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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 2012-2013

June 1-2 Sat-Sun Wings Over Gillespie
July 20 Sat SDAM Swap Meet—Chula Vista
July 20 Sat Mid Summer Daytime Luncheon
July 27 Sat Live Fire Training

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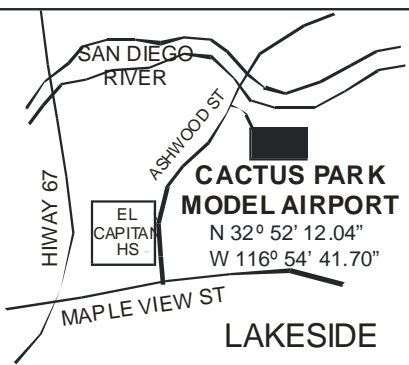
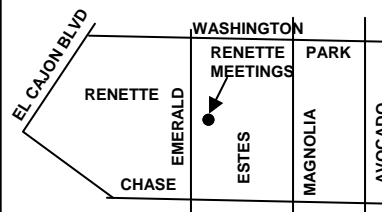
You asked for it and we will have it. It will be at the HomeTown
Buffet in Santee from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM.

Fun Fly Results

This month's fun-fly saw fair attendance with a total of 7 entrants. An eighth
entrant fell out on the first event. Those bare-wire fences are like razor edges!
Scott Graupmann dominated the event, taking home top prize as well as four
individual events. Special thanks to Ron Scharck who was our official timer
for the entire event. Bruce was able to make some quick repairs and complete
the events after a severe impact with the pit roof. Look out!

Event	Prize	Score	Winner
Slalom	File Set	22.28 sec	Scott Graupmann
Bomb Drop	Organizer case	17 pts. / 3 drops	Scott Graupmann
Touch'n'Goes	Organizer case	71 pts. / 2 min	Scott Graupmann
Dixie Death	Protractor (plastic) + Rule	37 sec	Scott Graupmann
Climb / Glide	Protractor (metal) + Rule	4 min 28 sec	Keith Miller
7-11 Craps	Pocket Caliper + Rule	13 seconds	Eric Graupmann
Overall	Benzomatic Torch	35 points	Scott Graupmann

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. June 4, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes May 7, 2013

Richard Crutchfield

The meeting on May 7th, 2013 was called to order by club Vice President Ron Smith at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were 28 attendees including the board most of the members; Vice President Ron Smith, Treasure Scott Graupmann and Secretary Richard Crutchfield. Club President Keith Miller had other obligations which forced him to miss this month's meeting.

Opening Comments:

It has been a busy month with the always successful Lakeside Parade and the Pylon Races which were above the normal flying.

Guests/New Membership:

Jim Barnes – Jim just found our club; he didn't realize that the field was only 10 minutes away from his home in Santee.

Justin Bohac – Justin is interested in larger gas power airplanes.

Electric Seminar:

The two new club members are interested in the electric seminar.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

No updates or comments from last month's minutes. M/S/P to approve the minutes from the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

During the month of April, the club had higher than normal expenses due to the addition of our new solar charging system.

Beginning Balance:	\$10,495.98
Income:	\$475.00
Expenses:	\$1,748.92
Ending Balance:	\$9,222.06

M/S/P to approve the Treasure's Report.

Safety Officer Report:

The Safety Officer wasn't present tonight; does anyone have any lessons learned?

1) Someone connected the battery to their ESC and it kicked in on surprise and the prop caught the owners jacket – Make sure you always treat the prop as live when connecting the battery.

2) When 4 cycle engines are too lean, the engine detonates early causing the prop to come loose. Someone had this occur and their prop spun off and hit the pilot safety fence – Ensure that you and all other bystanders stand clear of both the arc and in front of the prop.

3) Wooden props can shatter – Stand clear of the arc of the prop.

Committee Reports:

Race Committee – Lance Edmunson – Last Sunday's races had a low turnout. Everyone still had a good time with the exception of our club's webmaster, Tim Peterson; he and another racer had a mid-air with his T-28. Lance said that the current head of the electric air races in San Diego, Frank Gagliardi, is stepping down and he (Lance) will assume the responsibilities.

Lee Main will host the Scale Fly-In on May 18th. Keith Miller has all of the prizes for the raffle, the trophies have been ordered and the food has been planned. It will cost \$5 per meal. Lee is looking for some additional support volunteers for the event. He is looking for a person to do registration, a safety inspector, a flight line controller, another judge, someone to help with take down/clean up and a boundary monitor. (By the end of the meeting all positions were filled.) Someone from the membership asked if any flyers of the event have been delivered to the local hobby stores. Don Westergren volunteered to distribute them. If you are an interested pilot, you can register for \$10 and you even get a free lunch!

Tabled Business:

None

Upcoming Events:

May 11, Sat	Field Closed; Polo Event, Field Clean-Up and Fun Fly
May 18, Sat	Scale Fly-In
May 25, Sat	Fun-Fly



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On June 1st, the Gillespie Aerospace Museum will have a plastic model swap meet.

On June 16th, Discount Hobbies will host their annual Father's Day swap meet.

Old Business:

Saturday, May 11th is the Field Clean Up event. Chuck Cassity has volunteered to bring food and drinks. We could use a wide variety of tools and supplies, so please bring what you can to help improve the appearance of our field.

T-Shirts – Butch Weiser made it to the T-Shirt Wholesale Mart at 1090 E Main (at 1st St) this last month. He provided them with a t-shirt with our logo and they were able to scan the logo in to their system, do some touch up to the image and make it available to our club members for t-shirts and caps. For \$14 they will print the logo on to your shirt; you will need to bring one with you or by one from within the store. They can even alter the image or add your own image if you desire. They also have the ability to embroider the logo on to caps or make patches. For the embroidery, there is a onetime setup fee of \$50 and then \$8 to \$12 for the logo. Ron Smith will look into getting the club to cover the onetime setup fee.

Gary Rold is trying to re-generate interest in a builders club or group. The idea is to meet once a month in someone's workshop where they would discuss ideas and techniques for building. Are you interested? If so, please contact Gary at (619) 440-1127.

The solar system is up and running and working great! Thank you Butch and everyone else who made this happen. Gary Rold donated a Lipo battery charger. If you find yourself at the field with a dead battery and nothing to charge it, you

can use the one in the pin cabinet.

A couple months back, Bruce Allen spoke of the First Robotics competition held down at the San Diego Sports Arena (or whatever they are calling it today). Tonight he shared with us the news that the team from San Diego's High Tech High, the "Holy Cows", won the national competition in St. Louis. The competition included 10,000 students from around the world. Well done "Holy Cows"!

New Business:

It is time to start considering resealing or repaving the runway again. Has it been that long already? It seems like it was just last year. The AMA has grants available for field improvements; it may be worthwhile to look into it. Lance Edmunson has also agreed to donate grading work to expand the runway when the time comes.

Drawing for Free Membership:

And the winner is... Laurence Warden; nope, not present.

Model Sharing:

Lenard Harris showed off his Osprey Gyrocopter which was featured in a 1992 issue of the Model Aviation Magazine. He bought the kit from a swap meet but had to replace most of the wood. It uses 2 Cox .049 engine crankcases for the gyros and was supposed to use a nitro engine for propulsion but he converted it to electric. It has a twin tail but uses 1 servo with a bell crank to operate both rudders. He has not flown it yet, but not for trying. It has terrible ground handling and with a crosswind it has proven to be near impossible to take off. He will keep trying.

Raffle:

Larry Kosta donated a GWS Tiger Moth and 2 BECs to the raffle. Thank you Larry.

Larry Kosta electric screwdriver



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Fred Miller	airplane stand
Larry Bagalini	gallon nitro (helicopter fuel)
Someone	BECs
Ron Smith	allen wrenches
Leroy Brooks	LiFe battery
Ryan Crutchfield	Lipo battery checker
Fred Miller	knee/kneel pad
Lee Main	rubber bands / meal card
	Highway 67 Café
Jim Barnes	GWS Tiger Moth

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

President's Message June 2013

Keith Miller

I'd like to personally thank all of the hard-working individuals who participated in our **Field Cleanup**. Those people are: Ron smith, Mike Martak, Larry Bagalini, Mikee Greco, Butch Weiser, Bruce Allen, Chuck Cassity, Rich and Ryan Crutchfield, Gary Rold, Gary Smith, Ray Betancourt, Lee Main, Phil Morris and Ron Scharck. These guys cleared brush, wacked weeds, conquered fire ants, scrubbed tables, wacked weeds, removed webs, mowed weeds, clipped branches, picked up trash, and did I mention that they wacked weeds? It was a great effort, rewarded through the satisfaction of a clean field and a great lunch (thanks, Chuck!). If you run into these gents, shake their hand!

Please note a minor change to the events calendar. The San Diego Association of Modelers (SDAM) **Swap Meet** originally scheduled for 13 July **at the Chula Vista club is moved to July 20th** this year. This is

on the same day as our Mid-Summer Daytime Luncheon. This won't be a problem, as most swap meets wind down by 10 am, and our lunch will start around 11:30. More information on the swap meet should be forthcoming once Chula Vista publishes a flyer.

The **Scale Fly-In** was well attended with 18 entrants and quite a crowd of spectators. Lee Main did an outstanding job as Contest Director. His report is included herein. Check out the Photo Galleries section of our club web site for some pics and a cool video. The Wings Over Gillespie event of June 1 and 2 will most likely have passed by the time this newsletter is published. Hopefully you had a chance to visit the event or help out with the club's display.

I'd like to close with a reminder that, when charging LiPo batteries at any of our charging stations, the battery being charged must be enclosed in a fire retardant container, whether it's a LiPo sack, an ammo can a ceramic cookie jar. Please remind your fellow Circle-E members to heed this requirement.

Have a great June, and stay cool!

Keith



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Scale Fly-In May 18, 2013

The First Weed Wacker Aero Squadron had a Scale Fly-in Saturday May 18, 2013 At Cactus Park East Field in Lakeside, Ca. The weather was good with a small breeze. There was 18 contestants registered with about 25 planes.

The best of the show were Donn Steward's Air Coupe. He won Peoples choice, Judges Choice, And best civilian. Hervey Langevin won Best Military with his B-25.

I want to thank all the people that helped with the event. The ones I have names for are Don Madison, Tim Peterson, Clarence Legg, Philip Morris, Bruce Allen, Larry Bagalint, Leroy Brooks, Fred Miller, Keith Miller, Gary Rold, Mike, And Bob. There were others I didn't get names for. I want to thank all of them as it made everything go well.

The food was catered by The Bar B Q pit in El Cajon. The food was great.

We hope that next years event goes as well.

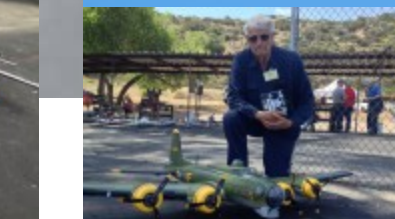
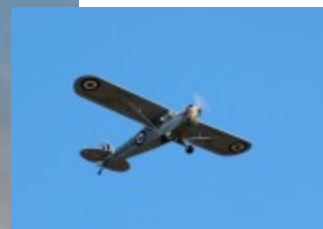
Lee Main





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Views of the Scale Fly-In May 18, 2013





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EVERYONE SHOULD OWN A PIPER CUB!



**Come Fly Yours With the Miramar Radio Control Flyers
Join Us For A Fun-Filled Day of Piper Cub Flying
Saturday, June 8th, 2013 at the Miramar RC Field**

**Everyone is Welcome! - Flying All Day Long
Field Opens at 7AM - Pilot Briefing at 8AM
\$10 Landing Fee, Lunch Included!**

Field entrance is first right turn off Pomerado Rd., just east of I-15
AMA Membership Card Required to Fly - AMA Applications Available at Event
<http://MiramarRCFlyers.com> for more information



**First Weedwacker Aero Squadron
Mid-Summer Luncheon**

Date: Saturday July 20, 2013

Time:

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

*Guests will pay for their meals.
Raffle of over \$700 in prizes
Special Awards and Recognition*

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