Las Vegas Soaring Club
Membership Meeting
September 20, 2025

MINUTES OF RECORD

Meeting were called to order at 9:05 am at a special location – the Gun Clun Training Room located on Charleston Blvd. Board Members in attendance were Al Badoux & David Knapp. Mike Dantonio is out of Country. Today's meeting had 21 members present which qualifies as a quorum (10% of 132).

Introduction of Board Members:

VICE PRESIDENTS CORNER WITH DAVID KNAPP:
Dave has asked if anyone has an old metal ammo can they can donate to the club to become out official Lipo Disposal can. We will bury the can in a safe place and in the event you have a damaged lipo, it can be discarded in the can rather than left on a table or in the mailbox. Dave also asked if members would be on the lookout for any field approved chairs or stools – the grand wizard chairs we have are ready to be discarded.

FINANACE RECAP WITH MIKE DANTONIO: (Mike Out of State): I spoke with Mike at the recent Board meeting and at that time we have $7758.33 in the account. Our account is monitored often and randomly buy Mike, Dave and myself and any/all purchases are discussed with each other with receipts given to Mike. Most of the recent purchases have been under $50.00 for various needed items such as a wind sock, flex-seal and annual State of Nevada License.

SAFETY CORNER WITH MIKE DANTONTIO: (Mike Out of State) Again, I spoke with Mike at the Board meeting and he asked to remind everyone that ALL high-speed passes must be called out "loud & clear" and track north of the runway. Mike has given credit to recent heli pilots doing "maiden flights" up on the heli pad. Mike stated he has intentions to have our annual landscapers come out in October to clear the runway perimeter and winch launch area – typically this cost $600.00 for four workers which spend four hours on average. And finally, if you are training someone, with or without goggles, please call out your intentions "Loud & Clear". Members brought up the continuing hazards of large rocks along the N/W edge of the runway and the need to have these "relocated" via a bulldozer. Al agreed to ask if Tenny from the gun club could make a pass with their HD equipment.

MEMBERSHIP WITH AL BADOUX: I was once asked what we do to generate membership? My answer was two parted. We do not do anything actively, but we do have the only airfield with the Red Rock Canyon and mountains as our backdrop. We do have the only electrical winch for gliders in Nevada. We do have the most-friendliest group of members assembled in one place. Our membership consists of not just planes, but helicopters, drones and gliders in addition to electronics specialists, balsa wood workmen and foam repair. Our membership has seen an explosive growth with 26 new members since January 2025. Since June 2025 we've lost nine members which either relocated, lost interest or hadn't said... Our base membership continues to reflect a strong total of 130 members, and this is exceeding numbers seen at our two sister fields.

PRESIDENTS CORNER WITH AL BADOUX: I'd like to welcome everyone and remind you that the club his providing refreshments and pastries free of charge for everyone so please help yourselves. I would like to thank "J" and everyone on the Gun Club Board for allowing us to use this room – It was at the ground breaking ceremony held at our field on June 01, 2025 when J and I were discussing "Stuff" and he offered to allow us use of the training room to avoid the heat. Please help give a round of thanks J and the Board.. For years I have been giving bits and pieces on the proposed bicycle path along Charleston Blvd. I am so pleased to announce that we have a special guest speaker, Mrs. Megan ???? who is a Project Manager and who will give us an update on this multi-million-dollar bike project and answer your questions.. So, without any further delays, Megan if you'd please, we are all ears..

MOMENT OF APPRECIATION: : In case you have not noticed; we now have a **new main entry gate** provided by John Riess. If you weren't aware, our gate was mangled beyond repair by a young driver who lost control of their vehicle. With John's immediate help the new gate was fabricated and installed. Super Special Thank you to John for all his great work.

ANNOUNCEMENT: In the finest tradition of our membership, once again our attention is drawn to and focused on a specific member that consistently demonstrates his desire to not only promote the hobby, but share the secret ingredient to what makes LVSC the best in Nevada. This individual doesn't seek attention, nor praise, but earns it nearly every time he steps foot on the field. He is willing to drop what he is doing to help others and shares some wonderful stories of his past too.. Today I would like to present our **latest AMA Instructor Pilot Mr. Billy E. Floyd.** Please feel free to ask Billy any/all questions you may have pertaining to both RC Aircraft and concerns of romance….

MOMENT OF APPRECIATION: At the last meeting I asked if anyone had any suggestions and Billy Floyd suggested we develop a **QR code** to post on the board to help interested people discover more info on the club. Wayne Posner quickly made an 8x11 QR poster which I had laminated and framed and is now on display on the flight board. Special thank you's to both Billy and Wayne for this contribution.

REMINDER: If you are approached by a spectator asking how to join the club, we have flyers inside the mailbox which you may give out that explains the steps to join the club.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: As the Membership Officer I try my best to get applications and renewals processed as quickly as possible, with a personal goal of no more than 2 days. If you've misplaced an ID card, let me know I can easily send you a replacement as we do ask every member to display their ID card while at the field. One member requested a new ID card be mailed to his residence, which was taken care of the following Monday.

SAFETY REMINDER: Summer is now upon us and this means each of us must take steps to remain **properly hydrated** while in the direct sun. In the event you need to recover an aircraft, please let someone know you are heading out and please bring a cell phone and some water. The heat will bring out some critters too so be careful where you step. If anyone requires medical assistance, we have a plaque on the board explaining exactly where we are, including GPS coordinates.

NEW GATE VANDILIZED: On June 22, 2025 our VP, Dave Knapp, arrived at 6am and found both gates wide open. Later we found parts of the **lock which had been cut or forced open.** No LVSC property was damaged or missing and the Gun Club had no reports of FD incidents. A temporary numeric style lock was used while Dave ordered two alpha style replacement. An E-mail blast was sent out with the temp lock code and explanation.

SAFETY INFO: It has been brought to my attention that there may be an underground bee nest approx. 50' west of the main gate in the dirt berm. Though this is typically not an area we walk in, members must take steps to avoid disturbing the nest. I am told this nest will be removed when the bike path begins.

A WORD FROM THE TOWER: A quick reminder that the two taxi ways are just that – taxi onto and off of the active runway. Members are asked not to leave aircraft on a taxi way as they may be struck and damaged by a runway aircraft. Members are also asked not to test helicopters on the taxi way – these type of tests must be done center line of the runway for safety to nearby pilots and spectators. Drones should be walked to the area where the taxi way connects to the runway for departures and returns. Drones should not be taken off, or landed, from any spool.

MOMENT OF APPRECIATION: Special Thank you to Mr. Dave Bonitto for alerting me of a dangerous traffic sign on Charleston back on August 09, 2025. Where this sign was placed blocked our view to any west bound traffic making it very dangerous for departing members. I notified DOT twice and they promised to relocate it, however never did. I then made one call to our guest speaker, Megan, and the following day the hazard was relocated. We so appreciate your help with this -

FREE HELP REMINDER: Our club has over five AMA approved IP pilots that are at your disposal to help with mechanical and electrical review of your aircraft, confirmation all flight surfaces are correct, programming, trim flights and instructional aid via buddy box or verbal instructions. These services are free for the asking. If you'd like help, please reach out to David Knapp, Mike Dantonio or Al Badoux and we will make sure you get the specialized help that will keep ya in the air..

MORE RULES & REG'S: AMA Vs FAA Vs You: Many years back, the **AMA** put out a rule instructing all **AMA** members to post their AMA numbers on their aircraft – this could be inside or outside and had nothing to do with the weight of your aircraft and your number could be shared with your whole fleet. Now, recently the **FAA** came out and said that anyone operating an RC aircraft that weighs less than 249 grams <u>were not required</u> to obtain an **FAA** number however, any craft weighing between 249 grams to 55 pounds, must obtain an **FAA** number. This special number may be used on multiple aircraft within your fleet as well. The fee is $5.00 for three years and is good for your whole fleet and is obtainable on line. Remember you are flying as a **RECREATIONAL PILOT**. If you are flying under Part 107, you must follow a box load of other rules..

DRONE UPDATES: The DJI BAN: Those of us that fly drones are aware that as of October 2024 the US basically dislikes DJI products. Well, now it seems DJI is fighting hard to keep their place in the drone marketplace, which they currently hold 70% of the US market. A bill was presented to congress which requires an audit of DJI however neither the FBI, Det of Defense, Homeland Security or NSA have taken this lead and the bill was written if by default no audit was completed DJI would be considered a Chinese military corporation and thus banned. Florida's governor, Rick Scott, refuses to meet calling DJI despicable government that wants to spy on us. Rumors have circulated that this audit will never happen.. Shipping has been clogged and supply blocked as well. So, if you have a DJI, you are going to be OK for now but if you want to buy new a one you may have a problem.

RUNWAY SAFETY REMINDER: Special thank you to Mike for maintain the pilots red safety line. This is an AMA requirement and helps provide a safety zone from the main runway and Mike makes sure every two weeks or so it is re-painted.... New pilot exemption involves calling out "Landing" and standing between the runway edge and red safety line to better help your perception. Once on the ground, please return behind the red line.

GREAT NEWS ABOUT ALTITUDE: A Certificate of Waiver or Authorization was passed by the FAA back around May 05, 2025 allowing specific AMA fixed sites in designated Class G airspace to increase the max ceiling from 400 feet AGL to 700 feet AGL for recreational pilots who have passed the TRUST test and are operating within CBO guidelines, which includes flying at no more that 100 mph. This includes drones flying as a recreational pilot and not Part 107. Remember, we must exercise the **"See and Avoid"** rules of flight at all times – don't think that this is some kind of a right and insist on being at 650'. Our field has seen full sized aircraft at less that acceptable altitudes so be very careful and don't be that guy. A copy of the FAA waiver may be viewed on our website under the "News" tab.

FACEBOOK DUPLICATE: Do not use Facebook with the group picture of us with a LVSC blue banner..(soaringclublv@gmail.com) The correct and active one has a grey jet.. Best way to go our website (lvsoaring.club) and go the Social Media tab far upper right corner.. Al said he will ask Barry if he can re-address the removal of the previous site..

LVSC WEBSITE: Our new website has many interesting tabs to explore and if you were not able to attend a meeting, I will have the meeting notes posted on the website (lvsoaring.club) within a week or so of the meeting. Just visit "About/Info" then click on documents. We would like everyone to be kept informed on club matters.

SWAP MEET INFO: There will be a three club Swap Meet held on October 11, 2025 at Bennett Field.. The swapping starts are 8am and continues till it's all g one or maybe 2pm.. It's free to sell and fun to buy so let's hope to see ya all there.. Randy left flyers for the event which will be distributed via Email blast.

EVENTS TO ATTEND: A Vintage and Valor Over Vegas Scale Event will be held at Bennett field on October 18, 2025. This is a free event to watch and Randy left flyers for the event which will be distributed via Email blast.

STAY INFORMED: All previously discussed events are listed on the LVSC calendar – Thanks to Barry Mattison, we are the only network of RC clubs that operates one central calendar of events.. Take a peek and see what is happening in the valley..

STAY INFORMED WITHOUT PASTRIES: If you are unable to attend these fantastic meetings, we would like you to remain informed by visiting our LVSC webpage where the minutes of these meetings are posted under the "ABOUT/INFO" tab and scroll down to "Documents".

WHATS THE WEATHER YOU ASK?: A reminder that we have our very own club **weather station** located on top of the Gun Club main entrance shack. The club purchased this professional equipment and with the Gun Clubs blessings it was mounted where it would not be vandalized or damaged. Both LVSC and the Gun Club members use this tool and is something provided to members for free.. We pay approx. $220.00 a year for the cellular service which comes out of membership dues. The device is serviced once a year by one of our members to keep it accurate and operational. If you're interested please see me as I can send you text or e-mail instructions on how to sign in – again, all free.. At the conclusion of the meeting, Al sent instructions to a few members on how to log into the station.

REPORTING AN OOPPSIE: If you have an accident that results in tearing cutting of the Geotec runway or taxi way, members are asked to please call either Al Badoux or Mike Dantonio so that the Geotec material may be repaired quickly with Flex Seal. I believe Mike or Dave have access to a can and can make repairs as necessary..

IT CAN, AND WILL HAPPEN: Here's the scenario. You arrive at the field, you set up all your aircraft and misc support items and then "it" hits. Last night's dinner is a knocking.. You just set up – what a crappy time! Well, with special permission from our friends at the Gun Club they have offered to allow us to use a restroom at the main gate check in. Obey the 5mph speed limit and explain who you are and the purpose to the gate officer.

HELI PAD SAFETY: If you are flying at the drone pad, please be extra careful NOT to cross into aircraft on final approaches. Due to the extended proximity from the main flight line, you may not hear a pilot call a low fly by. Drones should consider climbing up and departing west and return in the opposite manner. Helicopters should make every attempt to avoid crossing the active runway – period.

DONATION AIRCRAFT: Dave Eckland needed to thin his herd of planes and has donated five fixed wing planes he wishes to donate to the club with the proceeds going directly to the club. We have one P-51 that will be taken to the upcoming swap meet for sale. All proceeds will be handed over to Mike Dantonio upon his return.

BEING SMART VS NON-MEMBERS: On Sept 13, 2025 a member reached out to me saying he caught some guy using the field with his camper parked outside the locked gate. The guy asked for the combo and was not given it. The guy said he tried calling me (I guess) but I had not received any calls. No doubt this was a scammer using our field. Thank you Tim Summers for a great job safeguarding our field!!!

OPEN FORUM: This is the part of the meeting where I ask's if anyone has any comments, problems, suggestions or concerns..

A motion was made to consider re-naming the LVSC club name to help eliminate confusion with an older version of Facebook and a few local businesses under the same name. A recommendation was also made to incorporate the original fields purpose of a "Glider Field" to any new name considered. The new name will also use the geo location of Red Rock such as "Redrock Sailplane and RC Flying Field. Preliminary conditions will be investigated such as any fee's, both State and Local, to the name change,

any limitations to use the word Redrock and any other considerations associated to the change. Additionally, this will be reviewed by the Board in advance as well. James Lawson agreed to help with securing any chosen domain names.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am. Again, special thank you to Nicole, and everyone at the Gun Range for making everyone feel very welcome.