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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

Feb 7 Sat	FunFly, Ron Smith Field at Cactus Park
Feb 22 Sat	Pylon Racing, Ron Smith Field at Cactus Park
Mar 7 Sat	Swap Meet Ron Smith Field at Cactus Park
Apr 12 Sat	FunFly, Ron Smith Field at Cactus Park
Apr 18 Sat	Western Days Parade, Lakeside
Apr 25 Sat	Pylon Racing, Ron Smith Field at Cactus Park

Ron Smith 1949—2015

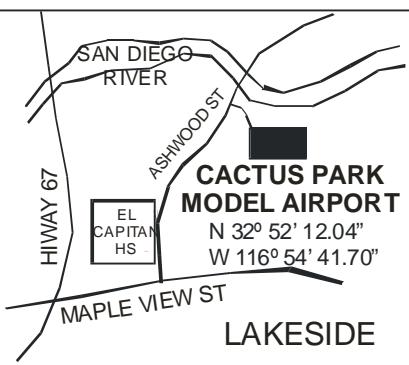
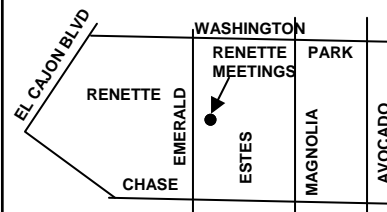
We lost a dear friend this month. It is never easy to have to
report a passing. Ron was so active in the club, instructing and
helping the club as a whole, and any club member individually.

He passed peacefully the morning of Jan 9, 2015 at home, with
his son and family visiting. Services were held Jan January 20
and internment was at Miramar National Cemetery January 21,
with full military honors.

2015 Membership

February Meeting is your last chance for membership renewals
before we purge the membership rolls. 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.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Feb 3, 7:00
Renette Park





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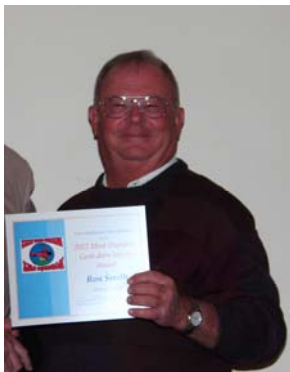
Ron Lewis Smith

Apr 21, 1949—Jan 9, 2015



Ron was a Senior Chief in the US Navy, with 38 years of service, Active and in the Reserves. He worked at NAS North Island supporting aircraft repair.

He is survived by his son Benjamin and Benjamin's wife and two sons. Ron also is survived by his ex-wife Esther and Ruthie, his love for the past 12 years.



Ron was one of the founders of the WeedWackers around 1976-1977. Ron was the first President. The club doesn't have records of all the offices Ron held through the years. He has been one

of



the lead instructors for the club, and has easily taught most of the current members to fly. Ron became Vice President in 2009, and has supported the club since then.

He was always one of the first to volunteer for any work parties for the club, and was regularly doing maintenance on the field and our equipment at Cactus Park. He regularly was out early to mow the weeds; he spent nearly every day at Cactus Park when the government was replacing the contaminated soil around the field. Ron was the main go-between when any neighbor complained of our models being too loud or flying over the polo field. When vandals broke into the pin box or storage container, it was Ron who started repairs immediately.

He was an excellent pilot, a competitor in local and national pylon racing, and ready to help any other modeler with their planes.

The club sent a wreath to his memorial. We plan to name our field after him. He was a friend to all.





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The Presidents Message

Feb. 2015

This is a hard one. As you all know, we lost Ron Smith this month who was , by all accounts, the founding father of the Weedwackers.

He can not be replaced. I may be the president of the club but Ron **was the club!!!**

We will find people to step in and take up the duties he assumed so easily but there are the small things he did for us all that we may have to learn to do on our own.

Ron epitomized the "CAN DO" spirit.

It is said that "the true mark of a man is how well he is remembered".

Ron will be with us always in our memories.

At the meeting for February we will install a vice president to fill out the 2015 term. Our former club president Keith Miller has been selected by the board and after a vote at the Feb. meeting will assume the vice president's position. We thank you Keith.

I hope to see you at the meeting. There is much to be discussed.

Gary Rold, Weedwacker Prez.

WANTED P-47

Jason Taylor, jmttv@yahoo.com

I am considering buying a P47 built or NIB. Does anyone in the club have one to sell? I would be willing to trade a 60 size top flite P51 with robart retracts!

Thank you for your assistance! See you at the field!

Welcome to:

Café CALIFORNIA 67

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

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Awards

Weedwacker of the Year

Lance Edmunson stepped up to keep the racing community together, providing an opportunity for all clubs in the county to join in the comradery and fun of the sport.

12th Man Award

Mike Towe Mike produced a top-notch professional promotional video for San Diego RC Pylon Racing, featuring interviews and thrilling race footage at Cactus Park.

Most Demanding Recovery

Max Merritt During the October Fun-Fly, max caught the limbo ribbon on three separate passes causing his model to slew into some very odd attitudes, recovering each time without impacting the runway.

Most Improved Pilot

Ryan Crutchfield Ryan and his dad competed in several IMAC events.

Rookie of the Year

Bobby Rink As a new member, Bobby immediately became involved in club activities. In his first week as a member, he volunteered as a pylon judge during one of our hosted race events. He graciously cooked a fine lunch at the clubs final race event of the year. His excellent cooking and homemade salsas and guacamole earned over \$123

in profit which he graciously donated to the club. Bobby embraced the hobby by building, flying and repairing his very first airplane. It's rare that new members take on the building aspect of the hobby with such fervor!

Most Crashes

Ryan Danielson In one single fun-fly event, Ryan pounded into terra firma three times only to repair his model each time and won the event.

Funniest Crash:

Frank Sanders during the final Mini Ultra Stick race event of the year, five pilots took off with one model immediately doing a half loop into the runway at full power, obliterating it. Oddly, all five pilots were still flying a plane, while only 4 planes remained in the air. This went on for five laps until Frank finally determined that the plane he was flying just wasn't responding to his control inputs. That's when his caller told him that his was in a pile on the runway. He'd taken his eyes off his plane momentarily before launch, then locked on to someone else's to start the race.





Fun Fly—Feb 7th, 2015

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.

9:00 AM to 12:30

Possible Events:

- Taxi slalom
- Precision Touch-n-Go
- Flight Drill (Loops and Rolls)
 - Limbo Lunacy
 - Bowling or Can-Can
 - Climb 'n Glide
- **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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N 32° 52' 12.04"
W 116° 54' 41.70"

HIWAY 67
ASHWOOD
EL CAPITAN HS
MAPLE VIEW ST
LAKESIDE



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2015 Banquet

Jan 9—a great success



Guests of Honor, John and Julie Weaver
from Discount Hobby Warehouse



The Banquet Food and Friendship

