Ron Greene and Gary Rodieck Passed Away

We lost two of our friends during November, both were popular fliers during the week at Cactus Park.

Ron Greene passed away Nov 8 after a long illness! He was a loyal member of the "ROMEO'S GROUP " every Monday at the Weedwackers Field! Ron loved the "oldtimer planes and was an excellent builder. Private services were held by his family, which he requested!

Gary Rodieck had emphysema that suddenly got worse. He was in the hospital for a few days before he passed away on Nov 16. Services were held at Palisades Presbyterian Church in Allied Gardens at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24.

Reminder

It’s time to renew both your AMA and your Club membership for 2013. Also, sign up for the Awards Banquet.
Meeting Minutes Oct 2012
Richard Crutchfield

The meeting on Election Day November 6th, 2012 was called to order by President Keith Miller at 6:59 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 32 attendees, including the board members President Keith Miller, Vise President Ron Smith, Treasure Scott Graupmann and Secretary Richard Crutchfield. What a nice turn out even considering the elections.

Opening Comments:
Anyone ready to renew your membership? Treasure Scott Graupmann is taking membership payments and will also start collecting for this year’s banquet. The cost is $25 for individuals and $45 for couples.

Guests/New Membership:
No new members or guests this evening.

Electric Seminar:
No one is interested in the electric seminar tonight.

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

Treasurer’s Report:
M/S/P to approve the Treasure’s Report.
Beginning Balance: $7,262.34
Income: $175.00
Expenses: $443.09
Ending Balance: $ 6 , 5 9 4 . 2 5
($5,372 this time last year)

Safety Officer Report:
Ron Keith – Last month Ron discussed CPR training, he said that he would determine a Tuesday night in January to host the training. One possible location would be at Renette Park.

Ron also noticed the sign reminding members to lock the north gate had worked itself loose in the wind and that he would fix it.

Committee Reports:

Race Committee – Lance Edmunson – The last race was a great one. Lance described how he and Jim B battled for the championship going into the last turn where Lance took the lead. For next year, racing will continue with the possibility of other classes of racing.

Old Business:
Tonight is the night we elect new officers and with no opposition to the existing board members, a “white ballot”, the same board is elected.

Upcoming events to be planned…
Saturday, November 10th – Veterans Day Fly-in, Miramar RC Flyers – the weather forecasters are predicting rain. If you wake up Saturday morning and it is raining, stay home
Sunday, November 11th – San Diego Electric Flyers is hosting a Veterans Day event and the same applies, if it is raining, stay home
Saturday, November 17th – Fun Fly and BBQ at Cactus Park – Keith Miller will host the fun fly with many events for pilots of all levels of experience. A BBQ will be available for no change (donations are welcome
Friday, January 4th – Annual Awards Banquet – be sure to get your tickets. Please note that the banquet is normally on the 2nd week in January and this year it is on the 1st week

Raffle prizes that Ted O’Fallin has from Jim Baily’s items include 6 engines. A discussion was had about if the engines should be held for future monthly meetings or raffled off during the banquet and the result of the discussion was the engines would be raffled during the banquet. The engines include an OS 40 2-stroke, 3 OS 46 2-strokes, a Saito FA 100 and a MVVS 61 with a tuned pipe.

New Business:
During this year’s banquet, awards will be
handed out and some of the suggestions for the awards were Most Crashes, Builder of the Year, Most Demanding Recovery, Most Improved Pilot, Who Spent the Most Time in the Weeds and Weedwacker of the Year. If you have any suggestions for awards, please notify a board member.

The AMA has revised its rules on FPV (First Person View) flying and the membership discussed the possibility of making our club’s rules more restrictive. Some of the ideas were to require a secondary pilot to be connected with a buddy box and must maintain clear view of the aircraft. This was thought to address the issue of transitioning to the safety pilot when the video feed failed and with the close proximity of the neighbors it may provide an added level of safety. Another concern is the FPV pilot could get disoriented and falls down while flying making it difficult to transition to the safety pilot. It was later thought that when using head tracking camera technology, it is done so using the buddy system and having the safety pilot on the buddy box would prevent this part of the technology from being available. Per the AMA rules, the aircraft must be no more than 15 pounds and cannot exceed 70 MPH. It is also required that the plane remains in the line of sight and the safety pilot must be an experienced pilot. This topic was tabled for now and was recommended for further discussion at a later date.

Ted O’Fallin was not present during the meeting but provided an idea for a Mid-Summer Daytime Luncheon Event for those members who prefer not to attend the late-night banquets. The idea was that the club would subsidize the luncheon and would be offered during the day in a more casual environment. Some ideas included using a location in Lakeside such as the VFW hall near Lindo Lake. Someone stated that most of the members don’t go to the monthly meetings, and asked why they would go to a luncheon. This topic was tabled for now and will be brought up again after the annual banquet in February or March.

Last week’s swap meet brought out 28 sellers and a lot of buyers. The club will continue to host the swap meets twice a year.

Greg Carter covered the recently donated Radian trainer. This is the club’s 4th trainer. The club is looking for someone to store it and make it available for students. Please let a board member know if you would be interested in “hangaring” this aircraft.

Drawing for Free Membership:
And the winner is… Devin Wheeler – not present. You must be present to win, maybe next time.

Raffle:
The raffle was covered by Lee Main in Ted’s absence. Thanks Lee!

A PT-17 donated by El Cajon Hobbies was available.
Lee Main – PT-17 (No, Lee did not pull his own ticket)
Chuck Cassity  Camera
Ron Hamlin  Lipo Sack
Mike Martak  Gallon of Nitro
Hervey Langevin  Grab Bag
Mike Grecko  Battery Charger
Hervey Langevin  4 way wrench
Ryan Crutchfield  Deans Connectors
Ron Hamlin  Multi-cutter
Hervey Langevin  Receiver Padding

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM; just in time to start listening for the election results.
President’s Message Dec 2012

After the last meeting, we’ve nailed down the date for the CPR Training coordinated by our Safety Officer, Ron Keith. CPR training is offered to the Weedwackers on Tues, Jan 15th 2013 at the Renette Park Recreation Center (same room as our monthly meetings). The course will start at 7:00 pm and has a fee of $20 per person. This is at a significant discount from the normal fee and I highly encourage members to attend. Spouses and family members also welcome. The certification is for Adult CPR which is good for 2 years. We won’t be covering AED (Automated External Defibrillator), since we’re not equipped to keep one at the field.

Approaching our Annual Awards Banquet, it was noted that many of our members opt not to attend as they’re uncomfortable driving in the evening. Gary Rold has offered to broker carpools and rideshares for this year’s banquet. Those interested in partaking in this great idea (either as drivers or passengers) should contact Gary at 619-440-1167. Thanks for doing this, Gary!

We had a pretty good turnout for our Fun Fly this last month! We started with 10 competitors, which quickly dropped down to six after just the first two events. [Note to self - stop using 9-strand steel cable as the limbo line.]

The balloon bust and limbo weeded out a good portion of the pack. Even during the warm-up session, Rick Mathews’ Slow Stick plowed into the North pylon and was lost. Poor Rick was out even before we started!

Lee Main smacked the south pylon and dislodged his firewall.

Fred Miller caught the ribbon on his wing during the limbo and never really recovered. The gravel jumped up and pulled the nose and tail off his plane.

Neil also snagged the streamers and was pulled to the earth.

I snagged and dislodged the entire limbo ribbon with 3 balloons and powered around half a lap before they came off. Ah, the brute strength of a Magnum .91!

Larry Kosta started with a Baby Birdie which also struggled with the limbo wire… and lost. His alternate plane died during the Dixie Death. Fitting.

Tim Peterson used his B25 with fully functioning bomb bay doors and hit the bomb circles 3 times until Glenn Merritt expertly demonstrated the humpty-bump bombing method, getting two 8-pointers for the bomb-drop win.

Lance Edmundson was just having waaaaaay too much fun!

Frank Sanders had the best looking plane there, and took it home in one piece!

We even had a full-scale aerobatics demonstration as an AT-6 performed a pair of barrel rolls over the field and another pair of warbirds flew overhead! After the events we fired up the grill, cooked up some burgers, chicken and dogs and had a nice relaxing lunch. Thanks to all of you who brought some grub! Bruce and Anne Allen brought delicious 3-layer deserts, and Bruce photographed much of the event. Tim Peterson cooked the meats and took lots of photos and video as well.

On a more somber note, we’ve recently learned of the passing of two fellow Weedwackers. Ron Greene and Gary Rodieck both recently passed away. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts.

Take care, and have a great month!

Keith

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First Weedwacker Aero Squadron
Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Friday 1/4/2013

Time:
6:00 pm Bar
7:00 pm Dinner

Tossed Greens with Variety of Dressings
Split Chicken in Chipotle Butter
Beef Tri Tip in Garlic-Black Pepper Rub (carved in kitchen)
Roasted Redskins with Rosemary and Garlic
Fresh Vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea at station
Homemade Apple Cobbler with Cream

Carlton Oaks Lodge & Country Club
9200 Inwood Drive, Santee, CA 92071
(619) 448-4242 Ext 7  Fax (619)448-0501
Gary always loved airplanes and his hobby was flying radio controlled airplanes. He belonged to the East San Diego Kiwanis Club, serving as President in 1969. He also belonged to the Masons. A long time member of Palisades, he served as a Deacon several times.

Gary joined the Weedwackers in Sept 1998 and flew at Cactus Park often during the week with his close friend Dixie Yaus. Here two pictures of Gary and Dixie—Dixie passed away back on Oct 14, 2003.

where Gary worked while going to school. He graduated from Grossmont High School and San Diego State College majoring in Business. He met his wife, Connie, through mutual friends. They were married on August 7, 1955. Nine months later, he was drafted into the Army and was stationed at the Toul Engineer Depot in Toul, France. After six months Connie joined him, and they were able to visit several countries while they were there.

They returned home in April of 1958. Their first son, Kevin, was born in December of that year and their second son, Jeff, was born in September of 1960. He has 6 grandsons, Nicholas, Sean, Casey, Ryan, Anthony and Chris.
Don, I obtained this info on Ron Greene from the Mortuary!! Several things his Wife left out-
- He was a member of the ROMEO group (Retired older men eating out) and flew and lunched with friends every Monday at the field, His favorite planes were old timers, both glo and electric! Ron had been my friend for 65 years! We enjoyed many activities and family vacations together for 40 years!!!!

Don Madison:

Ron was a Boy Scout and a veteran. He left the army as a S/ Sgt. in 1945. He was a boxer and won a golden glove at State College. Ron was a perfect suitor for a 17 year old he met on a blind date in the summer of 1946. He was a master sign writer who owned Economy Sign Co. for 40 years. He was a man's man who belonged to the Nomad's Golf Club, Point Loma Old Men's Athletic Club, Lanciers Dance Club and La Mesa Senior Softball League. Ron built and flew radio controlled airplanes for 20 years. He was a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and a life member of Hoover High Alumni Association. Ron maintained the tradition of meeting a group of friends every Saturday morning at Perry's for breakfast. He was a beloved father of Shelley, Ronnie and Molly. Grandfather to Kevin and Great-grandfather to Alisa and Bella and the beloved husband of Barbara for 64 years.

Don Madison: