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CLUB FIELD: Cactus Park (East), Ashwood St. (1/4 mile N-E of El Capitan High School) in Lakeside, CA. Please be sure the last flyer to leave locks the pin box and the gate..

R/C Schedule 2012

Jan 6 Fri Awards Banquet, 6:00 PM Carlton Oaks CC

Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Friday Jan 6, 2012 at Carlton Oaks Country Club, Santee, CA. The board met and decided to subsidize the slightly increased meal cost to hold the price at last years level. Members pay \$25 or \$45 per couple.

The club has to arrange for the number of meals and seats at the tables, so we need to know immediately if you are coming and how many guest are with you. Contact Scott Graupmann or send a check right away. Address and phone number are on the left side of this page.

Renewal for 2012

You must have your AMA renewal in order to renew club membership. Show your AMA card or tell Scott you have paid for AMA (he can check online to verify).

Banquet:

Sat. Jan 7, 2012

Open at 6:00 PM,

Carlton Oaks

Country Club





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Minutes of the Dec. Meeting

Robert 'Bob' Muhleman

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with The Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 PM.

The Board Members present were our new President, Keith Miller; Vice President, Ron Smith; our new Secretary, Bob Muhleman; and the Treasurer, Scott Graupman. We had a total attendance of 33.

New Members and Guests: Ron Keith, Gary Smith and Robin Edmunson.

Electric Seminar: Gary Smith, Ron Keith, and Robin Edmunson.

Opening Comments: We were saddened to learn of the passing of a long time member, Howard Johnson. Ben Newkirk's son had a major illness and Ben flew back to New York to help him out. He has made a huge turn around and is doing much better.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: M/S/P to approve the minutes from last month's meeting.

Treasury Report: M/S/P to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Beginning balance:	\$5,372.36
Income:	\$205.00
Expenses:	\$308.13
Ending Balance:	\$5,269.23

Safety Officer's Report:

The main gate to the field was found open Sunday morning, 12/4.

The AMA noise abatement recommendation is 96db @ 20 ft. over a soft field and 98 db over a hard surface. This equates to 102 db @ 10 ft. Our requirement for Cactus Park is 96 db @ 10 ft. We will use 96 db @ 10 ft. to keep peace with our neighbors.

There have been encampments in the river bed. Don Westergren said that Helix Water District has jurisdiction for that area. Ron Smith talked

to the County Park people to make them aware of the situation. This issue makes it imperative to keep our gates closed when we are not at the field.

Tabled Business: In November, the club tabled Lee Main's motion to start the \$27 per month trash collection. The board reviewed our current financial situation, compared to last spring. They found that we are currently ahead \$1500 because of self-supporting events and stopping the use of the large dumpster. The new trash bill of \$27 per month was approved by the membership.

Old Business: The banquet will be held on Friday, January 6. Dinner tickets will be \$25 per member. \$45 per couple. \$25 for all guests.

The raffle will have prizes totaling \$1500. Ted O'Fallin will be acquiring the prizes from Discount Hobby Warehouse. Bob Muhleman volunteered to help pick up the prizes. Lee Main volunteered to help Ted at the banquet with ticket sales.

We must have a final head count for the banquet by Dec. 30th.

The club needs a new Safety Officer. There were no volunteers at the meeting. Any takers?

Richard Crutchfield has talked about a \$1,000,000 slush fund that county supervisors have. Keith looked at Diane Jacob's website. He will look into getting a petition submitted.

The club has a new trainer plane donated by Bob Smith. It is a Hangar 9 PT-40. Fred Miller got the plane in flying condition. Thank you, Bob and Fred! Keith asked for a volunteer to hangar the plane and possibly provide flight training in the future.



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Mike Martek donated a NextStar 40 to the club. Ron Smith has taken responsibility for this plane.

Bob Muhleman reported that the new bulletin board should be completed by the end of December. (I have completed this project on Dec. 18. Enjoy!)

Clark Caldwell and Ron Smith readjusted the porta potty latch. Robin says Thank You!

Randy Ford has retired from the Parks Dept. We will thank him for his tremendous help.

The Events calendar is now on our website. Keith asked for a volunteer to be the Events Coordinator. No one volunteered at the meeting. Any one interested?

New Business:

Ted O'Fallin reported that the Romeos went to Olive Garden and got pricing for next year's banquet. Ted has the menu for your viewing pleasure.

Fred Moffett suggested inviting Randy Ford and his S/O to the banquet. M/S/P.

Drawing for free membership: Greg Ganzer, sorry, must be present to win.

Intermission: Time taken for members to pay next year's dues.

Demonstrations:

Scott Graupmann presented his MIG-15 foamy. It weighs 100 grams and costs \$65 from Banana Hobby.

Richard Crutchfield presented his .46 Miss America Mustang Dyna Flight 40. Red, White and Blue.

Raffle Results:

Joel Blodgett	15 Minute
Epoxy	
Mark Lawson	CG Machine
Dave Burke	Trim Iron
Joel Blodgett	CG Machine
Fred Miller	1 gallon of fuel
Fred Moffett	Metric Hex Driver Set
Don Westergren	2 ounce CA
Gerry Conklin	Dubro Balancer
Dick Clavert	2 ounce CA
Gareld Rodieck	Nicad charger
Ron Smith	Glo charger

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

No meeting in January. See you at the banquet or the field.

Welcome to:

Cafe 67 CALIFORNIA

Breakfast & Lunch

Take Home

MONDAY - SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
12381 Mapleview
(Corner of Hwy 67 & Mapleview)
Lakeside, CA 92040

619-443-4100

Deli 67 CALIFORNIA

All sandwiches include a side dish: your choice of fruit, potato salad, chips, cottage cheese, applesauce, soup, or salad.

SUB SANDWICHES
Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise and Italian Dressing

Entire Menu is available "To Go".



President's Message

Jan 2012

If you haven't already, please consider joining us at our Annual Awards Banquet coming up on January 6th. The food is excellent, and it's a chance to visit with some of the folks in the club that fly on those "other" days of the week!

Over the next few months, I envision that we'll be slowly working our way a little further into the community. Aviation, in general, still appeals to youngsters. Even though our club doesn't focus on the same "stick and tissue" hobby that many of us grew up with, it's still a great hobby that brings with it the joy of flight and the basic understanding of the science of it all. Once we get the youth interested in the hobby in its current state, be it through foamies, RTF electrics, "bind 'n fly" models, or true balsa airplanes, some of them will branch out into other facets of the hobby. For example, the many periodicals of the hobby present youngsters competing in indoor penny-plane, control line combat, duration soaring, and of course 3D IMAC and helicopters! But they were all most likely introduced through some other facet of the hobby. It's up to us to present what WE represent – simple sport RC fun! If we can plant just a few seeds this year, we may see some really great modelers grow in the next decade. Look at the young adults who're active in our club right now! Who knows what they'll be building next year?

The board and I will be coming to many of you to help with this. If you're approached, it's not because we're too lazy to do it ourselves – it's because we know how much you love what we all do, and that you may be just contagious enough to help spread it around!

See you at the field!
Keith

TIPS & TRICKS

Get Clean!

If you forget to use a barrier cream or latex gloves to prevent your hands from getting sticky when using epoxy, don't use alcohol, acetone, or other solvents to clean them. Besides being harsh on your skin, those chemicals always leave a sticky residue no matter how many times you wipe your hands.

Instead use hand lotion to remove the epoxy residue. Just wash your hands with the lotion, rinse it off and the wash again with regular hand soap. It works like a charm and your hands will smell great!

—from Allen Rice, Boca Raton, Florida

Gloves for CA

If you're allergic to latex, one thing that works really well as an alternative—and is really inexpensive—is to use cheap plastic sandwich bags to cover your hands. They work well and are thin enough that you can feel that heat of the glue as it sets.

This works really well when you are applying glass cloth with CA, because you can hold the cloth to the balsa and feel when the glue sets. It lets you use very little CA to put down the cloth and saves quite a bit of weight.

—from Bob Furr, the Eugene Prop Spinners, Eugene, Oregon



Howard Winslow Johnson

June 3, 1924 – Nov 25, 2011

Dad was called home to his promised glorified life in Heaven after a very short illness. His passing leaves a large void in the lives of his family and his friends. Born in Flandreau, South Dakota he traveled with his mother on the train to San Diego, CA in 1926 to join his father who was stationed here with the Navy. He spent his entire childhood in San Diego, graduating from San Diego High School in June 1942. Within months of graduation, he enlisted in the Army and served as a glider mechanic in World War II. After his service he took advantage of the educational benefits offered by the military and studied engineering at San Diego State College. During Easter Vacation, in March 1946 he eloped to Yuma, AZ with Val Turner, a San Diego High School Graduate. Before completing his engineering degree he decided dentistry was really his calling and changed

majors. He attended USC, Northwestern School of Dentistry and eventually finished Orthodontics training at University of Missouri, Kansas City. His two kids were born while he was in school, but with his education and his family complete he returned to San Diego in 1960 and opened his private orthodontic practice in the San Carlos area and practiced there for 34 years, retiring in 1994. He considered orthodontics to be engineering on a smaller scale and is responsible for thousands of beautiful smiles in San Diego and Imperial counties.



He had multiple and varied interests that kept him busy until the very end. A lifelong Lutheran, the family joined St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in 1965. Retirement gave him the opportunity to rekindle his love of aviation that started in childhood and was enhanced during his service in WWII. He



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began building and flying model airplanes and was active in the First Weed Whacker Aero Squadron. When he was not flying, he could



be seen driving his beloved pink 1955 Studebaker around town as well as in parades and car shows throughout San Diego. He was a member of the Studebaker Drivers club as well as the antique car club of the Al-Bahr Shrine. He and mom joined the El Cajon Elk's Lodge early in their retirement so they could continue their love of dancing and socializing. Dad was widowed in 2008 after 62 years of marriage, but the members of the Elks Lodge remained close friends until the end. Many friends listened to his stories of their adventures. He was especially proud during 2007 when he would announce he was the grandfather of "Two Queens and a President", referring to the year Emily was Miss Rodeo Ramona, Katy was Miss Bulls Only Rodeo and Sara was President of the El Capitan High

School FFA Chapter.

Dad will be remembered for his love for life. His character traits of honesty and loyalty will be his legacy and will live on in the ones who remain behind.

He is survived by his brother, Lewis E. Johnson (Helen); Daughter, Vicky (Gay) Morris (Dean); Son, Ed Johnson; granddaughters, Emily (Gay) Junk (Dan), Katelyn Gay, Saralynn Gay and his Great Grandson Jake Randall Junk.



Editor's Note: Howard was a personal friend to so many in the club. He was a true WWII veteran, getting into a bit of trouble when he went AWOL, flying Co-Pilot in a glider into Holland when he should have stayed in England. He led a simple life, no computers, no TV. He put his priority on family and friends. His RC modeling is typified in the photo of his Round-Tuit—look close and you see the round table has tea cups and saucers on it. This is just an example of his humor and love of life.

- Don Westergren



Annual Awards Banquet **Friday January 6, 2012**

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 2011

MENU

Caesar Salad

Beef Tri Tip in Garlic-Black Pepper Rub or BBQ Pork Ribs (pre-select one)

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)

Members \$25

Couples \$45

Sign up and pay by Dec 31

(We need to arrange meals in advance)

