notices and Bud went to the Courier office to add the YCSAG meetings to the listing. Outcome is unknown for now.

- Flight crew wings are being ordered.

NEW BUSINESS Bud Lathrop

- No new business was discussed

MEMBER COMMENTS. Members

- Chuck McCoy remarked about a recent aircraft accident which resulted in the death of one of his acquaintances . Chuck stressed that nothing involving flying should be ever be taken for granted and that the pilot must be at all times vigilant.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE Bud Lathrop

- 27 June 2012

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS Bud Lathrop

ADJOURNMENT

- 2000hrs