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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 2015

May 9	Sat	Field Cleanup, Cactus Park
May 16	Sat	Armed Forces Day Scale FlyIn , Cactus Park
May 24	Sun	Pylon Racing, Chollas Lake Flyers
June 20-21		Air Show San Diego (was Wings Over Gillespie)
June 28	Sun	Pylon Racing, Cactus Park
July 11	Sat	Swap Meet, Chula Vista Club
July 18	Sat	Mid Summer Luncheon, 11:00 AM @ TBD

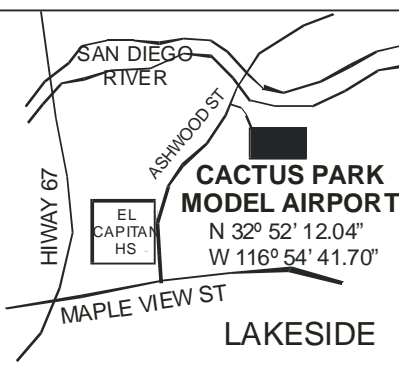
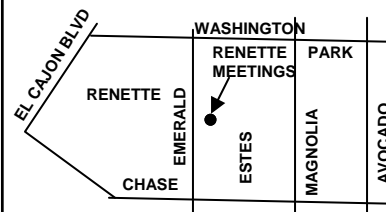
Guest Presentation at the next Meeting

We will have Matt Thompson give a presentation at our next club meeting. Matt is the Service and Technical Support for Graupner and other international brands in San Diego. See <http://www.openhobby.com/index.php>.

Western Days Parade was a Hit

Thanks to Lance Edmunson and a Weedwacker Crew we presented a float in the parade and got lots of waves and clapping. We let Lakeside know we are part of the community.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. May 5, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes April 7th 2015

Bruce Allen

The meeting on April 7th 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 25 attendees, including board members; Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

(Vice President Keith Miller was absent)

Opening Comments:

Ron Keith has stepped down as Safety Officer, as he has other commitments, so we need someone who has some background in Safety etc to come forward. Gary is hoping to do an update on Field Marshals in the near future, will be discussed by the board.

Gary also has not received any suggestions for the Ron Smith memorial plaque, he did show an idea using a Wing design he had sketched out as an example. Then some discussion ensued about using a Navy Wings design for the plaque, there several designs that could be used. Also Wayne Neymar (?) can Laser cut design etc & has already said he would do it. This probably would be in a metal that could stand up to the rigors of our weather maybe powder coated steel? The project continues.

Leroy Brooks

Don Madison – Leroy's memorial services will be held on Thursday April the 16th at Miramar Veterans Mortuary at 13:00 but arrive there at 12:30 as they run the services on a tight schedule.

Leroy gave an airplane to Don to sell & that the proceeds would go to the Weedwackers. Ted & Don decided that the money (\$170) would go towards the Midsummer Lunch dedicated to the memory of Leroy Brooks.

Don also has another plane from Leroy at the meeting for sale: A Denny with a Saito 45 engine,

receiver, servos etc. Talk to Don after the meeting if you are interested.

Guests and New Members:

None to night

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion for acceptance as corrected

Proposed: Don Madison Seconded: Rich Crutchfield. Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$13,180.92. Income: \$-159.29. Current Ending Balance: \$12,959.63

Last year at this time \$10,809 balance.

Motion for Acceptance:

Proposed Richard Crutchfield, Seconded Lou Prince. Unanimous

Rest Room at the field (Porta Potty)

Gary is concerned that the facility is not being cleaned out even though the notice inside is signed & dated. He has called the company several times, it's not clear when it's being cleaned, so keep an eye out when it is cleaned. It doesn't have a Urinal in it. The board are looking in to it (pun intended)

AMA Flying Site Development/Improvement Grant Application

A question came up about the above, see extract from the Application:

"The 2015 Flying Site Development/Improvement Grant application consists of seven pages. The maximum grant award is 10% of the total project cost up to \$4,000. Only receipts or quotes that are to be paid for by the club are eligible for the grant program. Other funding that the club may receive such as additional grants and/or individual monetary contributions do not qualify for reimbursement for this AMA Program.

The recipients of the annual awards will be announced approximately May 1, 2015. If a club is awarded a grant, the project is expected to be



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completed within 12 months of receipt of the award. Project costs can only include amounts spent since the previous year's application cutoff date, or projected work for the current cycle. If an application includes amounts for work already completed, provide documentation to show that work was completed between the previous and current year's cutoff date. Clubs cannot request monies for expenditures incurred more than one cycle back.

The grant application must be signed by the club president and forwarded to the appropriate AMA district vice president.

Grant applications must be received by the district vice president on or before March 1, 2015. The district vice president will review the documents and, if approved, sign and forward the documents to AMA Headquarters, attention Erin Dobbs, RE: Flying Site Grants. Applications must be received at AMA Headquarters on or before March 15, 2015. Should the district vice president find a problem with the application, he/she will contact the applicant and work to get the issues resolved before the March 15"

For full information:

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/membership/clubs/flyingsitegrants.aspx>

Unfortunately we missed this year as I thought we had till May to apply but I was wrong, my apologies we will apply next year. The maximum amount we could be awarded is 10% of the total project cost up to \$4000. We also need to submit planned project costs with estimates etc. Also the project has to be completed within 12 months from receiving the grant money.

Committee Reports

Fun Fly – Keith Miller, not present but it will be on April 12th Sunday. Bobby Rink is

donation a BBQ to the club.

Race Report – Lance Edmunson. Next event Saturday the 25th at the Ron Smith memorial field.

There will be food for a small fee! Instead of a Pilots fee there was a donation can for the Pilots who donated \$140 for the club! A Flyer has already been distributed for the next Race Day.

(This event has occurred at the time of writing, results elsewhere in the Newsletter)

Tabled Business

Revision to Field Rules. (See previous Hangar News for details)

Rule 7 Noise

Proposed Ben Newkirk. Seconded Phil Morris Carried Unanimously

Rule 9 Transmitter Ident

One change: 'Members will place...' to 'Pilots will place....'

Proposed Ben Newkirk Seconded Rich Crutchfield Carried Unanimously

Rule 14 Propeller Safety

This rule change sought to make it compulsory to use the Red Start up tables, in an effort to cut down possible injuries due to a Propeller coming off.

Phil Morris gave a good explanation of why the benches are a good thing, not necessary a rule is needed.

A spirited discussion ensued, with opinions on both sides of the fence being made.

This 'rule' needs rewriting as it is convoluted.



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Gary talked about the need for Field Marshals to be observant for possible problems, but at the end of the day we are all responsible for safety!

Expense – Tickets & Prizes - \$76.18
Income \$85
Net \$3.82

A proposal was made to Table this for further discussion

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 20:30hrs

Proposed Rob Kile. Second John Irwin.
 Unanimous

Events – Fun Fly Sunday 12th
Western Days Parade Lakeside Saturday April 18th
Call for Planes & people!
Pylon Racing Saturday April 25th.
 Glen Merritt – Working with the CAF for the Gillespie air show & we have been invited to fly this year. Will ask for volunteers next month.

New business

Gary asked about making a Test Stand specifically for running engines, seems a good idea...
 Runway - Gary showed a piece of the Fabric that has been used for a Runway by several Clubs. Can be damaged by a prop hitting it even worse if you drive on it. A cheaper option but longevity is a question.....

Free Membership – Fred Little

Lance – JP Flying Services John Proctor & Spouse flew a Cessna 182 around the world & have produced a DVD video which Lance will share with the club.

Silent Wings – a video on YouTube about the US Glider Pilots in WWII.

Raffle:

Fred Miller	Servos
Fred Miller	Servo Tester
Mike (?)	Fuel
Mike (?)	LiPo bag
Gary Rold	Wheels
Lee Main	Model Kit
Bruce Allen	Small LiPo Battery

Welcome to:



**Breakfast
& Lunch**



619-443-4100

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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Presidents Message May 2015

Hello fellow Weedwackers. It's that time of the month again for me to take a shot at some words of wisdom. (I can almost hear the laughter)

If you read the minutes for the last meeting or if you were one of those who actually attended, you will have noted that two out of three votes have amended or changed our field rules. The issue for the use of the "Red Tables" was tabled due to the fact that, as written, it tried to encompass too much territory and some members were adamantly opposed to making the use of the red starting tables, mandatory.

For now the tables will be used on a voluntary basis for starting aircraft. Starting glow or gas engines in the pits is still permitted but I would ask that if members are seated in close proximity to your table that you would advise these members when you are about to start your aircraft, just common courtesy.

When moving aircraft while the engine is running or powered up, I would ask that you LOOK before you proceed to move the aircraft, to insure the path to the pilots station is clear of any other members. Again, just common courtesy.

It is understood that flying model aircraft can be a dangerous hobby but the risk can be reduced if everyone is alert and cautious.

We are coming up on our Patriots/ Armed Forces Day scale fly in on 16 May and Art Flores is coordinating the event. I would encourage all members with prior military service to support this event. It is shaping up to be an excellent event and one I hope continues for many years to come. Break out those war birds and come fly or just show off your aircraft.

One last reminder, The USS Midway Museum is presently hosting the traveling model of the Viet Nam Veterans War Memorial. It is an inspiring display

That's all for now. Be safe and watch your six.
The Prez. Gary L. Rold

Race results for April 25!

T-28

1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place	Otto Dieffenbach
3rd place	Keith Miller

Warbirds

1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place	Tim Peterson
3rd place	Jeremy Miller

Mini Ultra Stick

1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place	Scott Graupman
3rd place	Lance Edmunson

EFX Racer

1st place	Tim Peterson
2nd place	Ryan Danielson
3rd place	Todd Infurna

RareBear

1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place tie	Otto Dieffenbach & Lance Edmunson (with 0 points in the main due to an ugly crash)
3rd place	Jeremy Miller

The rest of the field

Logan Infurna
Art Flores
Larry Kosta

Recap

First off, Thanks to Bobby Rink for a delicious HOT lunch! The food was fantastic! Thanks to Steve S and Phil M for being pylon judges and to Bob Muhleman for scoring the race!

Bad weather-yes, rain started off our day. Crashes-yes!. Otto and Logan had a BRUTAL midair in Warbirds, Logan lost his EFX due to motor problems, I lost my EFX due to brown out, and I also lost my RareBear to over reacting to the wind! Fun-YES! A great day of competition!

Next race is at CHOLLAS RC FLYERS on SUNDAY, MAY 24. See you there!



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Betancourt, Raymond E

10/12/1930 – 03/20/2015

Like a true weatherman, Ray departed this life on the Vernal Equinox. Ray was born in Waterbury CT, grew to manhood and followed his father's footsteps into the United States Navy. Ray served from 1948 until 1976 and traveled the globe going to many places most just dream about. He learned weather forecasting science and retired as a LCDR in San Diego. Ray often cited a Navy weather profile for Coronado likening it to "Eden". An eclectic second career ensued as Ray attended Southwestern College and SDSU, taught electronics at ITT Technical Institute, acted in community theatre, golfed, hiked, flew model airplanes, and fished Baja and the Colorado River. Ray's energy for life and ability to tell bad jokes and make them funny will be missed by many.

Ray is survived by his six children from his first marriage to Durna Betancourt: Teri Pearsall, William Betancourt, Martha Betancourt, Michael Betancourt, Betsy Salem and Cynthia Betancourt; 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren; his second wife of 31 years Melanie Ann Betancourt and two feather children Tiki and Harley.

The above is Ray's "Official Obituary" and military services are planned for about Ray's birthday next October.



Ray met Melanie Ann when they were both actors in Community Theater. They were married Oct 3, 1983.

Ray was also a member of several RC clubs back in the 1970's and attended many contests and events around the SouthWest. Ray joined the Weedwackers in Jan 1991 and has been a very active member since. He has been and advocate of racing competition—running several T-6 and Sport races through the years. His experience producing a newsletter for his fishing club contributed tips and techniques to your editor to make our newsletter better.



Results of FunFly April 12, 2015

This month's Fun-Fly and BBQ was a lot of fun. While we didn't have as many participants as the last Fun-Fly, we had seven which was still fun.

Our pilots were Ryan Danielson, Keith Miller, Tim Peterson, Joe Stutsman, Chris Madsen, Larry Kosta and Larry Kosta Jr.

To start, the **Micro Races** had only two pilots – Ryan and Keith, both flying identical blue Sbach aerobats. After the 2nd lap, Ryan got distracted for a split second by that “other” blue plane and.... Let's just say a race with only 1 plane in the air isn't really much of a race anymore. (And that's about the only way I could've beaten Ryan anyway....)

The **Jelly Bean Haul** went surprisingly well. After the first round, four pilots were able to retain all 10 “beans” (actually Skittles) in their cup after taking off, doing 1 loop, and landing. In the fly-off, Tim bested the rest by doing a loop and a barrel roll, retaining 5 of his 10 Skittles. Talk about some smooth flying and greased landings today!

Now some drama in the **Climb-and-Glide** (30 second motor run, glide dead-stick to land on the runway; longest time wins). Joe and Ryan set some basic times for foamy ARFs (2:01, 1:50) early on. Both Larry's did well too, but didn't quite make it back to the runway (Rule #3 – the plane must land on the runway without applying power). Then came the drama with Chris putting his Cub up many hundreds of feet, then dropping the flaps and pulling

up a chair to relax. Cruising in with a super time of 3 minutes 44 seconds, he ... uh ... didn't make the runway. Rule 3 applies... no score. Dang! Then Tim pulls up with his super-charged T-28 and puts it nearly out of site in 30 seconds. Tim also got relaxed in HIS chair for well over four minutes of glide time but, you guessed it; Rule 3 applies. Tim also didn't land on the runway. So with a score of 2:01, Joe took that event with FrankenTrojan.

The **Can-Can** has become a favorite lately. This time around, Keith took the win at 18 points, with Joe and Chris both close behind at 14.

The **Poker Hand** was a new event in which pilots draw 2 cards from a deck of 20 (all 10's through A's). The goal is to make the best poker hand possible, “drawing” their final 3 cards by executing touch-and-go's in the target rings which are marked with A, K, Q, J and 10. Larry Sr. was in the lead for a while with two pair (Q's over 10's). Chris and Joe both drew to 3 10's, but Ryan took the win with 3 Q's.

Congratulations to the overall points winner, Joe Stutzman!

Prizes were awarded to the overall points winner as well as the winners of each event. Prizes included PB Blaster solvent, PB Silicon spray, some pocket rulers and a file set, a Bernzomatic hand torch, some parts bins, a Dremel knife/blade sharpening kit, a Husky bi-fold project folder, a lighted pick-up claw (Tim will figure out a use for it, I'm sure...).

Name	Micro Races <200 mAh		Slalom		Jelly Bean Haul		Climb and Glide		Can-Can		Poker Hand		Overall	
	Place	Pts	Time	Pts	Score	Pts	Time	Pts	Score	Pts	Place	Pts	Score	Rank
Ryan Danielson	2	1	00:22.9	7	0	0	01:50.0	6	9	4	1	7	24	2
Keith Miller	1	2	00:31.4	3	12	6	01:25.0	5	18	7	6	1	22	3
Tim Peterson		0	00:28.0	6	15	7	00:00.0	0	5	2	5	2	17	5
Joe Stutsman		0	00:28.1	5	10	4	02:01.0	7	14	5	2	5	26	1
Chris Madsen		0	00:31.2	4	10	4	00:00.0	0	14	5	2	5	18	4
Larry Kosta		0	01:11.0	1	0	0	00:00.0	0	0	0	3	4	5	7
Larry Kosta Jr.		0	00:43.3	2	6	3	00:00.0	0	6	3	4	3	11	6



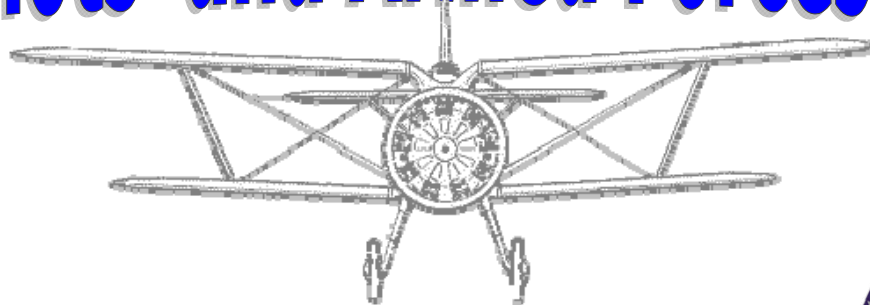
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Lakeside Western Days Parade April 18, 2015

The Weedwackers' Float



Patriots' and Armed Forces Day



Saturday, May 16th, 2015

Scale Fly-In

Schedule:

8:00 AM Check in
9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying
11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

\$10 Landing Fee

\$5 for Lunch

Scale and Semi-Scale models welcome—ARFs too!

Awards for:
Best Civilian
Best Military
Peoples Choice
Judges Choice

We'll have an **Open Raffle** with **special raffle prizes for all participating pilots!**

Ron Smith Memorial Flying

Event Coordinator
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