



# HANGAR NEWS

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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

Mar 12 Fri-Sat RCX Expo

Mar 19 Sat Swap Meet, Cactus Park,

## History of the Red Benches

More than a year ago, there was a safety concern regarding engine run-up in the pits. In response to that concern, the red benches were erected to provide a location safely away from the pit area for engine starting and run-up, keeping the propeller well away from pit traffic. Subsequently there was much discussion at club meetings and a proposal to change the club rules regarding the red benches. In the end, the club agreed that there need be no such rule. The tables are in place to provide a safe location for tuning engine, but starting engines in the pits is still allowed. While we encourage the use of the tables, it is understandable that some folks have difficulty moving their gear back and forth, particularly during the hot summer months.

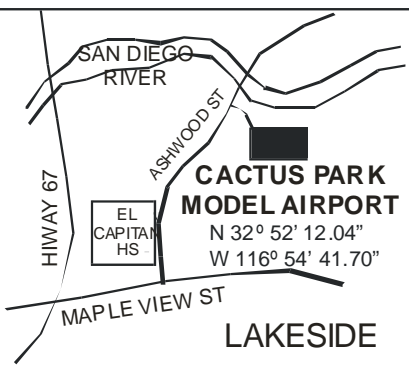
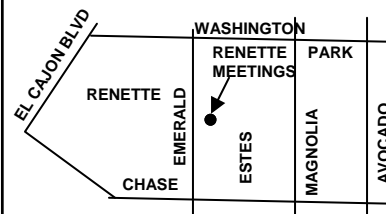
Engine break-in (long-duration running) "should" be performed well away from the pit. Examples would be areas such as the south parking lot, behind the shed or at the picnic bench. "Should" means encouraged, but not a rule.

Finally, if you have an issue with someone's activity at the field, please demonstrate courtesy during the discussions. Above all, when quoting the rules, be sure you know what they say, word for word, without interpretation.

This is fun hobby - have FUN. Leave the attitudes at the gate.

Keith

NEXT MEETING:  
**Tues. Feb 2, 7:00**  
Renette Park





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## President's Message Jan 2016

### **Annual Awards Banquet**

Congratulations to those recognized by the club for their accomplishments and contributions throughout the year.

### **Award Recipient**

**Weedwacker of the Year** Butch Wiser

**Distinguished Service**

**Award** Keith Miller

**Builder of the Year** Ken Lawrence

**Most Improved Pilot** Max Graupmann and

Bobby Rink

**Most Stitches** Henry Keas

**Most Crashes** Fred Miller

**Dedication** Hervey Langevin

**Funniest Crash** John Irwin

**Most Spectacular Crash** Dick Milhausen

**12th Man Award**

Dick Milhausen, Ron Keith, and Bobby Rink

A special thanks to those who contributed significantly to a wonderful evening:

Bruce Allen for a terrific slide show presentation commemorating the members we've lost and the fun we've had. And to his wife Anne for the beautiful center pieces.

Scott Graupmann for his dedicated administration of ticket sales

Gary Kelly for providing the sound system.

Wayne Aymar for contributing his shop's efforts, labor and machine time to cut Ron Smith's memorial. It came out terrific!!

And of course Ted O'Fallin and his wife for a spectacular raffle!

To summarize the top raffle prizes, Butch Cassity and Jeff Coskey each won a \$300 gift certificate to Discount Hobby Warehouse. These raffle prizes were drawn from the attendance tickets entered at each monthly meeting. Unfortunately for Ron Keith, he was drawn but couldn't attend. Dang!!!

Other raffle prizes included (but not limited to) several UMX micro bind-and-fly airplanes, eFlite Power-32 brushless motor, on-board mini camera, drones, a Tx case, LiPo batteries, several ARF/RTF's including a Concendo Glider, Carbon-Z Cub and a P-51. The top prizes included a Spectrum DX6 (Michelle Miller), Spectrum DX6i (Ryan Crutchfield) and the grand prize was an Evolution 10cc gas engine (Jeff Coskey).

Many modelers brought their favorites to compete in the floor show, with the winners being Best Scale – Gary Rold's Boeing F4B3, Best Sport – Ken Lawrence's Clean Sweep 36, and Best ARF – Bruce Allen's Tiger Moth.

Congratulations to all!

### **Fire-Fighting Training**

Ron Keith and Brian Kidwell provided an excellent real-scenario training session at the field on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Ron covered fire-fighting actions and safety precautions that should be taken for potential fires in the shed or in parked cars, and gave a quick demonstration on burying a burning LiPo battery. Ron and Brian also teamed up to run several members through the fire-fighting training tool which very realistically responded if the agent wasn't properly swept across the base of the fire. Nicely done, Ron! Pass our thanks along to Brian next time you see him.

Our Events Calendar for 2016 is in place and published on the web site and summarized herein. Many "TBD" events are placeholders, and in some cases we'll be looking for event coordinators to step up.

See you at the field!

Keith



## Events Calendar for 2016

| <b>Date</b>          | <b>Event</b>                                 |
|----------------------|--|
| Sat Mar 12           | RCX Expo                                     |
| Sat Mar 19           | Swap Meet, Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field   |
| Sat Apr 16           | TEDx Kids Event and Innovation Park          |
| Sun Apr 17           | Cub Scout Fly - In (TBD)                     |
| Sat Apr 23           | Lakeside Western Days Parade                 |
| Fri Apr 29-Sat Apr30 | Chino Air Show                               |
| Sat May 7            | Field CLOSED (Polo Event)(TBD)               |
| Sat May 14           | Field Cleanup and Fun Fly                    |
| Sat May 21           | Scale Fly - In                               |
| Sat Jun 11-Sun Jun12 | Wings over Gillespie (may be cancelled)      |
| Sun Jun 19           | Swap Meet, DHW                               |
| Sat Jun 25           | Cub Scouts TAG (TBD)                         |
| Sat Jul 9            | Mid - summer Luncheon                        |
| Sat Aug 13           | National Model Aviation Day                  |
| Sat Aug 20           | Swap Meet, San Diego Association of Modelers |
| Fri Sep 23-Sun Sep25 | Miramar Air Show                             |
| Sat Oct 1            | Fundraiser (TBD) BBQ and Fun - Fly           |
| Sat Oct 15           | Otay Lake Fun Fly                            |
| Sat Nov 12           | MRCF Vet Day Fly - In (TBD)                  |
| Sat Nov 19           | Swap Meet, Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field   |
| Sat Dec 3            | Toys for Tots (TBD)                          |
| Fri Jan 6, 2017      | Annual Awards Banquet                        |



## Fire Fighting Training

Ron Keith, our Safety Officer and a Fireman arranged to provide training to handle fires at Cactus Park on Saturday, Jan 16, 2016.

Rule #1 : if there's a fire, CALL 911

Rule #2 : Maybe fight the fire with an extinguisher if the fire is small, after making sure Rule #1 is completed.

A fire in the storage box—with smoke coming out but the door is shut—Do Not Open the Door. Instead, discharge a Carbon Dioxide extinguisher into the box through the vent facing the pits, near the box door. Let the Firemen handle opening the door.

Using an extinguisher on any out side fire—sweep the extinguisher nozzle aimed at the base of the flames starting from about 10 feet away. Sweep the stream back and forth and move closer if necessary.

LIPO batteries will burn regardless of extinguisher and can produce toxic smoke. Use sand or dirt to cover the burning battery.







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## 2016 Awards Banquet





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Welcome to:

**Café** CALIFORNIA **67**

*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**

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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