



# HANGAR NEWS

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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

Mar 22 Sat Swap Meet at Cactus Park  
Apr 12 Sat Cub Scout Fly at Cactus Park  
Apr 26 Lakeside Western Days Parade  
May 3 Sat Chino Airshow  
May 17 Sat Field Clean Up Cactus Park  
May 17 RCX Expo  
May 24 Sat Fun Fly Cactus Park



## Two Cars

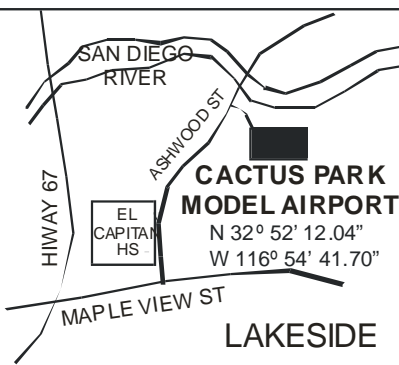
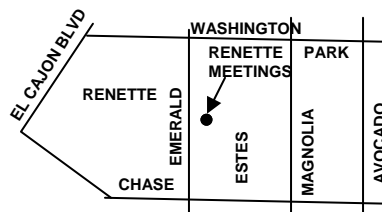
Ted O'Fallon showed two metal cars models he  
has for a future raffle or sale. These are  
extremely well detailed.

## FunTana

Frank Sanders and Ron  
Smith show off their  
FunTana models. Frank  
uses a YS 120 while Ron's  
has an OS. They fly great.



NEXT MEETING:  
**Tues. Mar 4, 7:00**  
Renette Park





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## Meeting Minutes Feb. 2014

*Bruce Allen*

The meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> 2014, was called to order by the club President, Gary Rold at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were 36 attendees, including the board members; President Gary Rold, Vice President Ron Smith, Treasure Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

### **Opening Comments:**

Welcome to the first Weedwackers Meeting of 2014.

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

Lou Prince – A returned member from 2005, moved to Pennsylvania but decided to come back to the good weather! Been flying R/C since 1953

Rob Bjur – Lou was Rob's teacher, but claims he is not as old..

Dan Whitman – New to R/C but has been flying on the simulator.

We extend a hearty welcome & hope you will enjoy the experience (?)

### **Electric Seminar**

Gary pointed out that there is a requirement that any member that was wanting to fly Electric powered models that they need to take the short seminar to educate them.

There were 2 Members who asked to take it this evening after the minutes.

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

Lee Main pointed out the mistake on page 1 with regards to last year's R/C Schedule, the incorrect spelling of Rich Crutchfield's name on page 2 & the omission of the 'd' in Ted on page 5. The Minutes were proposed & seconded by Keith Miller, Don Westergren with unanimous consent from the membership.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$7866.59 Income: \$7,812.00  
Expenses: \$5,404.65 Ending Balance: \$10,273.94

Last Year's balance at this time \$10,078.

Proposed Keith Miller Seconded by Lance Edmunson, Unanimous.

### **Safety Officer Report:**

Ben Newkirk – Acquired new First Aid Box. Two new Fire Extinguishers will be ready soon.

Ideas for securing items in our Peg Cabinet requested\*. There is an ongoing procedure to permanently identify our property.

(\* See New Business for update)

Ben requested that the Membership let him know of a **Specific Safety Issue** for him to talk about every month. Contact through the Website, email etc. The first subject he talked about was "Behind the Prop" citing a particular story where a gentleman had his Club Badge on a lanyard around his neck..... The point is to make sure that you do not have any loose clothing, shirt tails, cuffs, ties etc. hanging so that it could get caught up in a prop. As the recipient of the "Most Stitches" award 2013 I can add do not try to catch your model by the rotating end if it jumps off the stand!

Ben also mentioned he would have a Fire Training session soon.

Another point is to watch out for the little critters that love to nest in the spaces under the chairs, tables or other dark places. This includes the Black Widow Spider & the Brown Recluse that has been found in SD County. (I have a personal friend who was bitten on her face by a Brown Recluse which supposedly do not habitat our area – Bruce). So always turn chairs over & make sure there are no nasty inhabitants, as well as checking the tables.

Ron Smith sprays the chairs at least once a month with an insecticide.

### **Committee Reports:**

Fun Fly – Keith Miller at this time the Club



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Calendar is being worked on for 2014 (This has been completed & is included with this Newsletter 2/20/14)

Race Reports – Steve ? / Lance Edmunson  
Next meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the field 2 races  
Mini Ultra & T28. There will be discussions on  
Classes at the meet.

There is a new website that has been setup by  
Tim address: [www.pylonairracing.com](http://www.pylonairracing.com)

Builders Club – Gary Rold reported that they are  
looking for a location, anyone interested in  
providing a location or would like to join the  
club to learn more about the technics & tips used  
in building aircraft please contact him. If no  
location is found, Gary would probably host the  
meeting.

## **Old Business:**

All gate locks combinations have been changed,  
check the back of your 2014 Membership card  
for number.

Remember when locking up make sure you lock  
to the County Lock NOT the chain. Also when  
opening a lock spin the combination in case  
miscreants take peek & note the combination for  
future wrong doings!

## **New Business:**

Because of the break-ins we have had we have  
reinforced the shed, as needed, by doing the  
following:

- Added Plywood sheet to the inside back of the shed.
- On the roof added a double section of Chain Link fence material that has been coach bolted through the roof & carried it down the backside wall.
- The sides inside have wooden stringers running along the length at intervals & it was felt this would be sufficient.

The front is a steel roll down door which is strong & already has a complex locking mechanism which is a deterrent.

The belief is that the miscreants only have hand tools so our changes may discourage them.

Regarding the Peg Cabinet, Joe has made a reinforced steel arm that bolts across the door to really make it difficult to overcome. It is locked through the existing handle with a combination lock.

Butch has fitted 2 motion detectors in the Cabinet & 1 in the shed, these make a pretty awful noise which once again may serve as a deterrent. There will be instructions in the cabinet on operation.

Thanks go to Butch Weiser, Gary Rold, Ron Smith Bruce Allen & Joe Stutzman for their efforts

Two of our members went up a hill above the field & found a campsite & there was some evidence of property that maybe ours. This information was passed onto the Police. We were not the only ones who have suffered losses the organization that runs the Baseball across the river have had Copper & various other equipment stolen

Members are advised not to go up there, Gary has spoken to the Detective looking into the burglaries & will keep doing so until we have more news.

If you are driving passed the field out of normal hours or during a Red Flag shutdown check to see if the gate is open if it is drive in & check it.

Suggestion during a Red Flag event, rather than a Text Notice hang a small red flag at the gate so the members will know, but not obvious to anyone else?

Calendar - Not complete at this time but will be published soon.

Model for sale – Keith Miller passed on information on a scale Stinson Reliant for sale.

(See the For Sale—last page of this newsletter)

Ted spoke about 2 die cast model cars he is willing to auction, one is a Ford GT40 the other



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Greg Carter thanked the club for awarding him the Builder of the Year award for his Curtis Jenny.

## The Good of the Order:

Glenn Merritt – Proposed full weekend out at Ocotillo Wells dry Lake  $\frac{3}{4}$  Mile square, for flying & having fun for anyone who is interested. Will have a couple campers etc. Contact Glenn if interested.

## Drawing for Free Membership:

And the winner is ... Ray Rjott. (Our very own Snowbird) Unfortunately you must be present to win.

## Medical Emergency:

An incident occurred where the Medics had to be called out & there was confusion as to where we are physically located.

Please Note if you have to call for Emergency assistance, tell them that we are at:

**10610 Ashwood, R/C Cactus Park, Opposite (across the road) the BMX Park.**

**(Add 10610 to the back of your Membership Card)**

If you have sufficient people, station one at the end of our drive to direct the emergency vehicles into our field. Station another across the road at the BMX Park to make sure there is no confusion.



The good news is that the member who had the problem is recovering well.

## Model Sharing:

Rick (?) – Falcon 120 V3 Engine Gas Turbine Kingtech K50G. To fly you need a Spotter! Very nice large scale model!

Ken Lawrence & I have both recently converted planes from Nitro to Electric using the same kit from Hobby People around \$140 may be less.

The kit consisted of a G46 Brushless Motor equivalent power to an OS .46. 80A ESC & an 18.5V 4500Ma LiPo Battery.



I installed 2 kits one in an Eagle II I built & the other in a Hobbico Nexstar, have flown both (with my buddy Ron!) & they fly exceedingly well with plenty of power & no fuel to clean

up..

Ken Lawrence – Converted his CCCP (?) From a SuperTigre Nitro to electric using the same kit, the main difference was the need to mount the ESC on the outside because of lack of space. Upside is it helps cooling. It fly's very well with plenty of power.

Ken also showed a cute little plane, 'Bumblebee' which he had built from a plan he found & used parts he had laying around! It weighs only 9 oz.







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Steve Ellis – ‘Supersports’ Beautiful model with handmade graphics, weighs around 5lbs, with a KV40 Engine (needs help tuning it)

## Raffle:

Ted O’Fallin had a good selection of prizes as usual, the winners were:

Mike Greco	Hemostat
Steven (?)	Battery
Bruce Allen	CA Glue + 67 Meal voucher
Ron Keith	Servo Tester
Leroy Brooks	Igniter
Ben Newkirk	Nut Spinners
Keith Miller	Spinner
Income from Raffle: \$160	
Cost	\$83.18
Net	\$76.82

## Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm (ish).

## The Presidents Message

Greetings fellow Weedwackers. First let me thank all of you who gave me salutations on my DAY. (Presidents Day).

The excitement of the past month has diminished and no further thefts have been noted. A few of our missing items have reappeared but the vandals are as yet unknown. A Sheriff’s Detective is handling the case and

many others in our area.

Let’s keep a watchful eye around our field and consider what we can do to help out. First, when you unlock one of our combo locks, be sure to rotate the combo so that no one from outside the club can obtain the code. Second, just a reminder to lock the front gate “padlock to padlock” so the county can access the grounds too. Third, Joe Cullum has added a very secure lock bar to the pin cabinet and if you are not sure how to use it, ask someone who does. As an aside to this, when you open the cabinet, turn off the two alarm switches inside and do the reverse if you are the one who locks the cabinet at the end of the day.

I have received some calls this last month concerning folks who claim membership in the club but do not have a current 2014 yellow card and no proof of AMA membership. You need to be able to prove AMA membership at the minimum to fly at Weedwackers. (Proof of payment in hand). And with that you can only fly as a guest which means that when the active member who sponsors your flying leaves the field, you must leave also. The gate code will not be given to any non-members!!

If you have the AMA card, but have not received your Weedwackers card yet, you are still in the same boat. Membership in our club can only be affirmed by the Treasurer and that is in the form of your club I.D. Any questions concerning your membership cards delivery date, please contact the treasurer but remember he is a busy guy and works for free. (Thanks Scott)

The new calendar is now on the web site but is periodically updated so stay current.

Well forgive me for the sermon but personally I feel invigorated. See you at the field and

**Watch your six.**

Gary Rold, 1<sup>st</sup> Weedwackers

President



# First Weedwacker Aerosquadron

Lakeside, CA

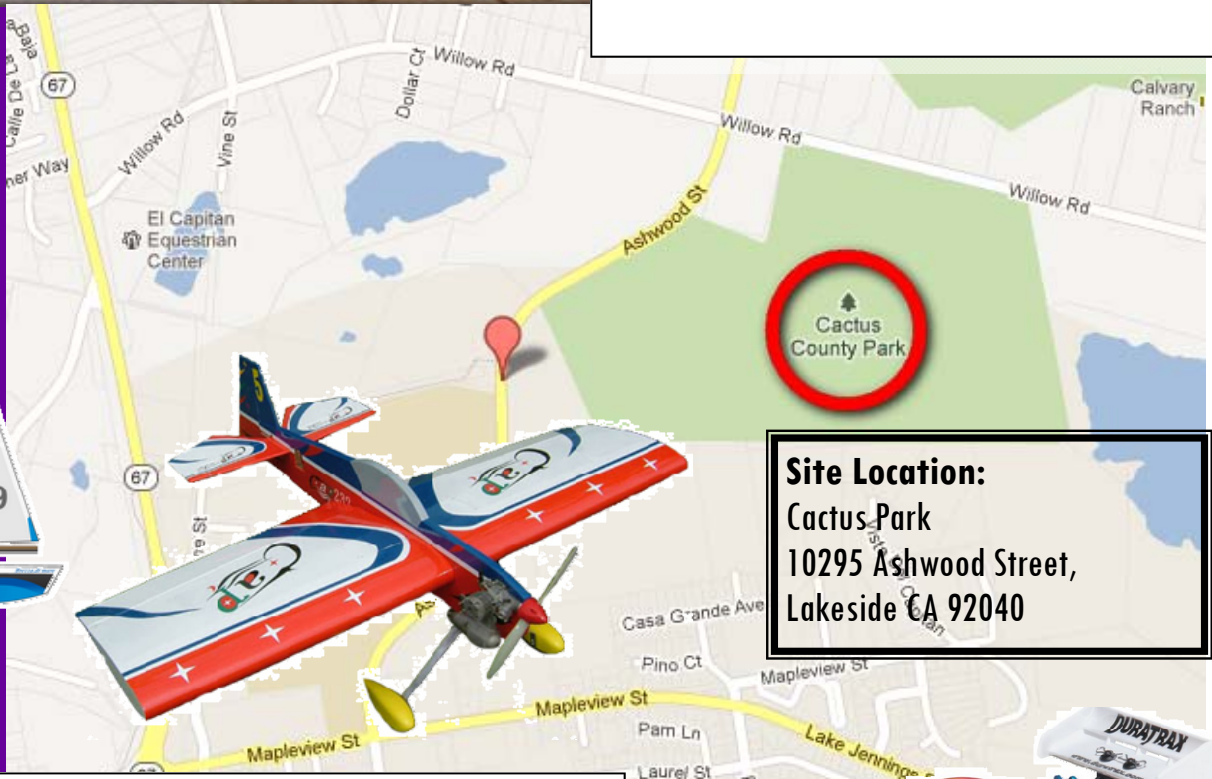
## Swap Meet

# Saturday, March 22, 2014

### Highlights

- ◆ \$5 Sellers Fee
- ◆ Buyers - **FREE**
- ◆ 7:30 - 11:30 am
- ◆ Entry gate opens at 7:30 am

**Models of all types are invited!**  
**RC Boats, Cars, Planes, Heli's—**

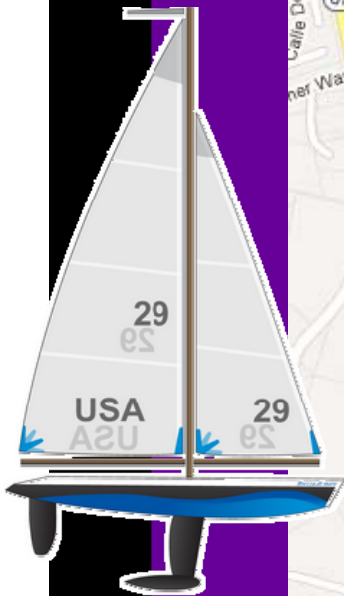


### Site Location:

Cactus Park  
10295 Ashwood Street,  
Lakeside CA 92040

### Questions?

**Don Madison: (619)-296-1510**







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## For Sale

Top Flight □ Stinson Reliant. It took me 2 years to build this giant plane. It has never been in the air since I did not have the confidence to fly it. It has a 100 inch wing span with the optional cockpit kit. The kit alone cost close to \$500.00. I put the recommended OS Twin FT□160 4□stroke. This engine has been started 3 times and cost me close to \$700.00. I have close to \$1,700.00 in the plane when you consider the servos, battery back, receiver, wheels, prop, covering, etc. etc. etc.

I will accept a reasonable offer. I have attached a picture,

If you think you need more information, let me know. I live in Rancho Bernardo.

Mike (714) 746-8451



Welcome to:

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## Breakfast & Lunch

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