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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

Dec 12 Sat Fire Extinguisher Class, 9:00 AM Cactus Park
Jan 8 Fri Annual Awards Banquet

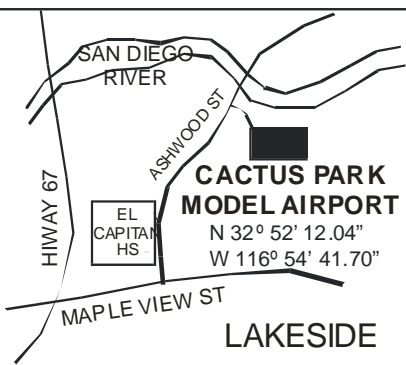
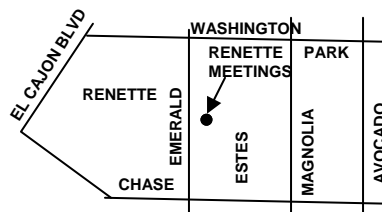
2016 Club Membership

Membership renewal are due by Dec 31, 2015. You must have your AMA 2016 membership in order to renew with the club. You can't fly at Cactus Park in 2016 without AMA and Club Membership.

New Windsock at Cactus Park



NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Dec 1, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes November 3rd 2015

Bruce Allen

The meeting on November the 3rd 2015, was called to order by the club 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 19, including board members; Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen. Vice President Jeff Koskey was unable to make it due to prior commitments.

Opening Comments:

The first order of business was the results of the Elections which are covered in the Presidents letter. (No surprises)

New Members

Camden Bruce (Young Member) Has been flying the Apprentice

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Ron Keith. Seconded: Mike Martak. Unanimous
(Oh yeh!)

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$11,090.17 Income: \$0
Expenses: \$2,475.62

Current Ending Balance: \$8,614.55 (This includes payment for the Banquet etc)

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Don Madison Seconded: Vic Pretto. Unanimous

Safety Officer

Ron Keith – Went over to the horse area (not Herring ranch) & spoke to some people who were concerned about Trespass on their land. Their main concern was our safety, if we go looking for a downed plane & there are horses around. They recommended that we use

extreme caution not to spook the horses as they can certainly do us damage! They were also interested in visiting us (on Horseback) to see what we do? Ron said we would welcome them, but to be sure to come up the road to the pits.

There was a comment that unless there is a “No Trespassers” notice then it is considered common land.

We are not sure exactly who uses this land which, apparently, is owned by the Helix water district. Further enquiries will be made to establish boundaries etc.

Gary brought up the concern that the land that abuts to the east end of the runway was up for sale & currently our Windsock is located in it, & whether any development would affect us. It seems doubtful that this may occur as the restriction in access would cause a problem & the County is likely to deny it.

Fire Fighting is arranged at the field on the 12th of December at 09:00. Bring old LiPos if you want to see how not/or how to make them safe for disposal.

Update from Bruce Allen

In the past we told members that once a LiPo is totally discharged, as there are no nasty materials in them, they could be dropped into the trash! We have learned that THIS IS AGAINST CALIFORNIA's BATTERY DISPOSAL RULES, they must be disposed of at an approved re-cycle station such as Best-Buy, your local Disposal Company etc, tape the battery terminals to insulate them.

Race Report – (Lance not present) Keith said that on the last Race they only lost one plane, not many attendees. (See Presidents Message)

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



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Calendar of Events

Nov 15 Sun Fun Fly, Cactus Park

Nov 14 Sat Swap Meet, 7:30 Cactus Park
(Had to be moved due to Miramar's Veteran Day Event)

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

Don Madison announced the schedule for the Veterans Day celebrations at Miramar & the fact the Gate openings are being more tightly controlled due to enhanced security.

Swap Meet

Donation Table, Jeff will have separate table for pretty much anything members want to get rid of, 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 close of play must be taken home by the member!

Annual Banquet Friday January the 8th 2016

(See Presidents Message)

Addendum: Last year we paid a \$500 room deposit which was not deducted from our total bill, so they will credit us this year!

Also we did not get a Desert last time? Keith will follow up so we get 2 at the coming banquet....

Discussion on how much the club should subsidize the Banquet: The Room Fee is \$300, plus \$30 / plate, / person.

Based on an attendance of 60 people, the suggestion is that the club subsidizes the meals at \$750 including room cost (\$12.50 / person). Cost of tickets to attendees: \$25 / person, \$45 / Couple?

Proposed: Lee Main Seconded: Don Madison.
Unanimous

Award Plaques – Request for \$200 to buy 8, amount may change before the event.

Proposed: Rich Crutchfield Seconded: Mike Martak. Unanimous

In regards to the Awards the board needs recommendations from the Membership, Keith will email out the list of Awards, so PLEASE SEND US YOUR SUGGESTIONS!!!

Music – Bruce will provide background music & the Photoshow (hopefully..)

Some discussion ensued encompassing suggestions for how to make the banquet different. Some suggestions included a magician, center pieces for the tables, games, white elephant gift exchange, gifts for any kids attending or anything else the members could dream up. Please email the board with any suggestions/volunteers.

Ben Newkirk will provide small gifts for kids, cost TBD.

Ron Smiths Plaque – Jeff has the Stainless Steel stock. (See Pres's notes in this Hangar News).

New proposed location on the Berm rather than near the trash cans.

County Agreements etc

In process, see Pres's Message for current situation.

Windsock

Despite the inclement weather, fear of heights etc the gallant team of Gary Rold, Bruce Allen, Vic Pretto, & Dick Milthausen replaced the old Wind-rag with a spiffy new Orange one & painted the boundary airplane yellow, no excuses for not knowing where that boundary is now!



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The saga will be published in all the popular journals...

Convenience Center

Is now being serviced..

New Business

MRCF no longer open to civilians (as of Jan 2016)

Base security and new gates preclude unescorted access to non-military (active, retired)

Civilians can fly as guests when escorted in and out by DOD members.

Sad for the Miramar guys, but it is likely we will get new members from the Miramar Club.

Lock Combination change - consideration for early January rather than after the Feb meeting Reasoning - AMA memberships expire 12/31; extending the gate combo into February opens the possibility of non-current-AMA folks to fly, putting the club at risk. Board decision approved.

Club renewals must be paid by December the 31st & it is a club requirement that your AMA membership is also current.

A Banner will be added to the Hangar News to remind our members of this.

As of January the 1st 2016 if you wish to fly you must have both the 2016 Club ID (which has the new lock code) & a current AMA card.

Pole Painting

Jeff Coskey has a friend Gary, who works for Frazee Paints & has offered to paint the poles as a promotion for them(?). Jeff will follow up.

Wounded Warriors

Gary Rold has been working on this with Duane Norman, they have a grant to buy planes & controllers, problem is finding Vets to take part.

Request for suggestions for Demo's & training at future meetings?? Give it some thought & let us know & be prepared to deliver it!

Free Membership

Nathan Kowski

Model Sharing

Ken Lawrence – Year ago Ken came across a plan in a British Mag for a model called a “Clean Sweep 36.” Ken made it to the plan with all balsa etc & his wife suggested a logo for the plane based on the Chimney Sweep in Mary Poppins! Ken sacrificed a head from (Ken the Barbie Doll) for the pilot. Weighs in at 25oz, powered by a Rimfire 400. Due to fly as soon as possible.

As usual Ken has done a brilliant job... (I have since heard that plane flew well)

Raffle:

Fred Miller	Servos
Gary Rold	Nitro Fuel
Bruce Allen	67 Meal ticket & Universal Balance adapter
Lee Main	LiPo Battery
David Francis	CA Glue
Vic Pretto	Grab Bag

Expense – Tickets & Prizes - \$79.25

Income \$89

Net \$9.75





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President's Message Dec 2015

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, please allow me to feed you a big fat meal of presidential jabber...

Officer Elections

With no candidates to challenge the incumbents, the current club officers will retain their seats. Your officers for 2016 are:

President	Keith Miller
Vice President	Jeff Coskey
Secretary	Bruce Allen
Treasurer	Scott Graupmann

Ron Smith Memorial Update

Progress to date: The stainless steel stock was procured and the CAD files are with the ever-generous Wayne Aymar for a final check. The next step is water-jetting the pattern from the plate and building a square tube frame.

Renewals and Gate Combinations

This year we'll be changing the gate combinations on (or immediately after, depending on how New Years' Eve goes) **January 1st**. This is to ensure that any member who unlocks the entrance gate is assured to have a current AMA membership. This is a change from prior years which means that we all need to get our AMA and club membership renewed *before* January 1st. Payment can be sent to our Treasurer Scott Graupmann (his mailing address is on the cover) or to any club officer. Dues are \$60 per year. And remember, putting it off until a later month won't save you any \$\$\$. We collect for the full year for members who renew anytime within a year of their last membership.

Annual Awards Banquet

Our Annual Awards Banquet will be on **Friday January 8th** at the Carlton Oaks Country Club. The price is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Additional family members are also \$22.50. This is more than a 35% savings off of the actual cost! Music will be provided by Mr. Gary Kelly of Channel 6 TV, a local celebrity, DJ and MC, and father of one of our younger pilots. We'll also have the showroom floor available for us to

present our favorite models which we'll all vote on. Categories will include scratch/kit built scale, scratch/kit built sport and ARF. And don't forget about the legendary raffle, hosted by our very own Ted O'Fallin. The primary raffle will have \$1500 worth of prizes, and each of the wives and significant other's will have a chance to win a special raffle prize showing our appreciation for your patience and understanding of our affliction. Ben Newkirk is arranging for special prizes for the very young guests, so be sure to let us know if you have any youngsters coming with you. If you have any ideas to support the banquet (magicians, center pieces, comedians, etc.), bring it up!

Swap Meet Results

The parking lot and runway were quite full on the 14th with great swap-meet weather. Thanks to Bruce Allen for providing coffee, we were able to keep warm during the early hours. With 30 paid sellers and the Thrift Store that our VP Jeff Coskey put together, the club raised \$208. One patron recommended that we consider more holding more than the two swap meets per year - we'll take that under advisement.

Lease Agreement with the County

While the current Maintenance Agreement expired on October 31st, the District Manager assures us that the new Lease Agreement should be through the final approval stages within Real Estate Services any day. We're at no risk while in a coverage gap. The DM made note that it would take longer to get an extension of our current agreement than it would to complete the new one. I've had some very preliminary discussions with the Department of Public Works regarding removal of the "stupid fence" (the bare-wire airplane-eating fence). There's actually some logic to its existence that is difficult to refute. The DPW rep is open to proposals that still must ensure preservation of the cap that protects the burn ash within the landfill. We'll continue to chat.

Event Planning for 2016

The Board will publish an event plan for 2016



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soon. For the time being, the schedule won't include pylon racing or fun-fly events. Both Lance (our Race Chairman) and I (Fun-Fly chairman) have seen a continued decline in interest and participation. If there's resurgence, we can add events later on. If you have an idea for an event or competition, please bring it up. But as I've said before, if you have an idea, be sure you've got a solution and are willing to participate to some level to accomplish the task.



Fun-Fly Results

While minimally attended, those that participated in the final Fun-Fly of 2015 had a good time. Chef Bobby Rink provided some excellent home-made chili which, as always, was outstanding! After the event, we did some helium balloon chasing as well.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASS

December 12, 2015

0900

	Slalom		Jelly Bean Haul		Flight Drill		7-11 Craps!		Overall		Relief Link	
Name	Time	Points	Score	Points	Score	Points	Time	Points	Score	Rank	Score	Rank
Jeff Coskey	00:40.0	2	7	2	24	2	00:40.8	1	7	4		
Keith Miller	00:25.2	4	11	4	35	4	00:25.9	3	15	1	1	1
Jeremy Miller	00:23.3	5	5	1	30	3	00:25.8	4	12	2		
Fred Miller	00:45.5	1	10	3	13	1						
Mike Berry	00:33.3	3	20	5	43	5						

Fire-Fighting Training

On December 12th starting at 9 a.m., our Safety Officer Ron Keith will conduct a live firefighting and fire extinguisher training session at the field. This is your chance to put out live flames generated by a firefighting training simulator as well as some LiPo batteries. I think I'll bring my cat...

Have a great December!

Keith

Welcome to:

Café

Breakfast & Lunch

Deli

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

All sandwiches include a side dish: your choice of fruit, potato salad, chips, cottage cheese, applesauce, soup, or salad.

SUB SANDWICHES
 Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise and Italian Dressing

Entire Menu is available "To Go"



First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Friday 1/8/2016

Time:

6:00 pm Bar

7:00 pm Dinner

*Tossed Greens with Variety of Dressings
Split Chicken in Chipotle Butter
Beef Tri Tip in Garlic-Black Pepper Rub (carved in
kitchen)
Roasted Redskins with Rosemary and Garlic
Fresh Vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea at station
Homemade Apple Cobbler with Cream*

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