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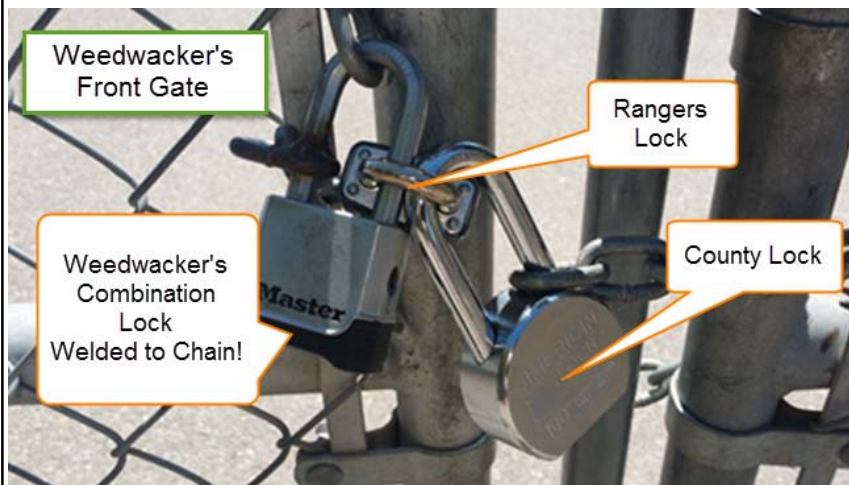
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CLUB FIELD: Cactus Park (East), Ashwood St. (1/4 mile N-E of
El Capitan High School) in Lakeside, CA. Please be sure the last
flyer to leave locks the pin box and the gate..

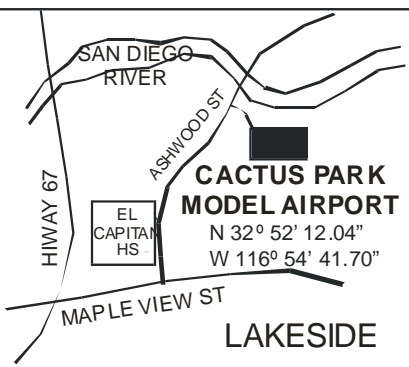
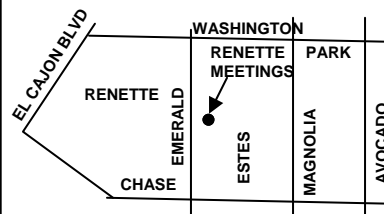
R/C Schedule 2015

Sept 26 Sat	San Diego Maker Faire, Aero Sspace , Balboa Park
Sept 27 Sun	Electric Pylon Racing, Cholas Lake
Oct 9 Fri	Mem. Ray Betancourt, Miramar Cemetery 1:30 PM
Oct 10 Sat	Fun Fly, Cactus Park
Nov 7 Sat	Swap Meet, 7:30 Cactus Park
Jan 8 Fri	Annual Awards Banquet

Some discussion on the Front Gate Locks took place at the meeting. To try to explain how they should be locked, we took a photo, the important thing to remember is that locks must be locked in a serial fashion so that anyone of the 3 can have access to the field:



NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Oct 6, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes September 1st 2015

Bruce Allen

The meeting on September the 1st 2015, was called to order by the club Vice President, Keith Miller 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; Vice President Keith Miller Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments:

Keith opened asking that the Membership give thanks to Gary Rold who, for personal reasons, recently vacated the Presidents position. The Membership echoed their thanks.

As per the Bylaws the Board can appoint interim posts to cover vacant positions. The Board discussed this & decided, with Keiths agreement that Keith would become the President pro tem. This left a vacancy for Vice President. The Board felt that as Jeff Coskey has contributed to the running of the club in various events as well as helping out where needed he would be offered the post of Vice President. Jeff was duly was approached and accepted the post of Vice President.

The membership voted unanimously for Keith & Jeff to take the President & Vice President postions immediately.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion for acceptance as corrected

Proposed: Ben Newkirk. Seconded: Don Madison.
Unanimous
(Can I hear an Oh Yeah again?)

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$11,642.48. Income: \$190
Expenses: \$280.55

Current Ending Balance: \$11,551.93

Last Year at this time: \$9,179

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Rich Crutchfield Seconded: Lee Main.
Unanimous

Safety Officer

Ron Keith – Discussion on Fire Training TBD. Ron mentioned some extinguishers are out date and we should only use the ones in the Peg Box not those that are in the Storage trailer (not charged).

(Keith will review the County requirements for Fire / Safety training etc)

Keith stated that if an Electric Plane goes down in the

field it is required that one of the members grab an extinguisher & shovel & accompany the owner of the downed plane in case of fire. Also one of them should have a Cellphone in case further assistance is required.

Race Report – Lance – (Extract from Race Report)

Due to the extreme heat, we only ran one 5 lap heat and our 10 lap main, as usual we had some carnage- Otto & Frank had a mid-air with the Bears, Art had an unfortunate launch with his EFX Racer that took him out, Otto had a mechanical failure that destroyed his Rare Bear (luckily Jake had a backup for him), and Logan had a mechanical failure in his T-28 that took him out for the rest of the day.

We had two races that were so close at the start/ finish line that we had to call a tie in the main between Jake May & Todd Infurna. Otto & Jeremy Miller came across the line together in the Rarebear race that we decided in a fly-off. Due to the extent of the need for speed addiction, they were joined by Keith & Todd.

Thanks to all our helpers and to the brave souls that came out in the heat!

Next race is at Chollas on Sunday September 27th!

Fun Fly – Next Fun-Fly 10th of October. (See Presidents Message)

Calendar of Events

Sept 27 Sun Electric Pylon Racing, Cholas Lake

Oct 2-4 Miramar Air Show

Oct 3-4 Maker Faire (Balboa Park)

Oct 10 Sat Fun Fly, Cactus Park

Nov 7 Sat Swap Meet, 7:30 Cactus Park

Jan 8 Fri Annual Awards Banquet (Planning to start in October)

New Business

Club Elections

Elections will be held in November, nominations for the posts to be submitted in October. Elected officials to take up Post at the December Meeting.

County Agreements etc

Keith mentioned that the Board is working with the County on our next usage Agreement. It looks like we will have a License Agreement to replace the current Maintenance version that the County are removing in favor of a Lease or License versions. Due to the restrictions put on the property when it was gifted to the County we could not have a Lease. A license will probably cost the Club \$100 / year.

(Please see further details in the Presidents Message).



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Keith also mentioned that Gary had approached the County with regards to the possibility that we could 'share' in a road re-surfacing project to repair our runway, still in discussion.

The bare wire fence removal is still in discussion as it is an environmental issue.

Guest ownership (Must have a Member with them).

Be sure they understand club rules, boundaries, flying stations. Guests don't need continuous supervision, but don't leave them at the park alone without passing oversight to another member.

Bylaws revision

(See Presidents Message)

Tree lost a major branch (Broke a Blue Plastic Chair!)

We'll contact the county to have them inspect and trim the tree for other hazards.

BBQ

Bobby Rink has done an outstanding job in providing BBQ etc for several of our events, & we thank him for his time & efforts, BUT it appears that Bobby is losing money, because certain individuals are eating for free, he is very magnanimous about it but the fact is this situation can't carry on. So we propose that at any event that we ask Bobby to provide food for we have a Member taking any funds & making sure people pay or don't eat!

At a suggestion from the floor it was proposed that the Club give Bobby \$100 out of our funds to help defray his expenses.

Proposed Ben Newkirk. Seconded Don Madison. Unanimous.

Raffle

Ted O'Fallin – He is concerned that he is not making enough money on the Raffle recently, which helps fund the Banquet raffle. He wonders if the prizes are attractive enough, he spends around \$80 / month. Part of the issue is that during the summer months we do not have enough people at the meetings. Ted also believes he is not getting the 'big spenders' any more. He is going to donate an Engine for the Raffle next month, anyone else have items they would donate?

Swap Meet – as well as the normal items we would sell in R/C, we will set up a separate table for pretty much anything members want to get rid of (no wives please...), member to put a suggested price on the item & all monies would go to the club funds which

could help Ted & maybe the sainted runway repair!

PS Anything not sold at the close, owner must take home with him!

Thanks Gary for the suggestion!

Maker Faire (Balboa Park)

"Maker Faire is a two-day festival of innovation in Balboa Park. On October 3-4 get *hands-on*. The celebration will showcase all kinds of amazing people who make all kinds of amazing things and can show you how to make it too! Makers range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to scientists to artisans to garage tinkerers and so much more. Come see what's being made in our region!"

Scott Graupmann – Received an invitation to our club to display what we are about & that we would have a booth in the SD Aerospace Museum for the 2 days, he is proposing to setup a R/C Simulator & display typical models etc. He can setup Friday & man the booth on Sunday but not Saturday (Miramar Airshow). Jeff Coskey is going to assist, anyone else who can help contact Scott.

Got free time go & take in the Maker Faire!

Don Madison

Jack Hildreth a past member is in a care facility & can no longer fly his models, so Don will organise an estate sale & let Bruce so information can be distributed to members. Will also have 2 more big estate sales coming up, in about 4 to 6 weeks.

Free Membership – Eric Dugy

Raffle:

Bruce Allen	67 Meal ticket, Rubber Bands
Hank Leichner	LiPo
Mark Huyser	Electric Drill
Art Flores	Gas
Fred Miller-	Servos
Keith Miller	LiPo Bag
Mark Huyser	Glow Igniter

Expense – Tickets & Prizes - \$83.62

Income \$105.00

Net \$21.38

Motion to Adjourn:

Keith we're adjourned....

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 20:00hrs



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President's Message Oct 2015

County Agreement and Bylaws

As mentioned last month, the Board continues to work the proposal for our new license agreement with the County. No significant changes are expected that will impact our activities. For those who are curious as to what type of language is involved, our current Maintenance Agreement is in the download section of the club web site (<http://www.weedwackers.org/www/downloads/>).

At the September meeting I'd made mention that we'd be publishing a revision to the bylaws in this newsletter for club approval in October. I sit corrected. The bylaws will be reviewed and revised in conjunction with the county agreement, but won't be presented for approval until the county agreement is solidified. So sit tight - you'll hear more about bylaws through November and December. If you have input, please review the current copy on our web site.

Upcoming Fun-Fly

Please see the included flyer. As the weather cools off, I'm hoping we'll see a few more of you at the field for our next Fun-Fly on Saturday, Oct. 10th. We'll run some basic skill events this time around, reserving the more aggressive (and lethal) events for November.

Events will include a taxi course, most loops/rolls in a given time period, the Jelly Bean Haul, and 7-11 Craps (a timed event based on a roll of the dice).

AMA Activity and "Drones"

If you've been following the AMA emails, District X (that's us) won a minor battle recently when Governor Brown vetoed SB 142, putting off a proposal that would have put some fairly restrictive limits on UAS activity, including our own models. Keep in mind, everything we fly is classified as an unmanned aircraft system (UAS). For now, we're safe. The Miramar Radio Control Flyers aren't so fortunate. Due to their location on a military installation, quadcopters and multi-rotor UAS's are banned altogether. While that restriction is imposed by their local tenant, we're fortunate not to be so limited. With the veto of SB 142, that will continue.

How High?

While I was pondering this all, I took a look at our locality with respect to airspace classifications. Our field sits just outside San Diego Class B airspace, while still below the Los Angeles Class E airspace that has a floor of 700'.

We're more than three "miles" from Gillespie Field, inside of which we'd need to coordinate with the tower if we wanted to fly more the 400 feet above the ground (AMA Doc 105, Safety Code). In these figures, you can see two rings representing 3 mile (statue) and 3 nautical mile circles. Either way you cut it, we're outside of that. So, I asked myself, how high is 700 feet? I don't own a "How-High" (on-board altitude recorder for models), and don't have a telemetry system. But I can only guess that when I put my Radian into a good thermal, I could get there and still see my plane.

If you happen to have such a tool or device on one of your planes or quads, please consider gathering up some of your club-mates and run a little demonstration to see if you can guess how high your model is. I'm interested in hearing how those of us without altimetry devices can gauge altitude as we do with our eastern boundary marker.

See you at the field!

Keith





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Ray Betancourt 10/12/1930 — 3/20/2015

Dear Friends and Family -

A memorial with military honors will be held for Raymond Betancourt on 10/09/2015 at 1:30 pm at Miramar National Cemetery 5795 Nobel Dr, San Diego CA 92122.

Attendees should gather up to 1/2 hour before at the funeral procession waiting sign. The memorial time allotment is brief (only 1/2 hour), but will include time to speak before the military honors commence . Please let me know in advance if you want to say a few words and I will ensure that you have time.

Dress Code: Colorful – like Ray! After the service you are welcome to our home 9372 Riverview Ave, Lakeside CA 92040 to share fish stories, tall tales and Raymond-isms. Parking is limited so please carpool where possible.

If you have questions, please email me or call my home number 619-390-1315

Melanie “Ann” Betancourt



Fun Fly

Saturday Oct 10th, 2015

9:00 AM to 12:30

Possible Events:

- Taxi slalom
- Jelly Bean Haul
- Bomb Drop
- Climb 'n Glide
- 7-11 Craps!
- Loops and Rolls (Flight Drill)

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

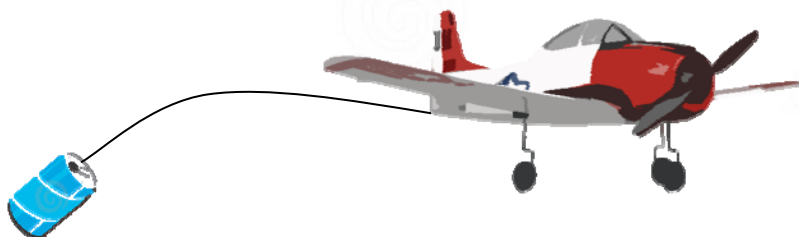
9:45 Start the events

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

Pick your plane carefully!

Events may require both good ground and airborne handling.

\$10 Entry Fee



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San Diego Maker Faire

Hello Weedwackers!

Our club voted to participate at the first San Diego Maker Faire in Balboa Park at the last club meeting. The initial invitation from Maker Faire was for an 8x8 booth where we could set up inside the Air & Space Pavilion (the center). Today the Maker Faire contacted me and asked if we could fill a 25x25 area with our airplanes.

We need your help! If you have an airplane of any type, kit/ARF/RTF, you would like to display to promote the Weedwackers, model aviation in San Diego, and Making in general, please bring it to the show. You are welcome to drop it in the morning between 7:00 and 9:00 on Saturday the 3rd somewhere in front of the Air & Space building. It will remain inside and be locked up overnight. The models will need to be collected between 6:00-7:00 PM Sunday night. (Don't hold me to exact times just yet. Those are still a bit up in the air).

This is really short notice, but the Maker Faire has offered up to 18 single-day passes for anyone who participates in our booth. If you just drop a few models you will get a day pass, but you are welcome and encouraged to help with the booth as well. Currently we were planning on Jeff and Hank for Saturday and Me and my son on Sunday. If someone came by, even for just an hour or two, it will give us a chance to grab some lunch or check out a couple of exhibits.

If you would like to help out the club put on a great show, contact me by phone or email.

Thanks,
Scott Graupmann



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