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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

Jan	9	Fri	FWW Annual Awards Banquet ,Carlton Oaks CC
Feb	7	Sat	Fun Fly at Cactus Park
Apr	12	Sat	Fun Fly at Cactus Park

Annual Awards Banquet

Plan to come to our Awards Banquet Friday evening, Jan 9 at
the Carlton Oaks Country Club. Bring models to show and there
will be a great raffle and good food. Celebrate with club
members as they are awarded for their accomplishments with
models or service to the club.

2015 Membership

You will need to have renewed your AMA membership to fly at
Cactus Park in 2015. We have the new Club Membership cards
ready to issue at the meeting. The new cards have the 2015 Gate
combination, which will be changed on Feb 3.

Recent Passings

On Dec 16 LeRoy Brooks Wife, Joyce, died. Services are
planned for Jan 8, at 1400 at Miramar Cemetery. They were
married for over 40 years, and she was 83yrs. old.

It is with sadness to inform you that we have lost a
Member. Bob Musser passed away recently, you may have met
him down the field, he was the gentleman who used a walker to
get around & had a vocational nurse Lauren to help him. We
have no further details of any arrangements at this time.

Banquet:

Sat. Jan 9, 2015
Open at 6:00 PM,
Carlton Oaks
Country Club





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Meeting Minutes December 4

Bruce Allen (Thanks to Rich Crutchfield for November Minutes)

The meeting on December 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 30 attendees, including board members; Vice President Ron Smith, Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments:

Gary welcomed all to the meeting, & confirmed that the existing Board members would be continuing on despite the overwhelming applications for the posts (sic). There is a possibility that the County will remove the fence we all love to hate, once Gary gets an appointment with the new person at County he will discuss this further. Watch this space...

Gary also remarked on the issue of communications which was raised at the last meeting. The Secretary (Bruce) has been tasked to make sure that information is sent out in a timely manner by Email, the Website, notice on the board at the field etc. in an effort to make sure everyone is informed. Don Westergren will continue to send out the emails he already does.

Here's the kicker you have to READ the information before contacting myself or other Board Members on the subject.

Also please let me, or the Board, know if you have some information that you feel should be disseminated to other members! Thanks.

Guests and New Members:

None this month

Electric Seminar

One person, will be done at the end of the meeting.

Renewals

Reminder to pay your subs for the New Year (2015) Membership cards are a pretty pink!

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Lee mentioned the double print of an article, but apart from that OK

Proposed:? Seconded Ron Keith Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$8,636.24 Income: \$1,210.00 Expenses: \$2,581.72 Ending Balance: \$7,264.52
Last year at this time we had \$

Proposed: Lee Maine, Second Bob Muhleman Unanimous.

Safety Officer Report: Ron Keith

Mentioned a possible incident at the entrance to our field a lady in a Van was doing a U turn when a person in a truck came speeding down narrowly missing her vehicle. We all know how dangerous the exit is especially when turning Left.

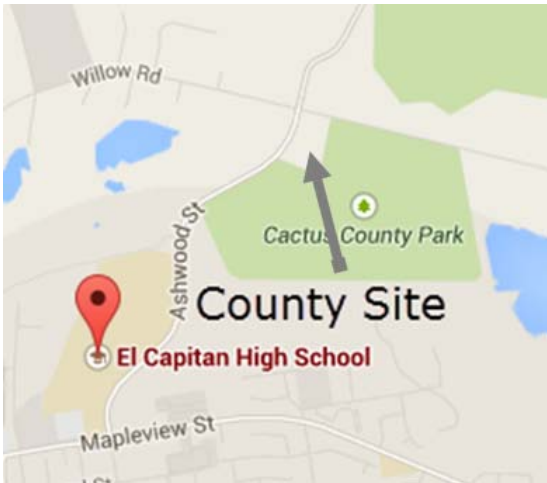
Ron Smith suggested that if you want to turn left out of the field it is probably safer to turn right & go up towards the crossroad (Ashwood St & Willow Rd) where by the County site you should be able to turn & go back down Ashwood. Alternately turn left on Willow Rd & drive down to the junction lights at the 67.

Some discussion ensued on what could be done to improve the visibility etc. The Secretary suggested the use of Parabolic Mirrors situated at either end of the bend so



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drivers can see what's coming? Ron Smith said this had been tried several years ago & the Mirrors used for target practice by some idiots.



Ted also mentioned that several letters had been written to the County with no response.

Apparently the Speed limit is 50mph with a suggested 40mph??

Dick ? mentioned that he a talked to friend who is a Sgt in the Highway Patrol (El Cajon) who is going to look into having a Radar Speed Sign situated for a period at the side of the road. Takes paperwork....

Ron Smith also suggested that we request a "Speed Survey" be carried out, discussions on how to request this ensued.

Tabled for further investigation.

New Business

Ron Smith brought a requirement we may have missed. The need to put AMA Number name & address or phone number somewhere on your Plane / Helicopter etc. (AMA Requirement).

Case in point, one of our members lost sight of a plane & thought it was totally lost, it landed over the hill & was recovered almost undamaged, he did not have any identification

on it (See "Lost & Found" in this Hangar News).

From the floor: concern was raised about the communication especially when an event is postponed for any reason on the day etc. The Board feels we are doing the best we can, & as mentioned during the welcome the Secretary will do what's needed providing he has the information

2015 Events Calendar, A separate Board Meeting will be setup to progress this. The plan is to develop the Calendar in conjunction with other clubs (if possible), so you know when you can host an event. In addition a check list will be developed which the Event Organizer will fill out so that we know exactly what you need; Generator, Tables, Help etc.

Lance & Don will assist in this mammoth task.

Bob Muhleman- Mentioned that we should increase our charge for Swap Meet sellers. He mentioned most are charging \$10 etc. We should review this for 2015.

Point raised about having events on Sundays as well as Saturdays, this is possible & now is a good time to let us know as we will be working on the new schedule.

Committee Reports

Fun Fly – Keith Miller absent.

Race Reports – Lance Edmunson. Nothing to Report.

Runway Condition

Gary mentioned he has had another estimate that added 1" of Asphalt to our Runway & would cost around \$16.5K a little out of our budget. We will be looking for further bids in the New Year. Gary asked for possible contacts in this business to be passed to him.



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Events

Swap Meet December 6th at the field.

Annual Awards Banquet 2015 January the 9th at the Carlton Oaks CC

RSVP to Scott Graupmann, send him a check or an email to say you are coming & pay at the door. Please do not send any checks etc to any other Board member. We need to get an idea of bums on seats (Famous British Actor, John Gielgud said that!)

Draw for free Membership

Rob McGrew

Model Sharing

Scott Graupmann showed a new model from Horizon the B17G to quote Horizon:

"The E-flite® UMXTM B-17G Flying Fortress model is an ultra-micro marvel. Not only is it the first ultra-micro RC model of the famous WWII bomber, it includes innovative AS3X® technology that makes flying more fun. Built into the Spektrum™ DSMX® receiver, AS3X technology has been specially tuned to combat the effects of wind and turbulence so you get the kind of locked-in handling that's comparable to an expertly tuned airplane that's much larger. With four motors, three-blade propellers and full four-channel control plus an abundant amount of scale detail, it's a replica you can fly almost anywhere".



Scott said that he & his son had flown it with great success it was very smooth & flew well.

Raffle:

Rich Crutchfield – Allen Wrench's

Ron ? – Servos

Chuck ? – 12v Compressor

Larry Kosta – Miniature Screwdriver set & CA

Vernon Gilmore – Fire Starter

Gary Rold – Battery + Cafe67 voucher.

Chuck? – Screwdriver set.

Tickets \$12.50, Cost \$ 78 Total \$91.50 Net \$68.50

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 19:30hrs(ish)

Welcome to:

Café



Breakfast & Lunch



Take Home

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

All sandwiches include a side dish: your choice of fruit, potato salad, chips, cottage cheese, applesauce, soup, or salad.

SUB SANDWICHES
Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise and Italian Dressing

Entire Menu is available "To Go".



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SAFETY NOTICE

We had a potentially serious injury at the field this month when a modeler was adjusting control throws on his electric powered model.

Fortunately other modelers at the field provided first-aid. It was probably only a few stitches worth, so that's a good thing. Nothing that seemed really serious.

The model was powered, with prop installed and unrestrained on a work bench. At some point the motor went to full throttle and right into his hand. The lesson is that, when an electric powered model is powered up, it must be assumed that the motor could start without warning.

Best practices include restraining the model with bench pegs or remove the propeller. Additionally, we often see (at least on a daily basis when I'm at the field) modelers carrying an armed electric model to the flight line in such a manner that their arms or hands are directly in the prop arc. The classic case is holding the model by the very inboard area of the wing leading edge with the prop right up near the forearm. In many cases they've been heard to say "It's not armed. See? I have my hand on the throttle stick." That is absolutely no guarantee against a receiver glitch or being bumped by someone. Please take this into consideration and stay out of the prop arc! It's easy, and may save you from a trip to the E.R.

Ron Keith

FUN FLY Sat Feb 7, 2015 Cactus Park

Possible Events:

- Precision Touch-n-Go
- Flight Drill (Loops and Rolls)
 - Limbo Lunacy
- Bowling or Can-Can
 - Climb 'n Glide

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

The field will be closed to regular flying from 9:45 until the event concludes, usually around 12:30.

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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Presidents Message January 2015

Greetings fellow Weedwackers. At this writing I have no review of the yearly banquet as it hasn't happened yet. I hope those of you who attend have a great experience along with a fine meal.

A new year and what will it bring us? As the saying goes "We build 'em, we fly 'em, we crash 'em." Then we fix 'em. But that's just part of it.

Please keep a close eye on the web site to stay current on upcoming events and issues we will face as a RC fliers.

Get your membership renewal completed.

Review our field rules.

Before you come to the field to fly, inspect your aircraft (all of them), check your batteries, be sure your contact info and your AMA # is posted somewhere in or on the aircraft. There are many things that seem to be taken for granted over time. Don't one of those things put you in a "fix 'em" mode.

Be safe and sane in the new year and we'll all live better for it.

I thank you all for asking me to represent you again in 2015. I'll do my best.

Gary L. Rold, The Prez

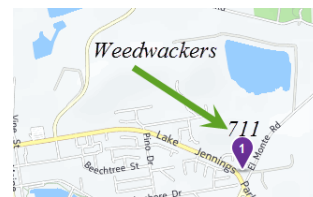


Lost & Found!

By Bruce Allen with assistance from Arthur Aldrich (Mike to his friends)

On a recent Saturday Mike flew his Apprentice 2 from station 4 & soared up to a high altitude. In trying to come around the back of the 'famous landmark tree' he lost sight of the plane, thought it may have crashed high up over the hill. He shut everything off on the Controller & tried to find the plane to no avail.

A man found it in the 711 parking lot!



Rough Route...?

He knew we flew out of the Weedwackers field & called Gary Rold on the Monday morning, Gary said he would go & pick it up, but the gentleman said no that's OK he would deliver it to the Field, which he did. Remarkably there was no significant damage apart from the nylon steering link!

Now the speculation? This plane is called 'Safe' as it has the **As3x SAFE® Technology** which can practically fly the plane on its own depending in which of the 3 modes it is in. Now it's probable that it lost its signal connection to the Transmitter & defaulted to its safest mode & kept the plane flying until the Battery discharged to the unsafe level & luckily it landed all by itself!

What do you think??

PS Mike did not have his name on the Plane so he was very lucky!



First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Friday 1/9/2015

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

**RSVP with Scott Graupmann 858-945-6969
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