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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 2016

Jan 8 Fri Annual Awards Banquet
Jan 16 Sat Fire Fighting Training 9:00 AM at Cactus Park

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.

Two Fine Club Member Gentlemen Recently Passed Away

Jack Hildreth passed Oct 13, 2015 and Arthur "Mike" Aldrich
passed Nov 22, 2015. Both were longtime active members of
the club. Private family services were held for each.

Cactus Park Gate Combination will be Changed Jan 1.

You should have your new 2016 membership badge by then, the
new combination is on the back of the card.

FAA "Register Drones" and AMA response.

See the President's Message for the latest update on this subject
and this will be a hot topic at the AMA Exposition in January.

Banquet:

Fri. Jan 8, 2015
Open at 6:00 PM,
Carlton Oaks
Country Club





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Meeting Minutes December 1st 2015

Bruce Allen

The meeting on December 1st 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 28, including board members; Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen. Vice President Jeff Koskey was unable to make it due to prior commitments.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Don Madison. Seconded: Mike Martak. Unanimous

Question: What does the “AMA Introductory Pilot Program” (on front of Newsletter) mean? New program to allow for a fixed period (60 days) new prospective members without the need of a Buddy Box & still be covered by the AMA liability insurance.

Dick Mulhausen said that he was giving up being an official instructor as it was taking too much of his time & he doesn't get to fly as much as he would like! Although he will still help out as needed.

Our thanks for all he has done!

(Typical, just when I have got to spell his name right!)

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$947.55 Income: \$1403.00

Expenses: \$269.98

Current Ending Balance: \$9747.57

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Ron Keith Seconded: Fred Miller. Unanimous

Safety Officer

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. A good complement of people would attend.

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.

Fun Fly/ Race Report – – Season Over

(On both events as there was a drop of attendees for various reasons it has been decided not to plan anything for 2016 at this time)

Calendar of Events

Jan 8 Fri Annual Awards Banquet

2016 Calendar has not been confirmed yet as we are working on dates for Swap Meets etc, possibly 3 of them, & of course the Western Days event, San Diego airshow etc not to conflict with other club's events.

Annual Banquet Friday January the 8th 2016

(See Presidents Message) Bar open at 18:00hrs dinner at 1900hrs.

Lock Combination Change Combination will change January 1st of January!!

(See Presidents Message)

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



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Pole Painting

Jeff Coskey has a friend Gary, who works for Frazee Paints & has offered to paint the poles. Working on setting a date may need help clean them up.

Runway Project

The board are still pursuing the County to help as well as othe possible avenues. The board believes it is better not to spend a lot of our cash until we have a real solution.

It is understood that those of us who fly planes with small wheels do have issues in the divots....

Ron Smiths Plaque – The design is with Wayne Aymar & we hope to be able to display it at the Banquet.

Miramar R/C club Toy Drive – New Toys can be dropped off at the Main Gate & lunch will be provided to donator's. They invite the children to have a day with them.

Bobby Brink – Has kindly donated money from his superb catering business through the year & has made the same offer for 2016. Engage him to cater for you, & you will NOT be disappointed, plus some money will go to the club! Many thanks Bobby! We will include an Ad in the newsletter etc.

Dick Mulhausen & Art Flores – Would like to run a Scale Meet in 2016. Suggestions to try to involve other clubs for around May (TBD) Scale take off" s etc, Bobby to supply food. Need Flyer for other clubs & Hobby Shops.

Free Membership

Lee Main

Ted O'Fallin – Asked that February, March April & May we bring cans of food in for the needy & get a raffle ticket.

Raffle:

Keith Miller

David Francis

Bruce Allen

Ron Keith

Gary Roald

Hank

Tim Peterson

Ron Keith

Dick Mulhausen

Nitro & Grab Bag

Charger

Servos

Ammo Box

Nitro

Storage

LiPo Battery

Zbender

Fuel Pump

Motion to Adjourn:

Keith we're adjourned at 19.45 hrs.



FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLASS

Saturday, January 16, 2016

0900

WEEDWACKER AIR FIELD



**DISCOUNT
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President's Message Jan 2016

Welcome to 2016!

Next Meeting

Remember, there's no club meeting in January at Renette Recreation Center. The January Awards Banquet serves as our January meeting.

Renewals and Gate Combinations

The entry gate combination to our Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field changes on **January 1st**. If you've not yet renewed your membership and received your badge and combination, you can contact any of the club officers, or mail a payment directly to our Treasurer Scott at his home address (on the cover of this fine periodical). You can also reach us at info.weedwackers@gmail.com. Badges are required to fly, so please get caught up.

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. As with your annuals dues, the payment for the banquet can be made to any club officer. Music will be provided by Mr. Gary Kelly of Channel 6 TV, a local celebrity, DJ and MC. We'll also have the showroom floor available for us to present our favorite models which we'll all vote on. **Bring your favorite hangar queen to show off!** 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.

Fire-Fighting Training

The training planned for December 12th was cancelled. The fire simulator was in need of repair and wasn't available to us. The new date will be **January 16th**. 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.

DOT' FAA Ruling on Registration and Marking of "drones" and models

Many of you have seen the media explosion in the middle of December related to the FAA's ruling and requirements to register "drones". Some of that information is reproduced in these pages. Be advised that I have no advice. Amidst all of the irresponsible conjecture and speculation found in the media and the dozens threads found on internet forums, I'll refrain my passing any opinions or advice. Suffice it to say that we (the Board) will do our best simply to pass information from the FAA and AMA as we receive it. We won't be setting any new club policies. Once the dust settles and the bureaucrats finally succumb to reality (OK, my own little jab), we'll re-visit the issues if necessary. In the meantime, the AMA recommends simply sitting tight and not doing anything while they continue wrestle with the FAA (most likely in court). Whether you register as a "drone operator" or not is purely up to you.

"My advice is to never listen to any advice, not even this one." Anonymous
Keith



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Arthur “Mike” Aldrich 1 Sept 1926—22 Nov 2015

Mike was one of the very early members of our club—our records don’t go back that far to the 1977-1978 years, but he was one of the founding members. He passed away after having heart surgery and experiencing complications. He was 89 years old.

Mike was originally from Indianapolis Indiana, coming out to San Diego when he was in the Navy and assigned to Miramar. In 1960 he went to work at US Elevator in San Diego, working there until he retired.

Mike was very active in the club through all the years. He was almost always at the club meetings. He served as Club Treasurer for many years (I think for about 7 years) in the late 1980’s into the 1990’s. He didn’t have a computer back then so he did it all with pencil and paper. During his

tenure as treasurer, the club invested in the first major runway resurfacing at Cactus Park. That expense was financed with contributions from club members and also having members pay two years dues up front. So Mike had a complicated accounting job as treasurer—all by hand.

Mike was close friends with Don Gulihur and Ron Smith. Mike was a builder and helped both

Don and Ron with their scale projects. In the 1990’s Don Gulihur’s team built and raced 1/4 scale T-6’s and Unlimited racers at Madera, Rialto, Rio Vista and Texas. Although Mike didn’t fly these racers, he was very much a key part of the Pit Crew.

Mike was always building and flying his own models—mostly trainers. He often came out to Cactus Park with his models and had other club members fly his planes. He just had fun watching his models fly.

He often came out with his Grandson Cory, teaching him to fly RC models and just spending time with him.



It is sad that such great friends—Don Gulihur, Ron Smith and now Mike Aldrich passed away in 2015. They were a team and each contributed so much over the years to our club.



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Jack Hildreth 14 Nov 1932—13 Oct 2015

Jack had to drop out of the club a couple years ago due to Alzheimer's disease. He originally joined the club back in June 1989. Jack leaves his wife, June, his daughter Renee, two grandchildren and three great grand children. Jack's son Scott passed away some years ago from a traffic accident.

Jack was an active member of the club, almost always at the club meetings and a regular at the field. He was close friends with Jim Bailey and shared models with Jim.

Jack was raised in Iowa, where he built and flew U-Control models as a young boy. He came to San Diego in 1957. He worked for the San Diego Water Utilities for 29-1/2 years becoming a Supervisor in the department.

Jack kept healthy and active, walking every day. Back in 2002, Jack was honored at the Club Awards Banquet with a 12th Man Award for his service to the club

His family held private memorial services to honor Jack.



Welcome to:

Café

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Breakfast & Lunch

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

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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"



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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*

The price is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple.
Additional family members are also \$22.50.

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