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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 2015

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

## Leslie "Jack" Hood 1926—1/25/2015

Jack was a member of the club from around 1995 to 2005. He was a regular flyer at the field, flying a big Biplane until Alshimers interfered. He was born in Oklahoma, and raised in Ramona CA. A graduate of Ramona High, he joined the Navy and served during WWII. After the War, he graduated from collage in Tishomingo, OK, then worked for the San Diego County Public Works. He is survived by his Wife Alice, daughter Tracy and son Glenn. No services were planned.

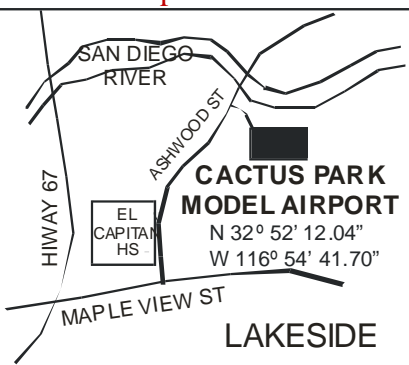
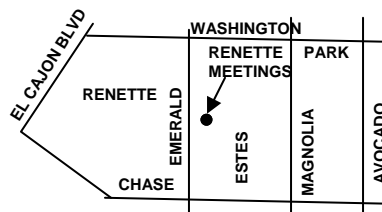
## Proposed Bylaws: Article 3, A. (3)

"The Treasurer shall collect all moneys and keep a record of income and expenditures."

Proposed change (to be discussed and voted at next meeting):

"The Treasurer shall collect all moneys and keep a record of income and expenditures. Club fees and dues may be collected by any club officer. Event related fees may be collected by any designated event coordinator. All such fees and dues be transferred directly to the Treasurer by the close of the next regularly scheduled club meeting. He shall report..."

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





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## Meeting Minutes February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015

*Bruce Allen*

The meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, 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 44 attendees (new record!), including board members; Vice President TBD, Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

### **Opening Comments:**

Because of the sad demise of Ron Smith, Gary explained that we would need a new Vice President for 2015. Our ex-president Keith Miller generously offered to step into that role if nominated. At a Board meeting, it was decided to appoint Keith but we would have to ratify it with the membership at the next (February) meeting.

Gary called for a proposal to install Keith as the new VP: Proposed: Ken Lawrence. Seconded: Mike Martak A vote was taken & was unanimous.

Keith was invited to take the VP Chair.

Gary then mentioned that that a lot of the membership had commented on a memorial for Ron Smith. He had been such a major contributor in so many ways to the club. Don Madison visited the field & was impressed by how much affect Ron's passing had had on individual members. He has suggested that we keep the main name of the club (Weedwackers etc) but include:

“The Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field”

Proposed: Don Madison. Seconded Dick Milthausen. A vote was taken & was unanimous.

Gary then asked the membership for suggestions on a design for a plaque etc that would display the information. Wing shape possible? Metal Work with Laser cutting? Propeller etc?

Any ideas get them to the board via email, letter pony express....

Gary & Bruce met with the new Park Director & discussed the maintenance of the field. The County will take care of mowing the area across

the runway, the part that has the dreaded Plane eating Fence in it. We will take care of the area south of the runway Pits area etc.

The Eucalyptus Tree was also discussed & she agreed to talk to the Ranger & see if it could be trimmed etc. Gary also discussed with her the removal of the first fence that runs almost the length of the Runway, she was receptive & couldn't see any reason for it to be there but needed to investigate further.

NOTE: The day after our meeting a Ranger came out with a Tree Maintenance Contractor to assess the trimming etc of the Eucalyptus Tree. They will let us know when this is scheduled as we will obviously not be able to fly during that time! As soon as we know we will let you know.

**Ron Smith** Phil Morris & Dick Milthausen have been assisting Ron's son Ben in sorting out his aviation R/C modeling things, they requested that they could sell these items at the coming Fun-Fly (2/7/15) the proceeds would be sent to Ben who is currently serving in the USAF in Japan. Keith agreed that should be no problem.

**Flight Instructors** Dick Milthausen & Butch Weiser have volunteered to be Flight Instructors to fulfill part of Ron's functions during the week. Gary will check into any requirements that may be needed for 'official' flight instructors.

**Polite request for the Gas users** PLEASE clean the tables after you have finished flying, several times tables have been left swimming in oil etc. Not nice for the next user! Please bring Windex & Kitchen paper, sometimes we have rolls in the pin cupboard.

### **Guests and New Members:**

Roy McNab (?)

Mark Heiser Member in Late '80's Electric

Chris (retired from Navy) ex member of WW.

Terry Morgon

Reminder: To join the Weedwackers you must first obtain an AMA membership. This can be done online, they will send you an email as a temporary id card which you can use until you get



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your card. Then contact Scott Graupmann (Treasurer – contact information on front of this newsletter) with a filled out membership form & check.

Spare forms can be found in the Field Manual in the Pin cabinet.

**Gate & Lock Codes** Changed on all combination locks to the code on the back of your membership card. Don't forget if you open a gate etc spin the digits so the current code is NOT shown.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes** Lee Main (no e) – Spent several minutes going over grammatical errors & spelling mistakes on both January & February's minutes, our thanks for his diligence.

Motion for acceptance as corrected proposed: Mike Martak. Seconded: Don Madison Unanimous

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance (2 months): \$10,264.52  
Income: \$5,896.30 Expenses: \$3,362.95  
Ending Balance: \$9,797.87 Note: This included income from the Banquet Raffle.

Acceptance of Report:

Proposed: (Sorry missed the name) Second: Lance Edmunson. Unanimous.

**Membership Card Info (2 years)** If you have signed up for a 2 year membership, first thank you very much! But be aware it will not say so on your card so make sure you contact Scott towards the end of the year so that you get a new card.

**Safety Officer Report: Ron Keith** Just a reminder, make sure no goofing around happens in the Pit area. Common sense OK?

In a couple of weeks or so Ron will be bringing a Nurse friend in to go over basic trauma, wound dressing etc as well as go through our First Aid cabinet. More information later.

**Race Reports** Lance Edmunson. First Race of 2015 is SUNDAY, February 22

At Weedwackers Model Airfield

(This event was postponed because of forecasted rain. Check the website for information [www.pylonairracing.com](http://www.pylonairracing.com))

**Runway Condition** Restarting investigation into options, & pricing. Slurry coat is not a good option.

## **New Business**

Fund Raising - Gary talked about the possibility that the membership who have 'stuff' at home that they want to get rid of, would be willing to bring it to one of our Swap Meets at a different area of the field, sell it off at whatever price & donate the proceeds to the club?

Butch Weiser – Also mentioned that the club has a lot of members with Trade expertise that may be willing to donate time & the labor money could be donated to the club?

We have had one offer already:

“This is Bobby from the Weedwackers, your local chef and caterer. I thought about what was said at the meeting last night and wanted to make the following offer to all fellow Weedwackers.

I am offering my Catering Services to any fellow Weedwacker.

With every paid event, I will donate 50% of all profits directly to the "Runway Fund".

If you want to put this in the newsletter that is sent out, that would be great. They can reach me directly at 619-517-9348 to discuss events. Thanks, Bobby Rink”

**Gillespie Air Show (CAF)** Glen Merritt – Spoke about the annual “Air Show San Diego” at Gillespie coming in June (20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>) The Weedwackers have attended in the past. He will be negotiating with Air Group One on the event & also will make sure we get an AMA Sanction so that Members can fly at the show, providing we get a slot.



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He asked if members present would be interested. Despite some badinage the membership indicated they would. Glen will keep us informed as he gets more information. Link below:

<http://ag1caf.org/about-air-show-san-diego/>

**Butch Weiser** made a couple of suggestions:

That a Lock Box would be fitted into the Pin Box that contains keys to the shed so that designated members other than the board can get out brooms etc.

Install a White Board for messages etc

Ideas are good, Board will take this under advisement & report back

**Greg** – Talked about the SD Aerospace Museum Model shop where he & Leroy Brooks volunteer to work on models for the museum. Because of health issues they are needing help as they only have one very experienced person (Ron ?) working there & they have several models to finish. They have new project to make a 6<sup>th</sup> Scale (?) B-17 4 engine bomber, all the work is done at Gillespie Field Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am until 2:00pm.

They need help from anyone who enjoys building & is willing to give them some time. Having seen the results of their work in the Museum it is something to be proud of & as Greg says you will learn a lot as well!

**Lakeside Western Days** Board has this on the agenda & will follow up on what Ron used to do. Lance has indicated he can provide the truck again.

**Glen (one more thing)**

Is looking for a Scale Airplane to fly at a world class R/C event, as he is not a scale modeler he is looking for an airplane from someone that would be willing for him to fly at the qualifier at Hemet in April. He will get the airplane flying & give it back in working condition. Contact Glen if you have anything that may be what he needs?

**Draw for free Membership** Joe Cullum, not here to collect!

**Ted O'Fallin** – said that the Banquet was a great success. The Raffle was very successful he spent \$1,444-19 on prizes from John at Discount Hobbies, he & his wife were our special guests for the evening. Ted said that he was short at the end \$27.90 which he will donate to club.

Also he told us that Wayne Amar kindly donated \$100 to the club.

Thanks to Ted for his hard work & Wayne for his generosity.

John has already put the Plaque, we presented to him at the dinner, up in his shop.

Phil Morris donated some tickets which Ted is using to account for the attendance drawing at the end of the year. When you come to a meeting you fill one ticket with your name & month of meeting drop in the hermetically sealed box that ted has. At the end of the year a ticket will be drawn & the winner will get a wonderful prize, so I'm told. So the more meetings you attend the better the odds of winning that prize!

## Model Sharing



Bobby Rink showed a nice P-47 which he found on Craigslist kit that was partially assembled made by Global Hobbies installed an Evolution 0.61 Nitro engine running well. Hasn't

been flown yet. Looking for another kit to build, & is willing to sell the P-47, talk to him!

Gerry Conklin Offered a Free airplane, a Thunder Tiger has engine no electronics needs some work. Anybody wants it talk to Jerry.



Greg Carter has a Beech Staggerwing that he has stripped, recovered with material & fitted DLE30 gas motor, servo hooked up etc will probably sell it

through Miramar.





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**Dan Brockwell (?)** showed a Quadcopter he had built from scratch, saw the picture online. Designed by Flighttest.com obtained the various parts & test flew & it used 5 batteries. Lost his bearings at one point but it turned out that was still facing the right way! Nice job Dan.



**?** Showed a new Quadcopter called 'Unique' 20 minutes HD camera, GPS, video screen with it. Return to home to where you are. Will not fly in restricted areas. Come

with 2 Batteries only \$1299!

## Good of the order

Carl Gwartney was a Glider Pilot in WWII, 17<sup>th</sup> to land in Nijmegen Holland he made 3 landings. He was a historian on Gliders & had a lot of photo's he took during his lifetime. The SD Aerospace Museum is going to put together a commemorative display on Gliders. A model of a Horsa Glider will be a feature in the display. Donations welcome.

## Raffle:

Mark Heiser	Servos
Dan Brockwell	Spectrum Rx
Eric Duggie	12v Battery
John Irwin	LiPo Charger
Eric Duggie	Nitro Fuel
Eric Duggie	LiPo Tester
Ben Newkirk	Propellers
Gerry Conklin	Screw & 67 Café voucher
Bob Kyle	Starter Glow
Tom Kenan	Glow Starter

Tickets \$197, Cost \$ 83.16 Net \$113.84

## Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15hrs



## President's Message

Greetings fellow Weedwackers.

Our calendar of events has moved into 2015 with great exuberance.

The racers have been practicing for their initial outing which has, at this writing, been postponed due to all things, weather!! Imagine that in San Diego!!

The first fun fly was exactly that, last week, with new and creative events which tested the participants "metal".

At last month's meeting there was a unanimous vote to officially name our field, "Ron Smith Flying Field", in memory of the Weedwackers first president and all around "corner stone" of our club. If you have any suggestions for an appropriate plaque which we will install at the field, please submit a drawing for consideration.

I met with the new district manager for Cactus Park this past month and we discussed trimming and thinning "the tree", maintaining the grounds and the possibility of removing the fence just north of the runway. I'm keeping my fingers crossed but the District Manager seemed receptive and is researching the possibilities.

Last month's meeting was very well attended and I hope the next will be the same. The more input that the Board can get first hand the better. The membership has some strong minds and your input is needed and appreciated.

There is always important club business to discuss so come and get involved.

Till then, do your best and watch your six.

Gary Rold, The Prez.





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## Fun-Fly Results for Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

*by Keith Miller*

We had one of the best turn-outs in recent years with ten participants! To boot, everyone went home with their airplanes in one piece!

The **Slalom Taxi** was simple enough for us to all get warmed up with Rich Crutchfield making some smooth maneuvers. Larry Kosta Sr. thought he was supposed to flirt with the balloon at the end of the runway rather than pop it, so it took him awhile to get back to the starting line. Our newest event was **Hauling Jelly Beans** in which pilots started with 10 jelly beans placed in a 1 ounce plastic cup attached strategically to their model. Those of us who put the cup on the wing found that fighting with the trim change generally resulted in lost beans. Rich Crutchfield, Tim Peterson, Glen Merritt and Cody Rhodes each retained all their beans through take-off, a loop and landing! So the tie-breaker was to repeat their flight, adding in a barrel roll. Tim landed with six beans left, winning that event.

Tim's souped-up T-28, custom-built for these events, launched like a rocket in the **Climb-n-Glide** and set a new record for the event at 4:30! Concurrently with that event, while some guys were gliding back to a dead-stick landing, we also had pilots doing the **Can-Can**. Glen Merritt, a veteran and expert in this event hit the target rings for a whopping 21 points for a clear victory. Ryan Danielson and Ryan Crutchfield followed close behind with some good target hits. For the **7-11 Craps** event, Glen also demonstrated his wizardry not only by starting at the far East end of the runway, but by selecting Warren Allred to roll the dice for him (note: Warren actually works at a casino and has been known to shave some dice!).

Dan Brockwell and Larry Kosta Jr., both in their first Fun-Fly event, made some great efforts and kept their nerve throughout these harrowing events and went home with their planes in great shape which very-few first-timers can say. Nicely done!

Each event winner took home a prize, and **Tim Peterson was the overall points winner** with his awesome T-28, taking home quite a selection of prize goodies!

Special thanks go to our Secretary and all-around great chap Bruce Allen for providing coffee and fresh-home-baked pastries. Tim and Rich assisted with tabulating scores while I was busy goofing off. Andy Danielson kept up with balloon duties down at the end of the slalom run, and Shane O'Toole was our official time-keeper. Lance Edmunson (our 2014 Weedwacker of the Year) followed the action from the air, shooting some high-definition video that hopefully will be posted very soon on our web site.

Our next Fun Fly will be on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Get you planes ready! The events will be listed in the

Name	Slalom		Hauling Jelly Beans		Climb and Glide		Can-Can		7-11 Craps!		Overall	
	Time	Points	Score	Points	Time	Points	Score	Points	Time	Points	Score	Rank
Ryan D	00:33.9	5	3	5	01:56.0	7	10	8	00:25.7	4	29	5
Cody	00:43.4	2	10	7	01:46.0	6	5	4	00:17.7	8	27	6
Ryan C	00:23.2	9	7	6	02:20.0	9	11	9	00:19.7	6	39	2
Rich C	00:21.5	10	10	7	01:44.0	5	2	1	00:19.3	7	30	4
Keith M	00:39.3	3	2	4	02:03.0	8	7	6	00:25.0	5	26	7
Larry K Sr.	01:49.5	1	0	0	00:44.0	3	3	2	00:34.8	3	9	9
Glen M	00:32.4	6	10	7	01:25.0	4	21	10	00:10.1	10	37	3
Larry K Jr.	00:36.5	4	0	0	00:00.0	0	3	2	00:48.2	1	7	10
Dan B	00:25.1	8	0	0	00:00.0	0	6	5	00:45.2	2	15	8
Tim P	00:25.2	7	16	10	04:30.0	10	9	7	00:10.7	9	43	1



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

**Hours: 7:30 am – 11:30 am**  
**\$5 Seller's Fee ----Buyers Free**  
**Refreshments Available**



**Information:**

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