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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

Feb 19	Sun	E-Stick/T-28 Races, MRCF
Feb 25	Sat	Fun Fly, Cactus Park
Mar 6	Tue	Trauma Training - Renette Park (at regular mtg)
Mar 11	Sun	E-Stick/T-28 Races, SEFSD
Apr 7	Sat	Swap Meet, Cactus Park

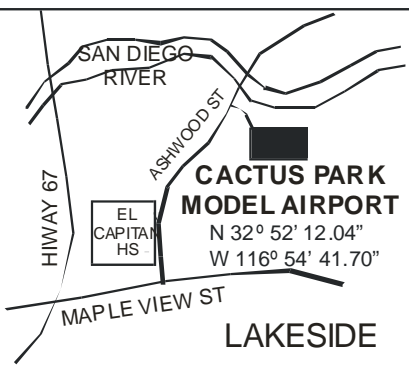
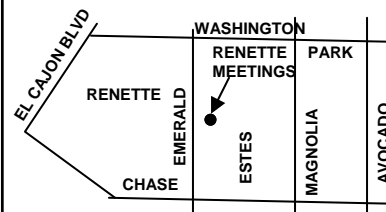
Reminder Renew Membership and New Gate Code

You need to have your 2012 AMA membership to renew with the club and fly at Cactus Park. After the Feb meeting, the gate code will be changed—the new code is written on the back of your new club membership card.

B-24 Model?

Do you have a model of the B-24? This is the 70th anniversary of the B-24. If you have a model, can we use it in some of the club displays this year? Let one of the club officers know if you have one available.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Feb 7, 7:00
Renette Park





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President's Message

Jan 2012

Well, we've closed up the first month of the new year. For those of you who haven't already, membership renewals are due by the February meeting, which is coming up very shortly. At the time of this writing, 44% of you need to stop by the field or come to the February meeting to get caught up!

The Board has developed a schedule for 2012 that is presented herein, and also available for viewing on the web site. We have at least four known E-Stick/T-28 races on the calendar so far, two of which will be hosted at Cactus Park. I expect we should have access to the full circuit schedule soon. We've also blocked off some dates for Fun-Fly's, swap meets, our Scale Fly-in and some youth activities.

Pending confirmation with the instructor, we've also tentatively scheduled some first aid, trauma and firefighting training both at a regular club meeting and at the field, so keep your eyes open for confirmed dates!

E-Stick / T-28 racing is on the table for Feb 19th at Miramar Radio Control Flyers (MRCF), and on March 11th at the Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego (SEFSD). Contact Frank Gagliardi for full details at 858-271-4430 (H), 619-723-1422 (C) or by email at jazzdrmr@gmail.com. See also: www.pylonairracing.com. For those races that we'll be hosting, we'll post and publish our club contact soon.

Our 2012 Awards Banquet saw several well-deserving members be recognized.

Jim Bailey's wife Dawn and three daughters joined us to remember Jim through the first awarding of the Annual Jim Bailey Community Service Award. Sadly, Jim's son couldn't break free to join us as well.

The award was presented to Bob Muhleman for his significant contributions and efforts within the club and his accomplishments with Wings Over

Gillespie.

We thanked Ben Newkirk for his four years of service as our Club President, and also recognized the rest of the board for their continued support.

Special honors went to:

Most Improved Pilot - Hervey Langevin

Builder of the Year - Rick Mathews (2nd year running)

Most Crashes - Lee Main

Weedwacker of the Year - Ron Smith

We had a huge turnout of 13 models in the display competition, with plaques awarded to:

Barry Lopez Best Sport Model with a Gee Bee Racer

Rick Matthews won Best Scale Model with his Shrike Commander, and Rick also took Model of the Year with his B-26!

Ted O'Fallin orchestrated the long-awaited raffle with prizes that included (but not limited to):

Park Zone Stinson Reliant SR-10

Park Zone SE-5A

E-Flite Sbach 342 BNF

FORCE FHX HELI RTF (the combat ones)

CSR AC/DC 6-cell LiPo battery charger

Park Zone P-47D BNF

Park Zone Radian Pro BNF

Spektrum DX7s Radio System

To support our plan for youth events, I'd like to ask members who've got some retired trainers lying about to consider prepping them for active use. Our most recently acquired club trainer met its demise this month when the wings folded during a recovery maneuver. We're down to just one trainer, and we've had at least four youths step up to the sticks. We'd like to have at least three within the next month or so.

Have fun!

Keith



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Weedwacher Awards

See President's Message for names





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Views Around Awards Banquet





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The People at the Banquet



Welcome to:



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

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".



The Obituary for Dr Wendell Thomas was in the Thursday newspaper. He was a long time member of the Weedwackers, although he hasn't been a member in recent years. I knew him much longer since he was my wife's doctor and delivered my two sons back in the 1970's. It is sad to lose a friend and Dr Thomas was one of the best friends in our club.

Don Westergren

THOMAS, WENDELL STEWART

August 31, 1922 to January 6, 2012

Dr. Wendell Thomas 89, born in Gilroy CA, peacefully posed away at his home, surrounded by his loved ones. He was affectionately known by his nicknames "Wendy" and "Papa".

Dr. Thomas graduated from Loma Linda University medical school in 1948. He also served as a medical doctor in the Army, providing "Physicals" for new recruits, and was stationed in Abilene, Texas.

In 1958, Dr. Thomas moved to Son Diego and established his medical practice in La Mesa. He had many hobbies and interests, including traveling, horticulture, and building and flying model airplanes.

Three of his passions were God, family, and his career as an obstetrician and gynecologist who delivered thousands of babies at Sharp Grossmont Hospital for nearly 40 years. He loved to help people and often provided free medical care to friends and the less fortunate. He was adored and respected by his family and friends. He'll be dearly missed.

Wendy is survived by his wife Millie, and their four children Linda, Bruce, Steve and Phil. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



Weedwacher Schedule for First Half of 2012

Sun Feb 19, 2012	E-Stick/T-28 Races, MRCF - +32° 53' 7.73", -117° 6' 17.43"
Sat Feb 25, 2012	Fun Fly, Cactus Park
Tue Mar 6, 2012	Trauma Training - Renette Park (at regular mtg)
Sun Mar 11, 2012	E-Stick/T-28 Races, SEFSD - 798 Sea World Dr San Diego, CA 92109
Sat Mar 24, 2012	High School Demo - TBD
Sat Apr 7, 2012	Swap Meet, Cactus Park Now SAT March 17, 2012
Sat Apr 14, 2012	Trauma Training, Cactus Park
Fri Apr 20, 2012	Lakeside Rodeo
Sat Apr 21, 2012	Lakeside Rodeo
Sat Apr 21, 2012	Lakeside Western Days Parade - Lakeside, CA
Sat Apr 28, 2012	RCX Expo - LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER, 300 EAST OCEAN BOULEVARD, LONG BEACH, CA 90802
Sun Apr 29, 2012	RCX Expo - LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER, 300 EAST OCEAN BOULEVARD, LONG BEACH, CA 90802
Sat May 5, 2012 Chino, CA 91710	Chino Air Show - Planes of Fame Air Museum, 7000 Merrill Ave., #17
Sun May 6, 2012 Chino, CA 91710	Chino Air Show - Planes of Fame Air Museum, 7000 Merrill Ave., #17
Sat May 12, 2012	Field Cleanup and Fun Fly, Weedwackers
Sat May 19, 2012	Scale Fly-In, Cactus Park
Sat Jun 2, 2012	Wings over Gillespie
Sun Jun 3, 2012	Wings over Gillespie
Sat Jun 9, 2012	Live Fire Demonstration, Cactus Park
Sun Jun 17, 2012	Swap Meet, DHW - Discount Hobby Warehouse
Sat Jun 23, 2012	Cub Scouts TAG