

**Minutes of the March General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on **15 March 2003** at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Ron Green** called the meeting to order at 12:00PM, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **47**.  
New members and guests were introduced

**Minutes** of the last General meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was made by **Bill Johnson**:

Checking account = \$ 4540.38  
Anniversary account = \$ 766.02  
Scholarship account = \$10564.07  
ACCOUNTS TOTAL = \$15870.47

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

**Old Business** included reports from various committee chairmen:

**Legislative (Dan Conway)** - stated that another effort at the local and national levels is underway to get an improved version of the Survivor Benefit Plan through Congress. Efforts will be made to increase SBP from 35% to 55%. The Bill is co-sponsored by Sen. Snowe of Maine, and Sen. John McCain of AZ. **Mr. Conway** stated an extra push is being undertaken to have all MOAA members in the State of AZ donate to the Bob Hope Memorial. Chapter members are encouraged to donate.

**Guest Speaker** - The president introduced the honored speakers, Mr. Craig Wilson and Professor McCallister of ASU, who spoke on "The Problem is Clear, the Air Isn't - Can Hydrogen be a Fuel". During his presentation Mr. Wilson made a case for the use of Hydrogen as a clean alternative fuel. Professor McCallister covered the technical aspects of the use of Hydrogen as a fuel and used a converted to Hydrogen fuel automobile as a demonstration aid. President Ron Green presented a "classic" TROA Paper Weight to each of the speakers as a memento of their presentation to the members of the Chapter.

**New Business** included a **Programs Report** by **Jim Seidl** in which he told members the next general meeting, on 3 April at the Executive Park Hotel, would be a Yankee Pot Roast dinner meeting where the guest speaker will be General Ronald R. Fogleman USAF (Ret), formerly the 15<sup>th</sup> Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. Additionally, Mr. Seidl stated that dinner costs were increasing by \$2 per meal beginning with the April dinner.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$60 being paid out and \$56 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Frank Birtciel, Gary Fredricks and Bette Green.

**RON GREEN** gave the Benediction.

**Motion to adjourn** was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary