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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

Apr 12 Sat	Cub Scout Fly at Cactus Park
Apr 26 Sat	Lakesdie Western Days Prade
May 3 Sat	Chino Airshow
May 17 Sat	Field Clean Up Cactus Park
May 17-18	RCX Expo
May 24 Sat	Fun Fly Cactus Park
June 7-8	Wings Over Gillespie
June 15 Sat	Swap Meet Discount Hobbies

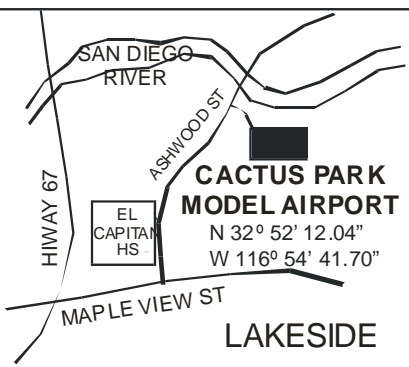
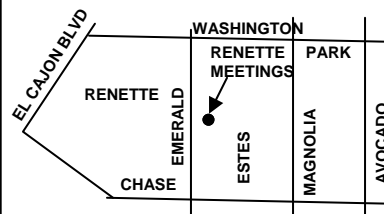
Lakeside Western Days Parade

April 26 we will have a float in the parade. Lance Edmunson will
have his truck and trailer there. It's a lot of fun to show off our
models. Come join the fun at 7:00 AM at the parking lot for
Marko Crane, at MapleView and Channel Road in Lakeside.

FWW Swap Meet a Success

March 22 ew hosted the Cactus Park Swap Meet. The club made
\$220 from disdplay fees and lots of modelers made good buys.
Lance Edmunson made a video about the swap meet—it is on the
from page of our web site at <http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/>

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Apr 1, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes March 2014

Bruce Allen

The meeting on March 4th 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 27 attendees, including the board members; President Gary Rold, Vice President Ron Smith, Treasure Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments:

Gary said that we had 7 new business items to be discussed at this meeting. He is trying to get clarification on the continuing confusion of our correct Street Number, it seems we have 2 different numbers in use. He will pursue this with the County.

Ron mentioned that if we need to contact 911 in an emergency they are aware of the Weedwackers First Aero Squadron name.

Guests and New Members:

Anthony Giorgio – Attended the Pylon Races, started flying a couple of months ago.

James Austen – An experienced flyer who has finally decided to ‘come in out of the cold’ & is a valuable contact at Hobby People (ask for our discount!)

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

Electric Seminar

One member (name?) will take the seminar after the meeting with Scott.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

Lee Main – Page 1 Lakesadie? Should be Lakeside. Page 2 the Secretary confused the Safety Officers name, it should have read Ron Keith NOT Ben Newkirk, he has made abject apologies to both gentlemen!

Approval of Minutes – Proposed Lee Main, Seconded Don Westergren, Unanimous.

Address issue

As mentioned by Gary in opening remarks, we have 2 street numbers in use – 10295 which is on

our AMA Charter documentation, & 10610 which is on the Red Stenciled board opposite the Pin Box. The question is which is correct? Gary believes it should be an Odd number as Herring Ranch is '13. The mystery continues, & is being pursued by Gary. In the meantime, if there is an Emergency make sure to post someone out at the entrance to direct the Emergency Vehicles.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$10,273.94 Income: \$1,390 Expenses: \$773.22 Ending Balance: \$10,890.72 Last Year's balance at this time around \$10,500. Some of the Expenses were due to the Break In repairs etc.

Proposed Keith Miller Seconded by Mike Martak, Unanimous.

Safety Officer Report:

Ben Newkirk –

Make sure that your Throttle joystick is set to the minimum, before hooking up batteries etc.

Referring to the January edition of the AMA magazine “Don't become another Aeromodeling Accident” Page 85, (Recommended reading!) Ben mentions the issue of Helicopter safety, & the need to allow space & stay behind the chain-link fence etc.

If you have a hard landing, make sure to check that the integrity of the model is good & there are no loose screws etc.

Future Fire training – Ron asked that when the date etc is published the membership let him know if they will attend so we have a good turnout.

Ron had asked for Safety issues, Bruce Allen mentioned another potential safety issue with Electric Models, DO NOT switch the Controller (Transmitter) OFF until you have disconnected (or disarmed with a switch, shorting plug etc) the Battery, as the ESC on losing the Receiver signal in most cases after a few seconds will turn the Motor ON at full power!

Input from the field & Gary – The Red Line on the Runway is there to provide a safe area, you should



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not taxi or fly on the fence side of this line.

Stunt flying should only be done over the Grass NOT the Asphalt.

Some discussion on a possible Helicopter Pad location, as we now have more members flying them & Quads etc. Gary stated that the Red Line rule applies, the model should be placed over the Red Line & the pilot returns behind at least the half fence.

There were some discussions on using Position 1 for a Helipad, Ron stated that common sense should prevail, & suggested that the Helicopter pilot ask for a time slot from other flyers so everyone knows that he will be flying. Keith mentioned that at weekends there are several people who fly Helicopters & the common sense & courtesy works well, he had only one occasion to explain to a pilot that he was doing something he shouldn't.

Lee Main, mentioned an issue that could have had serious circumstances: He was flying a Powered Glider & due to wind it blew it over the pits & Lee lost sight of it, shouted for help & know one responded, even though there were several people around. The Glider came down in the Pits, but fortunately no one was hurt. There could be extenuating circumstances why no one responded, like noise etc, but the fact is when we are in the Pits try to pay attention to other pilots who are flying.

Ron mentioned visitors who just want to observe the flying, some discussion on this that basically we have warning notices up & they should be reminded to keep clear. Ron also mentioned that we should never have our backs to the Runway in case of confused planes coming in to the Pit area.

Reminder no matter whether you have a Gas/Nitro or Electric Plane the dowel hold back poles Tail restraints on the tables MUST be used!! Ron mentioned a simple Safety Feature that the AMA recommend if you are going to do a lot of work on the Plane: "Take the Prop Off."

Committee Reports:

Fun Fly – Keith Miller, One will be held on May 24th & another October 11th. Trying to come up with different competition events that don't wreck the planes! Need ideas.

Race Day Reports –Lance Edmunson, Rescheduled to 15th of May at our field.

Classes:

- **Stock T-28 class** -Parkzone T-28 in bone stock form. Stock prop. Juice it up with 3s batteries an mah (Milli-Ampere Hours).
- **Warbird class** -Parkzone T-28, F-4U, FW190, P47D, Spitfire, or BF-109. Upgrade your power system to any motor and esc combo you want. Any prop. Limit is 3s batteries any mah!!!



- **Mini Ultra Stick class**- Eflite MUS or equivalent scratch built airframe. Motor can't exceed 890 KV. Batteries 3s-any mah. Any prop. Any ESC.

Funfighter Rarebear 620mm class-stock from the box on 4s batteries any mah. Stock prop.

Reminder website: www.pylonairracing.com

Builders Club – Gary Rold reported that this Friday, Leroy Brooks has invited us to the Model Shop over at Gillespie Field SDASM Annex at 10:00am.

Upcoming Events

Swap meet Saturday 22nd of March at our Field.

Race Day Saturday 15th of March at our Field.

Cleanup Saturday 17th of May

New Business:

Monday morning, the lock to the Gate on the



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Herring Ranch road was found unlocked, could have been open for a few days! Reminder if you go out the gate & return please make sure to re-lock the lock. Also when opening the lock scramble the combination so some nasty person doesn't get to use it later for nefarious deeds...

Phil mentioned that Ron & he had discussed buy some of the "Orange Safety Fencing" to string along the chain link fence at the end of the Runway. (Around \$22 4ft X 100 Ft. roll):

Robin & Lance modelled (no music though) some new shirts in Black with Weedwacker Logos in Gold. Very nice, the Artwork is with Al's Sport Shop in Santee Mission Gorge. They also embroider the logos, you have to take your own shirts in as they do not provide them. The club will reimburse Robin for the Artwork cost.



As a reminder from Ron Smith – "You must wear your Membership Badge at the field at all times" the AMA insurance require it.

Drawing for Free Membership:

And the winner is ... Ken Lawrence, Unfortunately you must be present to win.

Model Sharing

Keith Miller – Control Line "Tower Uproar" the design was done in 3D using Solid-Works. A good looking design.

Lance Edmunson - Funfighter Rarebear No Rudder made by HobbyKingRacing.com (Ask Lance how well it flies..)

Raffle:



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

Lee Main	Fuel
Mike Martak	Flashlight
Don Westergren	Heat Shrink Tubing
Keith Miller	LiPo Tester
Lee Main	Voltmeter
Ben Newkirk	Deans Plus & 67 Café Voucher
Gary Rold	Foam (?)

Income from Raffle: \$113.00

Cost	\$77.57
Net	\$35.43

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm





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President's Message

Greetings fellow Weedwackers:
April 2014

The past month has been a busy one and some good news has come concerning our recent crime wave at the field. After leaving three messages at the Detective's office I got a call back and was informed that the previous day a parolee was arrested in connection with a number of thefts in our area. It is believed he was the one camping above our field. He has violated parole and is going away for an undetermined amount of time and hopefully will not darken our doorway again. Today a county worker retrieved three of our fire bottles and returned them to us. He said the camp site appears to be abandoned.

At this writing we are coming up on our first swap meet of the year, this coming Saturday. If you miss it you can visit it on our web site, as Lance Edmundson will be shooting video of the entire meet and posting it on the WW web site. Lance has started a new business filming for businesses from above. Go get 'em Lance and Robin.

I will be adding our address to our sign in front of the entry gate as soon as I get the correct address confirmed by the county. Jason Forga with Cactus County Parks says the Assessors records indicate our parcel was a burn site sharing its address with the BMX track and the baseball diamond across the street. (10610 Ashwood St.) As you know, streets are numbered with the odd numbers on one side and the even numbers on the other. In an emergency, the first responders might have a difficult time finding us as our number should be an odd numbered address. **How am I doing so far?** Jason suggested we use the Herring Ranch address but I see that causing more confusion to the issue.

For now, In the event of an emergency and there are enough people present, I think the best way to insure the responders find our site is to give the address listed above but tell the 911 operator we are on the opposite side of the

street from the ball park and then send someone out to the road to flag down the responders when they arrive. I'm open to suggestions but until we get our own address, we will have to be creative in an emergency. Feel free to contact me with ideas.

I didn't mean to be so long winded so for now,
WATCH YOUR SIX! Gary Rold, 1st WW President

Builders Club News

The builders club met on Friday 7 March 2014 at the Gillespie Airfield Model shop which is operated by the Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park. Our host was Leroy Brooks, is a Weedwacker member and the corner stone of the model shop.

Leroy, with the help of other volunteers at the shop, builds the amazingly detailed models you will see when you visit the Air and Space.

The 6 members of the builders club who attended got a rare chance to see the tools and materials required to do finely crafted scale models. Question and answers were the focus of the group and I wish I had had a tape recorder with me.

We were also invited to tour the builders areas of the shop where full scale replicas are constructed and again the questions were flying.

Many thanks to Leroy and all of the volunteers for all they do.
Gary Rold

