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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 28 Sat	Electric Pylon Racing—Cactus Park
July 17 Thur	Builders Group at Gary Rolds shop
July 19 Sat	Mid Summer Luncheon
Oct 4-5	Miramar Airshow

“R/C Field” Safety

When we need to call 911 for help, please tell them we are at the “R/C Field” on Ashwood St. If you say “Cactus Park” that includes the BMX area across the street from us, and help may go to the wrong location. Also, post someone at the entrance to our field to flag them down and confirm they are at the right place.

Monday 6/23/14 Weedwackers Airfield—Almost a Mascot!

If you were at the Field today you may have noticed a canine up behind the chain Link fence. One of the members little girl found it. It turned out to be a collarless “British Bulldog” fairly young & very friendly.

Yours truly took a hike through our Field Gate & managed to get around to the opposite side by a bit of broken barbed wire, I called & whistled & she came a running to me. I encouraged her to follow me back through the gate, with Don’s help & we got her to the Pits where advice over flowed!

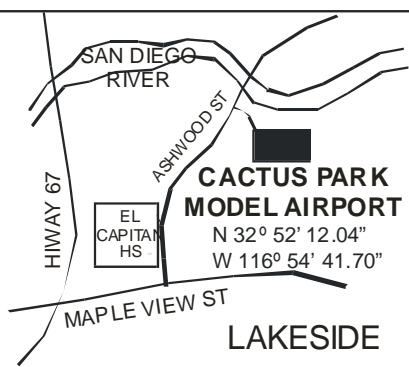
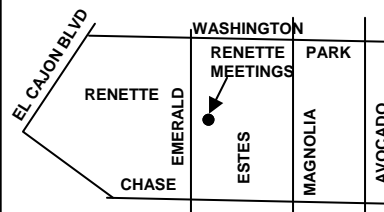
Naturally as I’m British my clever American friends pointed out that it must be mine! Ted O’Fallin had some bottles of water & she drank almost 2 bottles. Someone said that the dog had come over the hill, so after some discussion we decided to take a trip to find the owner figuring we would go down Maplevue & then left up Pima(?).

Don went off first while I packed up my van & with help got her on my passenger seat. As I got to Pima I met Don & he said he had found the owners house. So we went there & a lady came out very relieved to see her dog, they were reunited & I STRONGLY suggested at least putting a collar on her!

Dogs name? “TaterTots” no wonder she left home!

Bruce Allen (The Brit)

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





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Meeting Minutes June 2014

Bruce Allen

The meeting on June 3rd 2014, was called to order by the club Vice President, Ron Smith 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 board members; Vice President Ron Smith, Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen. (President Gary Rold was on vacation)

Opening Comments:

Ron welcomed all to the meeting, & spoke about the sale of the Herring Ranch to a Mr. Bankhead. He appears to be very amenable & spoke of developing the East side of the property not the West side. He also mentioned that he & his 3 sons are interested in R/C flying!

(Note: Ron, Gary & I got to met him & one of his sons at the Scale Fly-In June 14th)

Very positive meeting, can only be good for the Weedwackers..

Guests and New Members:

Mike Towe – Flew Gliders, nitro etc coming back to the hobby after 10 years

Mike Towe (Son) – As above

Justin Abrahams – Flew Gliders

Henry Keys – Was a member for some years, got out of the hobby now re-joining has flown most types.

Taylor Adams – Never flown but is anxious to learn!

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

Electric Seminar

Two people needed the seminar, to be done after the meeting.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes:

I was Shocked & Stunned, (for the second time) as there were no corrections!

Proposed: Ron Keith, Second: Mike Martak, Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$10,733.97

Income: \$465

Expenses: \$259.49

Ending Balance: \$10,939.40

Last Year's balance at this time around \$9,007.

Proposed: Lee Main Second: Mike Martak, Unanimous.

Safety Officer Report:

Ron Keith – Mishap with a Prop, don't do what I do!

Ron Smith – Spoke about the need for vigilance in the air when flying different performance A/C EG: a fast Pattern Type & a slower Foamy although all flyers are responsible for safety, it is the fastest A/C that has the burden to avoid a collision. You should also alert other flyers if you are intending a LOW PASS, this should also be carried out over the grass area of the runway. Watch the boundaries!

To paraphrase an old Navy expression:

“Steam gives way to Sail”

Committee Reports:

Fun Fly – October 11th & November 15th.

Race Day Reports –Lance Edmunson, Rescheduled to 24th of May at Chollas R/C Flyers, this was a great success & interest is growing for this type of event. Lance talked to various clubs who have also shown interest in having Racing Events at our field he is also producing a Racing Video to show other clubs. His concern is that this could grow quickly & the need for more people to help is paramount, for various functions. Ron suggested using pilots as pylon judges etc.

Reminder website: www.pylonairracing.com

Old Business:

Ron Smith visited a Flying Field that Mike Berry had found out about 7 miles North of El Centro. Imperial Valley Radio Control Association (IVRCA) Runway using a material mat 600ft x 60ft runway

No restrictions for noise, over fly, fly sunrise to sundown but do most flying early morning because of the temperature etc.



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Wings over Gillespie

Glenn Merritt – “Wing over Gillespie” (now called “AirShow San Diego”) which will be commemorating the 70th anniversary of ‘D- Day’. In the past couple of years, although we had a stand at the show, we have not been allowed to Fly demonstrations, this was to happen but due to a misunderstanding of the need for an AMA Sanction it appears that we won’t be able to fly. Glenn heard from CAF that the Miramar Flyers were going to fly, there is a possibility that individuals may be able to fly. TBD

The AirShow will take place on Saturday 7th & Sunday the 8th of June. Set up day will be Friday the 6th. We will use our Generator for power for the Flying Simulator stations.

Glenn asked for more volunteers to help, provide planes etc. Contact Glen

Wrist Band for volunteers for free entrance

Glenn asked for the club to OK expense to rent a trailer / gas up to \$100

Proposed: Keith Miller Seconded: Ted O’Fallin Unanimous.

Scale Fly-in June 14th

Art Flores – is the CD for this event, Lee will take care of getting AMA Sanction. Bruce Allen will supply Coffee & snacks. Volunteers needed to help as well as Fly!

Ron will organize soda’s drinks etc. Bruce will pick up Ice for the chest.

Request for funds to cover above for \$100

Proposed: Keith Miller Seconded: Mike Martak Discussion about Lunch as it is advertised on the poster. Ron will look into it possibly with BBQ Pit.

Request from Ted for money for the 2 Raffles Pilots & General \$100/\$500

Proposed: ? Seconded: ?

Tabled Business

Gary Rold had a couple of large Weedwacker Signs made for the entrance to our Field which are now up & are very effective.

Lance – Has noticed a couple of times that the field gate locks had not been closed after W/E flying. The old notices will be refreshed & put back up.

Thanks to Mike Martak!

For the donation of an AMA windsock! Keep an eye out make sure it doesn’t walk.

Draw for free Membership

Nathan Wakoski

Raffle:

Bruce Allen - Hobby Kit

Mike Martak – Discount Voucher

Keith Miller – Lottery Tickets

Mike Henry – Café 67 voucher

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 20:11





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Presidents Message July 2014

Greetings fellow Weedwackers: I regret missing the last meeting but duty calls and I was required to take two weeks off for an amazing vacation trip to Georgia and South and North Carolina. While there I attended my Navy ships reunion (USS Ticonderoga CVA-14) in Charleston S.C. Also visited the USS Yorktown (CVA-10). A very busy but relaxing vacation. (Question? Can you take vacation when you are retired?)

The Gillispie Air show was by all appearances a rousing success. Thanks to all who coordinated our display and manned the tables. Next year I hope we will be on track to do some flying on site and show off some of our own amazing aircraft and flying ability.

The Scale Fly-in was very well attended (all tables were full) and some thrilling flying was demonstrated. Thanks to Art Flores and all of his staff for putting together a wild show. The raffle had some excellent prizes and the lunch was excellent. I saw some old faces that professed interest in re-joining our club. There were several new members in attendance and I look forward to getting to know them as they



get involved in the club activities.

Now to some business, 1. Locking the main gate: The two locks belong to Weedwackers (combo lock) and to the County (Keyed) and are to be "daisy chained" together so there is always access for all concerned. 2. If you make a mess on the tables, clean it up for the next user. 3. On occasion when a new aircraft is being "maiden" let's all be courteous and allow the new aircraft a solo flight for obvious reasons.

The Builders Group will resume meeting in July and at present will meet at my shop on the 17th at 6:30 p.m. Call me to RSVP 619-504-9936).

Remember the Mid Summer banquet is coming up on 19 July and Pylon Races on 26 July. Good Times!! Watch your Six,

Gary Rold, 1st Weedwacker Prez.

Welcome to:

Café



Breakfast
& Lunch



Take Home
MONDAY - SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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(Corner of Hwy 67 & Mapleview)
Lakeside, CA 92040
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Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise and Italian Dressing

Entire Menu is available "To Go".

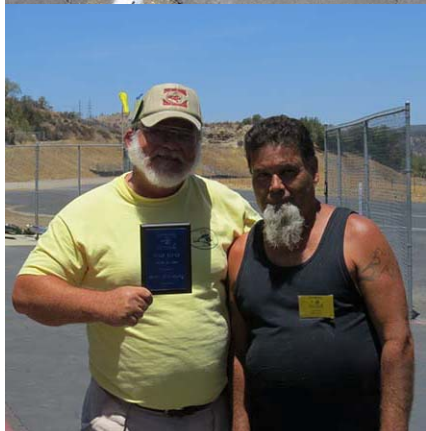


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Scale Fly-In

June 14, 2014

Photos by Bruce Allen





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Weedwackers at Gillespie Field AirShow

Photos by Bruce Allen

June 7-8, 2014



Art Flores P-51





First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Mid-Summer Luncheon

Date: Saturday July 19, 2013

Time: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 19, 2014 at 11:30am. We are having our 2nd Annual Weedwacker luncheon and raffle at Hometown Buffet in Santee. Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable lunch and a terrific raffle with great prizes. There will be a special free raffle for the ladies. Last year was a huge success. Hope to see you there.

*Guests will pay for their meals.
Raffle of over \$600 in prizes
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