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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 2014

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Jan 10 Friday Annual Awards Banquet—Carlton Oaks CC

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# **Renew Club Membership**

When you have your AMA membership for 2014, you may renew your club membership. Dues are \$60 for the year for adult members and \$30/year for each additional immediate adult family member. . Junior membership is free, however all members must have AMA membership.

You must renew by the February club meeting to avoid being purged from the membership list and need to pay an initiation fee of \$40.

## **Banquet Sign-Up**

Now is the time to sign up for the Awards Banquet to be held Friday Jan 10, 2014 at the Carlton Oaks Counttry Club in Santee. The Awards Banquet is a great time to meet with many members and their families, to see some great models on display (bring yours), share some very good food and recognize members who have contributed to the operation and fun for the club. We also have a great raffle for modelers and another free raffle just for the ladies. Sign up with our Treasurer, Scott Graupmann



Carlton



### Meeting Minutes Dec 2013 Richard Crutchfield

The meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 was called to order by our new club President, Gary Rold at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag brought in by Ted O'Fallin. In attendance were 37 attendees, including the board members; President Gary Rold, Vise President Ron Smith, Treasure Scott Graupmann and past Secretary Richard Crutchfield who was sitting in for the new Secretary Bruce Allen.

#### **Opening Comments:**

There were new faces at the front table, well at least one. Gary Rold said "Thank you for the opportunity for me to lead the club"

#### **Guests and New Members:**

Mike Heinsbergen is a new member who used to fly over 20 years ago and is interested in getting back into the hobby. He doesn't have a plane yet, but hopes to get one early next year.

#### **Approval of the Meeting Minutes:**

For the October minutes, the "p" was left out of "top-notch". For the November minutes, the "t" was left out of "at" in the sentence on page 2 indicating the builders club "met at Bob's house". Thanks Lee Main for the correction.

The plans for the P-82 came from MisterHobby.com.

M/S/P to approve the minutes from the November meeting.

| Treasurer's Report:                     |            |
|---|------------|
| Beginning Balance:                      | \$7,559.88 |
| Income:                                 | \$861.00   |
| Expenses:                               | \$554.00   |
| Ending Balance:                         | \$7,866.59 |
| (\$7,020 this time last year)           |            |
| M/S/P to approve the Treasure's Report. |            |

#### **Committee Reports:**

Pylon Racing – Lance Edmunson said that the race season has ended. Tim Peterson is continuing to

create the new website. More information will be available after the holidays.

The Builders Club will meet at Scott Graupmann's house where the club will learn about building on a table using magnets.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Dec 12, Thu – Toys for Tots at Miramar Jan 10, Fri – Annual Awards Banquet

Don Madison spoke about joining Miramar Flyers Toys for Tots toy drive. If you want to bring a \$10 wrapped toy, you can fly at the event being held on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The club donated \$200 which Don will take to Toys R Us along with any money the membership wishes to donate and purchase toys to take to the event. "Don, do you take plastic?"

#### **Old Business:**

Membership fees are due. Scott will be collecting.

#### **New Business:**

Three \$300 gift certificates will be given out at the annual banquet. You have an opportunity to win one of the gift certificates for every time that you signed in at the club meeting throughout 2013. You do need to be present at the banquet to win. In addition to the gift certificates, Ted will have other raffle prizes as well. Ted and Gary will go to Discount Hobbies to pick up the prizes. In addition, a transmitter was donated by Ray and the P-51 Mustang that was donated by Marty Levine a few months back.

While Richard and Ryan Crutchfield were at the IMAC event in Las Vegas last month, they picked up a flyer for RCPilotPass.com. The RCPilotPass.com provide a pass that you can purchase for a small fee that contains your AMA and IMAC membership numbers as well as others. The pass also gives you discounts at several locations. See <u>www.RCPilotPass.com</u> for more information.

#### **Drawing for Free Membership:**

And the winner is ... Ron Smith. Board members



are not eligible, draw again.

Charlie McCraken – Unfortunately you must be present to win.

#### **Model Sharing:**

Lee Main shared his "modified" Hangar 9 Saratoga. Lee was given wings, the tail section, cockpit, cowl and landing gear that Charlie McCraken had left over. Lee took a couple



pictures of Charlie's plane and scaled it up to construct a new fuselage from scratch. He used an 80 amp speed controller, a 46 motor and a lipo battery. He will fly it the next time he is out at the

field. The hardest part of the project was mating the wings to the fuselage. It took him about a month, maybe a little less to build. Nice job Lee.



#### **Raffle:**

Income: \$182.00 Cost: \$97.17 Hervey Langevin Chuck Cassity Fred Miller Ron Smith

Exacto set glow starter volt meter starter Michael Heinsbergen Slot Machine Don Westergren Lipo checker Steven Ellis butterfly kit, glue + kicker Lee Main kicker and lunch ticket Gary Rold ball cap Devin Wheeler Lipo sack Steven Ellis balsa striper + planer plane locator and kicker Tim Peterson Hervey Langevin hat Warren Woods Lipo sack

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

I just wanted to say "Thank you" for allowing me to serve as our club's Secretary over the last year and a half. – Richard Crutchfield

## **Builders Club**

The Builders Club met on 5 December 2013 at the home of Scott Graupmann.

Scott uses a precision and unique building board, consisting of a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch by 4'x8' tempered glass sheet with a layer of 20 gauge steel sheeting 2'x4' glued to the glass. With plans taped to the steel, Scott used a number of magnets instead of pins to hold parts in place during construction. Other tools that make the building process efficient are steel squares, straight edges, and laser lines.

Scotts shop is well organized and a well lighted area with several free standing power tools which add to an efficient and exacting work environment.

Gary L. Rold, 1<sup>st</sup> WW Builders Club



## Presidents Message Jan.2014

We have a lot of "sayings" associated with our hobby (obsession) that define us.

"We build em', we fly em'. We crash em'. " Take- offs are optional, Landings are mandatory." "Even a bad day flying is better than a good day at work". "I think I got a hit!"

There is a lot of truth in these oft times self effacing statements but the bottom line is safety and attention to detail is critical to our enjoyment of the hobby of flying models.

I have been a long time learning these lessons. If a failure occurs while your aircraft is on the bench, that's usually good news. If a failure happens between take-off and landing, that's an entirely different issue.

As we approach a new year, we would all be well advised to take the time and inspect the aircraft you fly for proper mechanical operation and structural stability, age and status of all batteries. And let's not forget our transmitters. Check the settings and battery status and perform a range check on those "hangar queens" that only get in the air once or twice a year.

Take a moment the next time you are at the field to stop and look around at the great facility we have at Cactus Park. Review the posted information and if there is anything that is not clear, talk to one of your club representatives for clarification. If we don't have an answer we will find one.

Lastly, going back to "SAFETY", if you see anything going on at the field that seems questionable, don't let is slide by unaddressed. We are all responsible for conducting a safe and sane experience for everyone at the field.

Watch your six,

Gary Rold, 1<sup>st</sup> WW President







# First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Friday 1/10/2014

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

\$25 per member and \$20 for each additional family

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

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