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As you would expect it's getting hot here. Activity at the complex is down significantly. We can't say that about the lake, weekends have been crazy more boats than I have ever seen.

The Governor and Mayor have set forth a new level of restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have put our sign back up restricting spectators. As before we are requiring the gate be closed at all times while members are on the complex and of course locked when last member exits. For those wanting up to date covid-19 information pertaining to LHC go to www.lhcaz.gov.

Some of our board members have been working on cleaning up the track area. It is important for all of to keep in mind we are on City Property and we are very visible from the road. In political speak "It's all about optics".

We signed a new 5-year lease and we have every expectation that nothing in SARA Park will change for the foreseeable future. The gun club now occupies all the land on the west side of the road except for the trails. Basically, SARA Park is full.

As always minutes from board meetings and financial reports can be found on our website in the members area. We are on budget and expect to finish the year slightly under budget.

We expect things to remain somewhat quiet for the next 3 months while we await the return of our seasonal visitors in October. Our next GMM is in September. The London Bridge Seaplane Classic has been canceled. We are hopeful we will be able to have the IMAC event 3rd weekend in November We will advise you of changes as they occur. Right now, the city mandate is “all events are canceled”.

On a personal note, it has been my great honor and privilege to serve as your president for 3 terms. Prior to this I was Vice President and Membership Chairman and back in 2014 was Safety Officer. With the help of our BOD and membership we have accomplished many things that I am very proud of. I believe it is time for someone to step up and take the lead. We need new ideas and a fresh mind to keep us on the trajectory we have set for the future. I have personally contacted a few members to see if they would be interested in being president, but they have declined. I mention this now, so we all have time to think what is best for our club. We have been in operation for over 35 years, we received our AMA Charter in 1985. We were flying before there were LIPO batteries and 2.4 ghz radios, pin-up meant something other than a pretty girl on a calendar. Many of us remember Jim Sterling and the old X runways. For a refresher check out google earth. As we move forward, we cannot allow ourselves to forget the past and the generous contributions many of us have made when funds were short. If it wasn't for the solid relationship we have with the city and a few generous contributions from dedicated members we wouldn't have a 5-year lease, or a 60x750 foot runway or two racetracks. Please give it some thought, feel free to reach out to the current BOD if you are interested in serving on the board or if you have questions or concerns. If you are looking for an excuse, there isn't anything in the by-laws that say you have to live full time in LHC to hold a board position. Snowbirds...you are not exempt.

Contrary to some of the rumors floating around; Ed isn't planning to go anywhere for the next few years. I am on a 3 year term of office with the LHC Parks and Recreation Advisory Board where I plan to represent the interests of the RC community. I regularly attend City Council meetings listening for anything that would impact SARA Park or our ability to enjoy our hobby. I am also involved with the AMA and FAA discussions regarding identification of UAV's. I plan to be RC'ing with you guys as long as I am physically and mentally able to do so.

Let's Have Fun

