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NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER
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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

Oct 4-5	Miramar Airshow
Oct 11 Sat	Fun Fly, Cactus Park
Oct 18 Sat	Float Fly - Otay Lakes , Alpine RC
Oct 18 Sat	Palomar Club Swap Meet + Combat Event
Oct 25 Sat	Last Pylon Race for Season—Cactus Park
Nov 1 Sat	Swap Meet, Cactus Park
Nov 8 Sat	Veterans Day Flyin , Miramar RC Flyers
Nov 15 Sat	Fun Fly, Cactus Park

Fun Fly At Cactus Park

We have two Fun Fly contests scheduled for October and November. Keith Miller has worked on ideas to make them interesting and challenging. You can choose your plane and practice to be ready to compete.

October Starts Club Officer Election Process

Nominations for next year's club officers begins at the October meeting. The actual election will be held at the November meeting, with the new officers taking office at the December meeting.

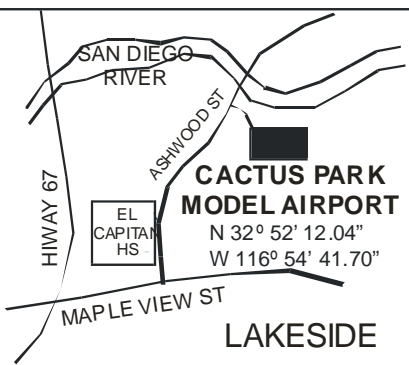
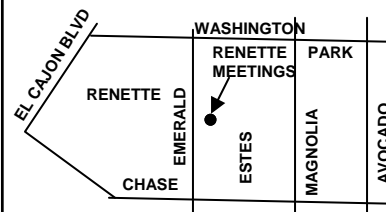
Club Statistics

Roster of Members—168; Newsletter: US Mailed 46; email 132
Note newsletters are also sent to other clubs, AMA, SD County

Average Age 58.2; Median Age 61.9

Oldest 93.4; Youngest 6.4

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Oct 7, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes September 2nd

Bruce Allen

The meeting on September the 2nd 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 board members; Vice President Ron Smith, Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments:

Gary welcomed all to the meeting,

Guests and New Members:

None this month

Approval of the Meeting Minutes As corrected:

Oops, broke the record! I added an 'e' to Lee Main's name several times. Some discussion over the use of 'Loo' to describe the toilet....

Proposed: Rich Crutchfield Second: Lee Main, Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$9,938.24 Income: \$80
Expenses: \$838.96 Ending Balance: \$9,179.28
Last year at this time we had \$7,800.50

Proposed: Rich Crutchfield Second: Lee Maine, Unanimous.

Safety Officer Report: (Nothing from Ron Keith)

Phil Morris had an issue with a near miss with another member when moving his Running Gas plane from the table to the Runway. Apparently the member didn't hear the plane's engine. He made a suggestion & volunteered to make Start Up tables that would be placed out of the Pits just before the entry gates to the runway, so that it reduced the possibility of an accident. Particularly throwing a Prop etc.

A lot of discussion ensued on the subject including the fact that member's sit too close to the pit tables

when watching the flights etc.

Gary reiterated, (although not technically a safety issue) that all flyers **MUST** wear a current club badge! He also mentioned that **we are all responsible for Safety** & when we are at the field we keep an eye out & talk to anyone who may be doing something that could be unsafe.

If you need to 'Tune' your Nitro/Gas engine the sound test table is available, make sure your model is tethered.

A lot more discussion on the potential liability issues ensued, & Ron Smith forwarded the original suggestion of several Start-Up tables with a recommendation that Gas/Nitro flyers use them & possibly Larger Electric planes.

It was agreed that 2 – 3 Tables would be made & put in use with the recommendations that they be used for Starting.

To be reviewed at the next meeting

(Since these Minutes 3 Tables have been constructed by Ron Smith & Phil Morris, painted Red & are being used)

As the question of liability came up I thought it may be useful attach an extract of the AMA Insurance FYI:

“AMA Liability Protection applies to bodily injury or property damage caused by an AMA member. Any AMA member who causes an accident resulting in an injury must report that accident immediately to AMA HQ.

- Applies to accidents arising from the modeling activities of **model aircraft, rockets, cars and boats**, in accordance with the AMA NATIONAL Safety Code(s).

- The 'per occurrence' limit of coverage available by this policy is \$2,500,000 involving bodily injury and/or property damage. These limits are for claims occurring during the policy period. Coverage is provided only for accidents arising from the model activities.



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- A separate policy covers participation in FAI events outside of the United States and Canada. This policy has a \$2,000,000 limit.
- There is no coverage for injury to a member to his own family (Household and Relative(s) living in the member's household) for claims or suits.
- The policy does NOT cover business pursuits; that is any activity that generates income for a member beyond reimbursement of expenses, except this business pursuit exclusion does not apply to individual members providing modeling instructions for pay to AMA members.
- AMA insurance is "excess" to any other applicable coverage, such as homeowner's.
- Has a \$250.00 deductible (property damage only), which is the responsibility of the AMA member causing the accident.

Accident/Medical Coverage (Effective January 1)

The Accident/Medical coverage applies to injuries while engaged in model activity regardless of who causes the accident. It reimburses an AMA member in accordance with policy terms and conditions for only medical expenses (also the beneficiary for loss of life) incurred within 52 weeks of the accident. The Accident/Medical coverage works as follows:

- Provides up to \$25,000 for medical expenses and \$10,000 for dismemberment or death.
- Insures AMA member directly – does not require claim action by another person.
- Pays for eligible expenses upon submission of bills or other documents certifying cost of treatment and that injury was caused by model activity.
- Reimburses medical expenses only after submission to any other health plan, including Medicare.
- Has a \$750.00 deductible."

Events

Swap Meet November 1st at the field.

Fun Fly October 11th & November 15th.
(Reminder)

Builders Meeting

TBD

Runway Condition

Ron Smith mentioned a subject we are all aware of, the condition of the Runway. He is looking for estimates on repair & what options there are. This will be a major expense. Asked for possible contacts in this business to be passed to him.

Banquet 2015

Discussion on the next Banquet. Do we stay at the current venue & price? Or look for something else? Need definitive suggestions to change...

Draw for free Membership

Lawrence Resaval(?)

Field Rules

The new modified Rules have been posted, please review!



Model Sharing

Lee Main – Showed a nice 'Big Stik' that he had modified from Gas to Electric, redesigned the bulkhead to attach the Motor etc. Some concern over Prop clearance & some other balance issues. Watch this space...



Larry Costas- Showed a 1991 ACE Micropro 8000 Controller that had been modified to operate on 2.4 GB. Different..

Raffle:

No Ted, No raffle

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00



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September 27 race results

T-28

- 1st place -Keith Miller
- 2nd place -Devin Wheeler
- 3rd place -Otto Dieffenbach

Warbirds

- 1st place -Logan Infurna
- 2nd place -Otto Dieffenbach
- 3rd place -Tim Peterson

M.U.S.

- 1st place -Scott Graupman
- 2nd place -Logan Infurna/Otto Dieffenbach
(tied)
- 3rd place -Lance Edmunson

RareBear

- 1st place -Ryan Danielson
- 2nd place -Lance Edmunson
- 3rd place -Keith and Jeramy Miller tied!

A great turnout on a beautiful fall day in

Lakeside! The highlight of the T-28 10 lap main was a slow motion midair between Otto and Devin! No crashes for the 9 pilots competing in the Warbird class, although we were all outflowed by Logan Infurna, who I might mention is **10 YEARS OLD! Great job Logan!** M.U.S had 6 pilots today with no mishaps. Scott put us in our place flying a super clean course with a darn fast Stick!

What can I say about the RareBear! Ten pilots competed today, and once again no midairs, but Mike Towe had an untimely end to his race day through ground contact. The highlight was a no score earned, no cuts counted, ten lap, just "for the fun of racing" race with all 9 remaining Bears in the air! What a blast! Great day! Thanks to all who showed up!

October 25 is our last race!

We will be having a post race BarBQue!

Bring your ideas for next years race season!





First Weedwacker Aerosquadron

Lakeside, CA

SWAP MEET

November 1, 2014

Site: Weedwacker Flying Field (SD County Cactus Park, Lakeside)

Hours: 7:30 am – 11:30 am
\$5 Seller's Fee ----Buyers Free
Refreshments Available
Information:
DON MADISON (619)-296-1510





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The Presidents Message

Sept 2014

Greetings Fellow Weedwackers:

We have successfully transitioned from summer to fall, though at this writing I'm still waiting for cool weather.

I would like to encourage you to attend our regular monthly meetings and to take part in our discussion of an assortment of issues that are being considered not the least of which is improvements to the field surface and financing same. Then there is the matter of upcoming elections. You have noticed some bright red additions at the flying station area. These "start up" tables are in place to help insure safety for those in the pit area but they do not take the place of common sense and caution by the membership.

Another concern I have noted is the challenge of leaving the field and making a left turn toward "El Capitan H.S.". I have witnessed several close calls with cars exiting in front of me. If you have experienced any close calls, I would like to know and with enough info I will approach the powers that be and see if we can at the very least get some signage moved and bushes trimmed up the road to the right of the exit. See me or give me a call if you have any ideas or solutions in this regard.

Without flogging a dead horse, I will speak to the "wear your membership badge" issue. I know that progress has been made with certain individuals who were misusing the "guest" privilege. You may not have seen this but without naming names, I can assure you the problem did exist. It is only right that if we are willing to pay for the privilege of belonging to Weedwackers then anyone else who uses our facility should do likewise. Asking a member to display the badge should not be taken as an

affront. The membership list is in the pin box so it should be pretty simple to determine who has paid their dues and who has not.

Okay I'll call it quits for this session. Thanks to all of you who step up and help when the need arises. That's what make the Weedwackers the great organization that it has become.

Watch your Six. Gary L. Rold, The Prez.

Welcome to:

Café 

Breakfast & Lunch

 **Deli**

Take Home
MONDAY - SUNDAY
 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 12381 Maplevue
 (Corner of Hwy 67 & Maplevue)
 Lakeside, CA 92040
619-443-4100

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SUB SANDWICHES
 Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise and Italian Dressing

Entire Menu is available "To Go"

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Fun Fly—Oct 11th, 2014

First Weedwacker Aero Squadron

Classes: One class fits all

Prizes - The winner of each event as well as the overall points winner will take home some terrific prizes!!

Schedule:

9:15 Pilots Meeting and Safety Briefing

9:30 Warm-up and trim flights; Sound measurements

9:45 Start the events

9:00 AM to Noon

Possible Events:

- Precision Touch-n-Go
- Flight Drill (Loops and Rolls)
- Limbo Lunacy
- Bowling or Can-Can
- Climb 'n Glide
- **NEW!! - Micro Pylon Races**

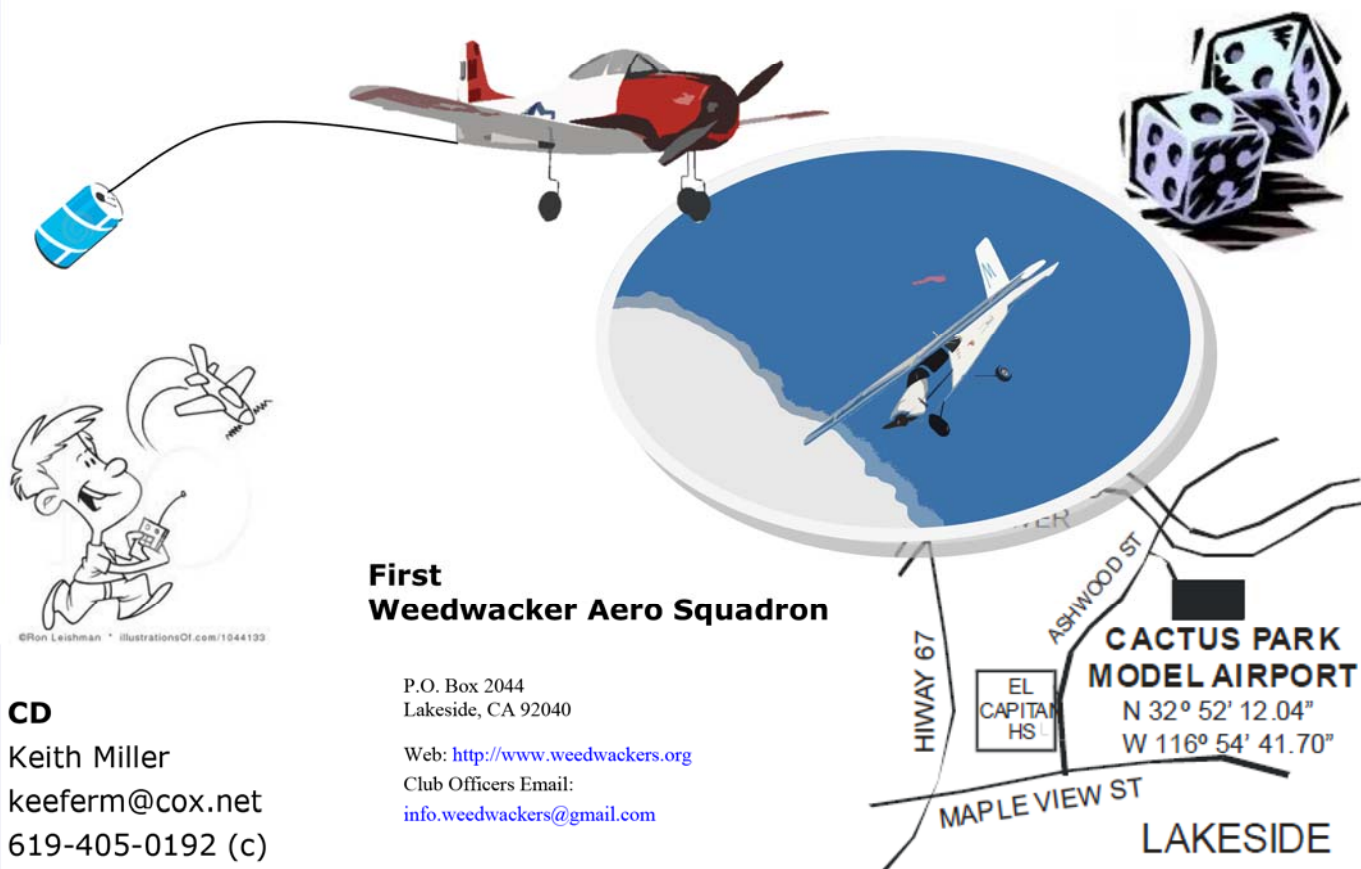
Additional rules:

In the event of damage to that plane, a backup may be used, but half of the earned points with the first plane are deducted from the overall points score.

Pick your plane carefully!

Events may require both good ground and airborne handling.

\$10 Entry Fee



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