R/C Schedule 2010

Jan 16 Sat Annual Awards Banquet Carlton Oaks CC
Feb 20 Sat Weedwacker Swap Meet, Cactus Park 7:30 AM

It’s Renew Time Again

By now you should have received notice from AMA to renew for 2010. This is also the time to renew your club membership. When you have your new AMA card, show it to the club treasurer and pay dues for 2010. Dues for 2010 are $60. You will need to renew both in order to fly at Cactus Park in 2010.

Awards Banquet Saturday Jan 16, 2010

The Awards Banquet has now been reserved at the Carlton Oaks Country Club. You can read about the scheduling in the President’s Message. The banquet has always been a great event for the club members who come. It’s a great time to visit friends and families, show off and see some great models, and participate in a very large raffle of model kits, tools, and supplies. Bring your latest model to show, there’s plenty of space to show them.

Banquet:
Sat. Jan 16, 2010
Open at 6:00 PM, Carlton Oaks Country Club
First Weedwacker Aerosquadron
Club Meeting Minutes
Keith Miller

The Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02. Board members present were the President, Treasurer and Secretary. There were a total of 30 members present.

There were no new members at the meeting. The meeting minutes as published in the last newsletter were approved as published.

**Treasury Report:** Scott Graupmann

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The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

**Safe and Sound**

There were no significant events to report. The fields latitude and longitude are now posted on the bulletin board as part of the red safety information placard. Thanks to you, Mr. Don Madison!

**Old Business:**

**On the Banquet:** The board presented a brief cost analysis of the Annual banquet, and proposed a per-person price of $25, and a couples price of $45. The prices reflect an increase of $5 over the past several years, which offsets the slowly increasing price hikes by Carlton Oaks Country Club. The overall cost of the banquet is $29 per plate, plus a $250 hall rental fee. Assuming 80 guests, all in couples [conservative estimate], the club will subsidize approximately $770. A motion was made and approved for the $25/$45 ticket prices. A motion was also made and approved to allocate $1500 towards the general raffle, and $200 towards the lady’s prizes. The special Attendance Raffle is funded through the year’s meeting raffle profits, and doesn’t required a vote for allocation.

The new wind sock is mounted on top the red profile boundary marker. Please thank Ted O’Fallin when you see him. Not only does it provide excellent wind status, but it helps find that field boundary.

Lance (aka “Ron”) reports: The area of the park in which lead was found is north of the access road just near the bend at the entry. The county is looking at changing the easement, in which case the fence may move a couple of feet. They’re working on approvals for lot-line adjustments and environmental evaluations. Lance also reminded the county workers that, when it comes time to lay out the fence lines, we will need clear, unobstructed access to the riverbed to respond to potential fire hazards (those hard landings we keep talking about). Good thinking, Lance!

**New Business:**

**Calendar Planning for 2010:** The board will once again try to fill up the calendar year with events. Don Madison recommends a **Swap Meet in February** to spread out the various swap meets throughout the county. Discount Hobby Warehouse (DHW) holds theirs on Father’s Day, and the San Diego Association generally holds theirs in July. Don will select a non-holiday date in February, so keep your eyes open. We’re also looking at a **Scale Fly-In** in May.

**Drawing for free membership:** Frank Sanders – Sorry – must be present to win.

**Model Sharing:**

Ron and Jared Kriege showed off their new Viper Quickie 500 pylon racer. Ron is powering this with a .25 engine to keep it well within the field boundaries. It’s a very strong and stable racer that will corner in an instant. And with a 25 up front, this class of Quickie will make for a great club racing event.
Lance Edmunson shared a Great Planes 27% Edge 540, powered by a Fuji 43cc gas engine. Not to go too much into Lance’s details, there was some mention of hemorrhoids and Wayne Aymar’s larger Edge. We really missed you, Lance!

Jason Raid presented a Phase III F-16 electric, which he modified from a 60mm to a 70mm fan, and he added an HV85 speed controller. Says it really hauls!

Ray Betancourt brought in the beginnings of his Global P 51 for 25 size nitro or electric. Ray is looking forward to putting this to the test against some T-6’s in a pylon duel.

Raffle:
This month, several members donated kits and prizes for the raffle. I apologize for not getting all of the names. Wayne Aymar donated a kit, and Ben Newkirk supplied a wide variety of hardware grab bags and tools that were passed to him from outside the club.

Keith Miller Grab bag, fuel tank
Ray Betancourt Field charger
Rick Mathews Cell phone hands-free device
Lance Edmunson Café 67, C-clamps
Ray Betancourt Sealing iron
Wayne Aymar Volt meter
Greg Skoglund Weedwacker hat
Gerald Rodieck Tail wheels and hinges
Scott Graupmann AccuCycle charger
Cory Peterson Hobbico Field Charger
Greg Skoglund Nitro Planes Edge 540T 25/EP ARF
Bill Vecera GWS PT-17 ARF
Robert Muhleman Trick R/C Zaggi
Jim Baily GWS Islander ARF

The meeting adjourned at 8:15
From the Safety Officer

We’ve had a report of at least one instance of a Spektrum Dx6i transmitter entering programming mode with only slight physical contact with the setup roller. Not owning one, I downloaded the manual and found that there are many flight surface menus accessible by simply pressing the roller, a single button press. Most other manufacturers require at least two buttons to be pressed simultaneously to enter any setup mode, protecting against failure of a single switch. If there’s bad roller that is extremely sensitive, there are several menus that could possibly be accessed unintentionally while in flight.

For the Dx6i, the Adjust List is accessible any time the transmitter is powered on with just a simple single press of the roller. One of the most risky menus that could be accessed here is the MODEL SELECT menu. It’s then possible to change the selected model, all with only a single button press, even while flying.

While Spektrum has one service bulletin issued related to stick potentiometers, there’s not much information on the Internet related to this problem, so it may not be widespread. Owners are encouraged to play with their roller (?) and ensure it’s not overly sensitive (?).

Post-Mortems

No following mishaps were reported this month.

Members are reminded that all flight (other than landing and taking off) must be conducted north of the runway centerline. This includes helicopters and light 3D foamies. The runway centerline is our equivalent to the AMA’s 25 foot safety line providing a barrier between the flight zone and other people, which includes the pilots at the other flight stations.

Other field news:

A special thanks to Robert Muhleman for repairing one of our event pylons. This one had been the target of many fun-fly impacts, and was in poor shape. Thanks, Robert!

Thanks to Wayne Aymar, the new pin box is in place. Wayne donated over $3000 in time and materials to provide the club with a MOST EXCELLENT box. The unit was designed by his son using SolidWorks 3D CAD modeling software. It features a powder coated aluminum frame with all stainless steel hardware and locking mechanism. It now houses all of our pins, fire extinguishers, half-length shovels, and the full-size First Aid kit. A group of members lead by Cory Peterson anchored the based on a 6” concrete/rebar base on December 5th. Cory donated the anchoring materials and a heap of muscle! Please thank both of these fine and generous members when you see them next!

Lee Main finished the King Cobra that he shared with the club back in October. This was the 40+ year old bare-bones model passed down to him.
Presidents Message

Greetings All:

The Holidays are past and the New Year is unfolding. I hope that you all enjoyed spending time with family and friends at this special time of the year.

The club is looking forward to an active year in 2010. It was my pleasure to have appointed Ron Kriege (at his request) to be the club Racing Coordinator. Ron is eager to develop a schedule of racing events, featuring different classes of aircraft. Please share your ideas with Ron, in person if you see him, or by e-mail at info.weedwackers@gmail.com.

Don Madison has been granted the date of February 20 to conduct a Swap Meet. Former Weedwacker, Bill Brown, has donated a quantity of kits, tools, support equipment and supplies to benefit the club, all of which will be available at the swap meet.

The flight line at Cactus Park has a new frequency pin/emergency equipment box. This is a really professional-quality production that will contribute substantially to the accessibility and security of the field emergency equipment. Please see Safety Officer Keith Miller’s write-up and photos on this project elsewhere in the Hangar News.

On one sad note: December 6 saw the passing of our friend Walt Wilson. Don Westergren has written about what Walt meant to the Weedwackers’ and its members elsewhere in this issue of the Hangar News. Our condolences to Walt’s family.

Finally: Remember the Award’s Banquet is on Saturday, this year, January 16 at Carlton Oaks Country Club.

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Annual Awards Banquet
Saturday January 16, 2010

Carlton Oaks Country Club, 9200 Inwood Dr., Santee
No Host Bar 6:00, Dinner Seating 7:00 p.m.

Come help us acknowledge accomplishment in the hobby and service to the First Weedwacker Aero Squadron for 2009

Menu
Caesar Salad
Beef Tri Tip in Garlic-Black Pepper Rub
Split Chicken in Chipotle Butter
Roasted Redskins with Rosemary and Garlic
Sweet Yellow Corn
Garlic Bread, Rolls and Butter
Homemade Apple Cobbler with Cream
Coffee, Iced Tea

Huge Raffle: Over $1500 worth of hobby engines, radios and airplanes
Attendance raffle; spouses raffle; awards for Scale and Sport models of the year (bring your planes)

(Ticket price: $25/person or $45/couple)
Walt Wilson—In Memoriam

*The following is from his obituary:*

Walt, a native of California and youngest of four boys, passed away peacefully December 6th after a courageous battle with melanoma. He is survived by his loving wife Jan, three sons, Marc, Greg and Matt, beloved daughters-in-law, Mary and Beth and their families. He was Papa to six cherished grandchildren, Matthew, Marisa and Michelle, Ryan, Sydney and Keeley. Also surviving are his brothers, Robert, Roger and Larry, sister-in-law Judi and their families. Walt was a devoted husband for 47 years and a loving and dedicated father.

He retired as Regional Sales Manager in 2002 after a successful 35-year career with Dewey Pest Control that began as a Crewman. Prior to his career with Dewey he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He was an avid golfer and radio control pilot and past president of "The First Weedwacker Aero Squadron." He also enjoyed poker, fishing, travel and most of all spending time with his family and vast circle of friends. He'll be missed every day.

*Personal Note from Newsletter Editor:*

I met Walt when he joined the club in 1993. He loved flying at Cactus Park and was a regular competitor in club Fun-Flys and Pylon Races. He also served the club as President for three years—during the time the club resurfaced the runway and paved the pit area—getting rid of the mud soaked rugs we used to trip over. Walt was a manager and used his talents to get things done. His legacy is his contribution to the club that we still enjoy today. He was a great friend and fellow RCer. He is missed!

**New Pin Box is Installed at Cactus**

Here are a couple more views of the new pin box installed at Cactus Park. Wayne Aymar and Cory Peterson, with help from other members installed the box in the pit area. Pictures were provided by Keith Miller. See more of the story in the Safety Officer notes, page 4.
SWAP MEET

SATURDAY, Feb 20, 2010

Weedwacker Flying Field
Cactus Park—Lakeside

Hours: 7:30 am—11:30 am
$5.00 Seller’s Fee —— Buyers Free

Rain Date: Feb 27, 2010

Information: Don Madison 619-296-1510