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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

July 11 Sat	Swap Meet, Chula Vista Club
July 18 Sat	Mid Summer Luncheon, 11:00AM HomeTownBuffet
July 26 Sun	Electric Pylon Racing, Cactus Park

Rattle Snakes at Cactus Park

Be careful and watch out for Rattle Snakes. One was seen near
the concrete tables, and they are likely out in the brush. If you
need to go out in the brush to retrieve a model, take a buddy and
a stick just in case.

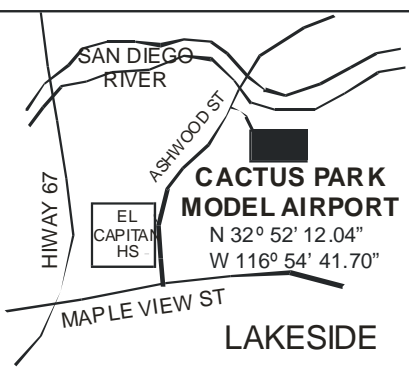
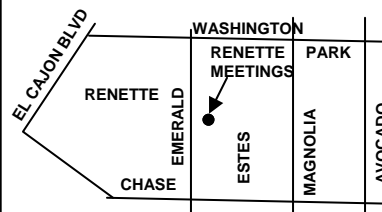
Air Show San Diego

The airshow at Gillespie Field was a great success, with our club
showing off some impressive models and a flying display.
Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to Glen
Merritt for organizing our part in the show.

Mid Summer Luncheon

Be sure to plan to attend the Mid Summer Luncheon on
Saturday July 18. We will have a good time together and a great
raffle—one for the modelers and one for the ladies.

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





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Meeting Minutes June 6th 2015

Bruce Allen

The meeting on June the 2nd 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 23 attendees, including board members; Vice President Keith Miller Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments:

(Just in case you haven't heard the Secretary has a new right Knee, & it is doing very well, thank you very much...)

Gary informed the meeting that, from time to time, members step up to take on extra functions, this is the case for Jeff Koskey & Butch Weiser who have agreed to become Field Regulators(?) looking after the maintenance etc of the Field. Please help them as needed!

Jeff will preside on the Weekends & Butch during the week.

Butch wanted the title of Grand Vizier or some such.....

Jeff has also submitted a design for Ron Smith's memorial plaque which he & Gary are working on to see how it could be made. The design is based around an USN Aviation Structural Mechanics badge:



They are going to work with Wayne Aymar on the material etc.

Safety Officer *(At the time of this meeting we did not have a Safety Officer, since then we are very pleased that Ron Keith is back & has agreed to continue in the post, welcome back Ron!)*

Gary mentioned the Sand Buckets again!

Accident: There was an unfortunate incident with one of our older members, he lost his balance & fell over hard on his side & had great difficulty in getting up. Correctly the Paramedics were called

& the gentleman was taken off to hospital. Unfortunately all we knew was that his first name was Jim.

If there is a need to call out the Emergency Services please make a note of the members details, witnesses to the incident, so we can contact relatives etc. Our club Roster should have the phone numbers etc.

As a reminder if you change contact details like phone numbers, email addresses etc PLEASE contact Scott or myself so we can update the Roster.

If you are not sure if we have the correct details please Phone either one of us, & we can check & change as needed. (for security don't use email in this case.)

New Members

Chris Ortiz – Ex Marine now working for General Atomics. Thanks for your Service Chris & welcome to the Weedwackers!

Electrical Seminar

Keith will provide the seminar to Chris on Sunday takes about 15 minutes.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Mike Martak Seconded: Butch Weiser. Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$12,959.87. Income: \$927.30

Expenses: \$1,911.19

Current Ending Balance: \$11,415.98

Motion for Acceptance:

Proposed Rich Crutchfield, Seconded Butch Weiser. Unanimous

Fun Fly – Keith Miller, Next Fun Fly not until October as we don't get many people during the summer months. But as mentioned previously



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Keith is working on events for the 'Model Aviation Day' August the 15th.

Race Report – Lance Edmunson. Next event Sunday 28th May, at Cactus Park (Flyers already out)

New Business

Raffles - On the last Fun-Fly we lost \$148 on the Raffle, but we received \$248 donation for the Estate Sale from Charles Calvin for which we are very grateful. Discussion ensued on why we seem to lose on Raffles & what could be done. Keith mentioned that Ted is now buying prizes that are not necessary just for R/C use but have other uses. Situation to be reviewed...

(This discussion only concerned the event Raffles not the monthly meeting ones)

Gary mentioned for the next Swap Meet that we bring pretty much anything we want to get rid of & put our names with a price on it & any money made is donated to the club. Advantage to us is that we get rid of something we didn't want!

Caveat- If it is not sold then the owner HAS to take it away!!

Question on the total \$ amount the club can hold in bank? – TBD

Upcoming Events

Miramar Piper Cub Fly-in on the 13th

Discount Hobbies Father's Day Swap Meet 21st

San Diego Airshow (Gillespie Field) 20th – 21st of June

Pylon Racing Cactus Park 28th June

Old Business

Discussion on the extra lock on the main gate. (This has since been removed)

Continue to lock/unlock as before.

National Aviation Day August 15th – Need

an event coordinator? Steve Shepersky suggested bringing 'Wounded Warriors' to the field to see what we are all about & maybe get them interested? Gary also said he would assist in this.

We need more help for this event & I will email the membership with the details.

Airshow San Diego – (Formerly Wings over Gillespie)

The Club will be participating in Airshow San Diego on June 20 and 21 this year. Glen Merritt is the Event Coordinator, and Keith Miller is the Contest Director (AMA sanction #1631). This is our opportunity to interact with the general public and promote the hobby. The club will have a booth on the flight line to present static models, club information and flight simulators. We'll also conduct radio controlled aircraft flight demonstrations during the show. If you're interested in participating in the event, please contact Glen or Keith (phone numbers on the cover of the newsletter). If you'd like to fly during the mid-day demonstration, your model will be run through a basic safety assessment and observed flight within a few weeks prior to the air show.

Glen needs Volunteers for Friday setup (3 people), Saturday/Sunday attendance to talk to the public & encourage them to use the Flight Simulators etc. Bring Aircraft for static display.

Volunteers will get a get in free armband!!

Please come join us!

Grant Application (AMA) – We will work on it for fund request for 2016 for Runway Improvements.

The feeling is that we need to look at the material in more detail. The concerns with the fabric is it has to be nailed down which on our field may be damaged easily & also would require a lot of preparation work. Also we could not use the field for Swap Meets etc as cars would damage the surface.



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More investigation required on other options.

Free Membership – Dean Nicol

Reminder! Mid-Summer Lunch – July 18th
11:00am Saturday at Home Town Buffet Santee
Pay for own lunch \$9 ea. Ted looking at alternatives for next year...

Gary Rold	CA Glue
Mike Martak	Knee Pad
Keith Miller	12v Battery
Chuck Cassity	LiPo Tester

Expense – Tickets & Prizes - \$78.14
Income \$90.00
Net \$11.86

Model Sharing

Ken Lawrence – Showed a very nice SIG Cobra that he had converted to electric, he covered it in Ultracote Yellow & white for visibility etc. AUV 3 lbs. including Battery. I wish I had Ken's building talent! One safety point he pointed out the Arming Plug which prevents the Motor starting up even if the TX is off.



Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 20:16hrs

Welcome to:

Café 

Breakfast & Lunch

Take Home

MONDAY - SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Raffle:

Warren Wood	LiPo bag
Don Westergren	Grab bag (?)
Bob	Nitro Fuel



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The Presidents Message

July 2015

Hello fellow Weedwackers

Here's hoping this finds you all well and ready for a summer of great activity at the "Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field". On July 7 at the next meeting you will see the proposed sign naming the field after our friend Ron Smith. Jeff Coskey has sent in what I believe is a fine representation of how Ron should be remembered. Thank you Jeff.

While I'm thanking people, I'd like to thank Ron Keith for responding to my previous message and "stepping up", or in this case, back into his old position as SAFETY OFFICER for our club. He is already at it, getting our fire extinguishers up to date and serviced. Thanks Ron.

Thanks to Glen Merritt for putting together another fine show within a show at the Air Show San Diego at Gillespie field. The RC flying was challenging on Saturday with some pretty gusty winds by the time our pilots got in the air but all landed safely with only minimal repairs necessary. The entire event was dedicated to Glen's dad. Thanks to all of the club volunteers for stepping up and assisting at the event.

I have contacted the Wounded Warriors in an attempt to set up visits to our field by anyone affiliated with their organization who might want to learn more about our hobby. This is just in the thought process at this point. Steve Shepersky and I have been discussing the project as another way to reach out to the community and give back to those who have served their country well. With the AMA's blessing I think this could be rewarding to the members and the Wounded Warriors. I'll keep you posted.

The updated field rules will be posted on the pin box by the time you read this. Read and heed!!!! Don't forget to attend the Mid-Summer Banquet on 18 July at the Hometown Buffet in Santee for fun and prizes.

Well that's all for now, (a sigh of relief is heard). Don't forget to "step up". The Prez. Gary L. Rold Watch your six.

Don Gulihur 2/11/1937—6/7/2015



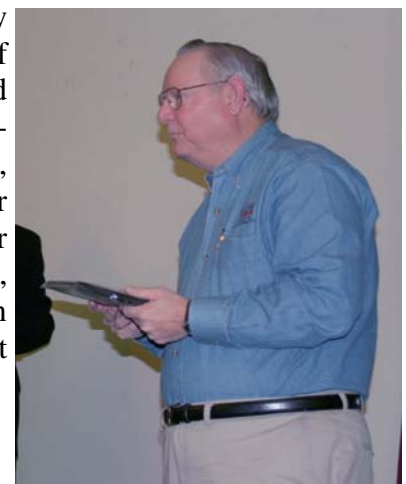
Don was a long time member of the Weedwackers from the early days up through 2013. He was a past President of the club for 3 years back in the 1990's and was active as an AVP for AMA and also campaigned Unlimited Racers and T-6 Racers with Ron Smith as his pilot in the 1990's.



Master Chief Gulihur retired after 30 years of active services on Feb 1st February, 1989.



He was a submariner at heart, serving on multiple submarines. Don is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Patsy and their children Donald Jr., Sheri, Tina, and Randy, brother William and sister Ida Nell Flournoy, 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.





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Air Show San Diego at Gillespie Field June 20-21, 2015

Glen Merritt organized our participation at the air show. We had a lot of impressive models on display, plus several models flying at the show. Here are pictures taken by Bruce Allen and some frames from the video shot by Lance and Robin Edmundson.





First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Mid-Summer Luncheon

Date: Saturday July 18, 2015

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mark your calendars for Saturday July 18, 2015 at 11:30am. We are having our 2nd Annual Weedwacker luncheon and raffle at Hometown Buffet in Santee. Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable lunch and a terrific raffle with great prizes. There will be a special free raffle for the ladies. Last year was a huge success. Hope to see you there.

Guests will pay for their meals.

Raffle of over \$800 in prizes

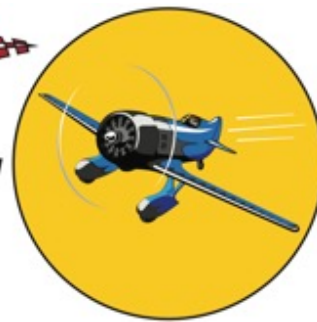
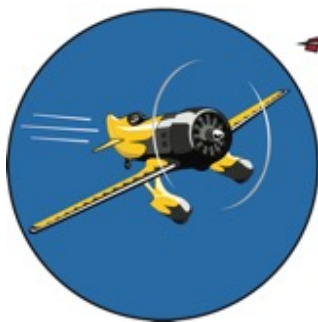
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San Diego RC Pylon Racing

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Race results- June 28

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1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place	Otto Dieffenbach
3rd place tie	Keith Miller & Jake May

Warbirds

1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place	Tim Peterson
3rd place	Otto Dieffenbach

Mini Ultra Stick

1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place	Scott Graupmann
3rd place	Otto Dieffenbach

EFX Racer

1st place	Ryan Danielson
2nd place tie	Tim Peterson & Lance Edmunson
3rd place	Jeremy Miller
4th place	Art Flores

Rare Bear

1st place	Otto Dieffenbach
2nd place	Tim Peterson
3rd place tie	Jeremy Miller & Ryan Danielson

First off, thank you again to all those who helped us pull off a fun day of racing- Bobby Rink for the food, Bob Muhleman for scoring, Dick M, Bruce Allen, Dean Nichol, and anyone I may have forgotten. We couldn't do it without you!

We had a few mishaps today- Ryan punched his rarebear through the middle of our flag, Jake May wasted his warbird by hitting the flag (welcome to racing, Jake!) but other than those couple of mishaps. It was a great day of racing!

I apologize for telling a few people we have no race in July-not true! Our next race is Sunday, July 26 at Weedwackers, so we will see you then! You can always check the schedule at pylonairracing.com



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Field Rules

1. All pilots must observe the AMA Safety Code and directions of the Field Marshalls.
2. No flying is permitted at Cactus Park on Red Flag Warning days.
3. Any pilot wishing to fly electric powered airplanes shall be a Weedwacker club member in good standing and will have attended a "Proper Electric Airplane Protocol" seminar to become a certified and safe electric airplane pilot. Guests may fly electric powered models under the direct supervision of a certified electric pilot.
4. In case of any fire event witnessed by a member at the Cactus Park site or surrounding area, the Lakeside fire department will be called upon immediately in order to respond. Call 911.
5. There must be an operating cell phone at Cactus Park whenever aircraft are being flown.
6. Running or flying engine-powered models is permitted from 9:00AM to sunset. Electrics and gliders are permitted from 8:00AM to sunset. Quiet helicopter flying is allowed in the vicinity of the runway from 8:00AM to 9:00AM.
Turbine, pulse jet and rocket powered models are not permitted.
7. Sound Limits - All model aircraft must measure less than or equal to 96 dBA at 3 meters (10 feet) taken as the highest of measurements measured from the front, rear and on each side of the model.
Note: upon receiving a noise complaint from a non-member neighbor of the field, a field marshal or board member may ground an aircraft until measures have been taken to reduce the aircraft's dba level. Any field marshal or board member may sign off on modifications and OK the aircraft for flight.
8. Flyers give way to vehicle traffic on runway.
9. Transmitters operating on 72 MHz must not be turned ON unless the pilot has the appropriate frequency clothespin on the transmitter. Pilots will place their current AMA card (or a copy) on the pin holder when using the pin. Channel numbers must be displayed on all transmitters.
Pilots are considered financially responsible for damage caused by violating this rule. Pilots using 2.4 GHz are not required to utilize transmitter identification pins.
10. Pilots must stand behind the fence in one of four flight stations for takeoff, flight and landings (4 planes maximum at any time).
11. Flying should be confined to the area over the middle of the river flood control channel to the North, bounded by the flag/plane marker to the East, entry gate to the west and the northern runway edge to the South.
 - a. Other than landing or taking off, flying is prohibited south of the SAFETY LINE, situated 25 feet from the PILOT LINE.
A pilot may be grounded at the discretion of a field marshal or board member for the remainder of the day if any of said pilot's aircraft violate the eastern boundary more than once in a single day
All aircraft will yield to aircraft landing and taking off.
12. Pilots should normally fly in a right hand conventional oval traffic pattern when in the landing pattern and other planes are also flying (except for dead stick landings or when the wind is from the East). 3D & Helicopter pilots may fly at the field when following the guideline that when fixed wing models are flying, they will conform to the fixed wing pattern of flight.
13. No taxiing in the pit area, or behind the pilot line. Models shall be carried or hand guided for absolute control in these areas.
14. Model should be pointed such that prop blast with engine running will be directed away from other models or people.
15. Club members must wear Club ID Badge when flying at the field. Non-club members may fly at the field as a guest under the guidance of a badge-wearing club member. Guest may fly on three visits, after which they must join the club to continue flying at Cactus Park.
16. Inexperienced pilots should seek the help and be given help by experienced pilots or club instructors.
17. Parking is permitted in designated areas only; at least 15 feet clear of the pit area.
18. Gate must be locked except when Club Members are present. The last member out must lock the gate regardless of the time of day.
19. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the flight line and in the pit area. Additionally, San Diego County Ordinance, 41.118 forbids smoking at Cactus Park.
20. Charging of Lithium Polymer (LiPo) batteries at Cactus Park shall be in accordance with the posted Weedwacker Lithium Polymer Battery Charging Protocol (and should be followed when charging batteries of any type).
21. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal substances is prohibited at the flying field.
22. Dogs are not allowed in the pits, and all dogs must be on a leash not exceeding six feet in length (San Diego County Ordinance, 41.123).

Last updated: Thursday, June 4, 2015