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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

Apr 29-30	Chino Air show
May 7 Sat	Field Closed for Polo Event (TBD)
May 14 Sat	Field Cleanup and Fun Fly, Cactus Park
May 21 Sat	Scale Fly-In, Cactus Park
July 9 Sat	Mid Summer Luncheon (Souplantation, La Mesa)

RUNWAY !!!

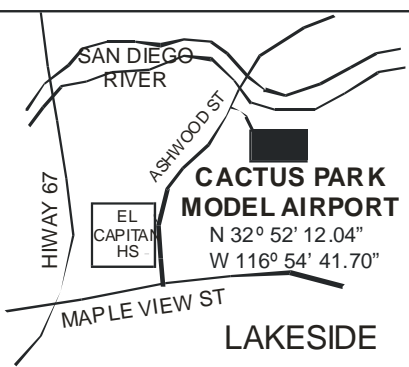
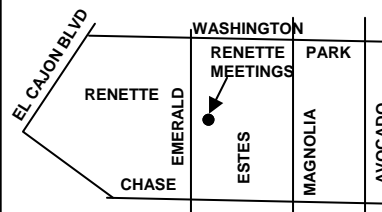
We have an opportunity to repave our runway. It will cost, so it depends on members contributing to get it done. Come to the May Meeting.

The Field Name Plaque is mounted at the field, designating and dedicating it to Ron Smith's Memory.



Don Rice is one of the founders of our club and well known by many members. Don recently announced he is fighting Pancreatic Cancer. Read some of his story page 6.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. May 3, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2016

Bruce Allen

The meeting on April 5th 2016, 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 39, including board members; Secretary Bruce Allen, Treasurer Scott Graupmann. (Vice President Jeff Coskey was unable to attend.)

Electric Seminar

Not Requested

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A couple of corrections The Polo field match has been moved from May 7th to May 14th We will do our Annual field cleanup on the 14th but there will be NO flying on this day.

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Don Madison. Seconded: Gary Roald.
Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

February/March Combined.

Feb. Balance \$14,232-97

Income: \$836 Expenses \$812

Current Balance: \$14,242-33

Motion for acceptance

Proposed: Rich Crutchfield Second: Glenn Merritt,
Unanimous

Safety Officer

Ron Keith – None yet

Fun Fly/ Race Report –

(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)

TEDx Kids Event (Greenfield Middle School 16th April)

Bruce- All arrangements have been made, Keith got the AMA Sanction, we have a flying area for Ryan Crutchfield to demo 3d with a foamy or two. We will have R/C simulator on a laptop. We also will have a static display of some of our kites. Rich will be the spotter & general factotum...

I will look busy organizing....

Lakeside Western Days Parade (Sat Apr 23)

Float has been arranged by Rich Crutchfield through the good offices of Matt Arnold (Floatasia). The Float will be brought down Friday (22nd) afternoon & the display Frame will be installed. Float has 3 platforms one for Frame & large aircraft. Banners to be fitted. We will meet early 7:00am Saturday to install planes.

Our thanks to Rich & Matt for their help!!

Field Cleanup Day (May 14th)

Get ready for Scale Fly in!

Sat May 14 Field Day (Field CLOSED Polo event) Chores, goals include Create more restraint pegs, Mowing/weeding, Power wash benches, Spruce up benches (tighten screws, glue down tops), Empty, clean and maintain shed, Empty, clean and maintain safety box, Oil the locks, and Maintain the sound test stand

Discussion on sharpening the Blades on the ride along Lawn Mower TBD.

Bring Gas Weedwacker 's! Water containers etc.

Scale Fly-In May 21st

Sanction in place. Polo field have been notified & we have told them we will have a monitor watching the event for infractions. Plaques will be ordered.

No Air Show at Gillespie this year!

CAF are reviewing the show as they have not made money at the event.

Ron Smith Memorial

Now installed at the Field, thanks to all who were involved Jeff Coskey, Wayne Aymar etc. Bruce made a suggestion that we have an official unveiling at the Scale Fly-in & possibly get some media attention?

Midsummer Luncheon (July 9th) Hometown Buffet where we used to have this has closed. Keith spoke to Souplantation La Mesa who have a garden room we could use, up to 55 people. The cost for the use, is that we buy the food there. 11:00am.



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Reports of FAA visits to Bakersfield Keith looking into this. We do not intend to police the individuals to make sure they register, only recommend they do so. We will monitor the FAA actions....

5th Flight Station to be added.

Approved by Board. Proposed Rules Change

Rule 10 - number of flight stations

Pilots must stand behind the fence in one of **five** flight stations for takeoff, flight and landings (5 planes maximum at any time).

Proposed: Glenn Merritt Second: Peter Fregoso Unanimous

Rule 22 on dogs 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).

Keith withdrew the motion for more research.

Shed Door Broke – Springs on order.

Trash not being emptied – may not have the gate number Scott will follow up.

Runway Proposal

Butch Weiser put forth a Motion to raise money to resurface the Runway.

He has an estimate for \$14,800 for 58' x 300' 1" Asphalt cover that would be beveled. To raise the money without heavily running our treasury down he proposed two choices for the Membership:

Plan A – Donate \$300 to the club & receive a 3-year membership, (\$120 would go to the Runway Fund)

Plan B – Donate \$300 to the club & receive a 5-year membership, (All funds to the Runway Fund)

There is no doubt that the membership want the Runway resurfaced, but there are issues to be resolved to make sure we do not put ourselves in a financial hole later on.

The board took responsibility to provide a plan to make this happen that would facilitate the work & not cause us financial hardship.

(The proposal has been developed & already emailed to the membership & will be mailed to those who do not have email. There is also a copy

in this Hanger News).

Model Sharing

Kadet Mk II – Rebuilt from a crash. Cowl was gone a lot of damage to the front of the fuselage & the tail was gone. All fixed. Used Epoxy(?) paints difficult job won't do it again! Good looking plane. Too be flight tested.



Skybolt - Bought in the 70's (kit) to build when he retired very pretty, has a Candy 64 engine. Needs someone to fly it! He also has about 4 kits of big planes. Bought Pilot Kit, very well designed & easy to build, not much balsa, mainly hardwood maybe Cherry.



Free Membership Glenn Merritt(?)

Raffle: (Ted O'Fallin)

Lee Main	Battery	Checker	Speed
controller			
David Francis	Electric	Starter,	Pinion Gear
	Pulley,	Servo	



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Mark Huyser	Fuel Pump
Tom Kenan	T-Connectors & 67 Meal ticket
Hank Leichner	LiPo 135mA
Bruce Allen	CA & 67 Meal Ticket
Bill Simmons	Servo
John Irwin	LiPo checker. Camera Lenses

Income from Raffle \$140.00 Cost of Items:
\$79.69 Net \$60.31

Motion to Adjourn:

Keith we're adjourned at 21:10 hrs.

President's Message May 2016

Runway Funding Plan

Attached in this fine article is the Board's recommended five-year funding plan in support of runway paving. Please read through it carefully and come to the May 3rd meeting if you're interested in discussing or voting on the motion. If you're really interested, bring your checkbook!

Have a great month!
Keith

Welcome to:



Breakfast
& Lunch



Take Home
MONDAY - SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
12381 Maplevue
(Corner of Hwy 67 & Maplevue)
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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Western Days Parade April 23, 2016

This year we the use of a real float, arranged by Rich Crutchfield through the good offices of Matt Arnold (Floatasia). The float was LOADED with models from 12 inch span to 8 ft span.

Before the parade, we were awarded a certificate of appreciation for our contribution to the parade.





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Don Rice has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. That said, Don is just starting treatment and several of his friends are now tracking his progress using an internet blog called CaringBridge. If you know Don Rice, you can track his progress at https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/deathrace2016/journal/view/id/57145f14ab28b9ea72ef0d7e?utm_source=JEN&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JEN+email&utm_content=visitsite

Or go to www.caringbridge.org and search for Don Rice. You will have to register on CaringBridge to see his site. I hope you do this.

Don named his site "Deathrace". Don is open about his situation and is fighting the cancer with everything he has.

Here is some of Don's own words:

Dr. Meera more or less repeated what I've told you before. Tuesday I get a port installed. Then, on the Quatro de Mayo, I get my 1st bag-o-poison. The port is an interesting little item. It gets installed sub-cutaneously. There will be a dome visible under my skin. This dome is the top of the port, and is made of a type of self-sealing rubber membrane. My skin will heal over the top of it...there will be stitches initially. The thing with dome has a long tube that is snaked into one of my larger veins in my chest and is the tube by which medicines will be administered. The dome with the self-sealing membrane is the thing into which they stab me. Apparently, they can stab through my skin, and into that rubber membrane, and then shoot me up with all the air bubbles, and Drain-O that they can find.

After meeting with Dr. Meera, I was thrown to the nurses upstairs. Their job was to go through all the specifics, and all the details, of my chemo, and to make sure I understood EXACTLY how much fun this is going to be. I have to admit I came away from that meeting pretty shaken, and it's taking me a bit of time to get my sense of humor back after that meeting. I suspect the biggest issue for me here is that the nurse was very pretty...and I really don't want "very pretty" girls talking to me in this way.



Oh yeah...Morphine. I almost forgot. Dr. Meera asked me how much Percocet I was taking, to which I replied about 10-12 per day. She thought it would be a good idea to have long-release pain reliever in my system 24/7,

that will provide a baseline of pain relief, and then I could use the Percocet for any pain that got through the baseline. I gotta say that she's a genius. I started taking the long release morphine Thursday evening (Take 1 every 12 hours)...and yesterday was my most pain-free day in a while...and I think I only took about 4 Percocets yesterday...so I consider that to be an excellent development.

Next up on the Thursday agenda was meeting with Dr. Lowy. But to meet with Dr. Lowy, you must get past his Nurse Specialist, Debbie...who is awesome beyond words...I'd actually be very happy to just let her be my oncologist...Anyway...me and the crew spent a little time with her, as she splained what they think the plan should be...which was identical to Dr. Meera's plan. She said that they prefer to start with chemo to kill the cancer in the lymph nodes, and to shrink the tumor...and then go in...guns-a-blazing.

A few minutes later...Dr. Lowy entered, and I have to tell you...I was pretty disappointed that he wasn't wearing a brightly colored cape.

But he did have a supreme aura of confidence around him...which I like very much. And he was calm, and smart, and answered all our questions, and and and...

It's all good...Most importantly...all folks seem to be on the same page in regards to starting with this folfiranox chemo first. After that...we might do some radiation...or we might do some surgery...but that decision point is somewhere in the future.

That's all for now.



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Weedwacker Memo

Background: At the April meeting, Butch Weiser made a motion and presented a runway paving plan. The motion was tabled and will be brought to the May meeting.

Board Action: A separate motion was made and passed tasking the Board to conduct a five-year budgetary analysis and determine the minimum “trigger point” of additional funding required above the current treasury balance required to safely execute the plan whilst maintaining a safe five-year budget.

Board Response: The board determined that a minimum trigger-point of \$7500 is required and can be achieved through charitable contributions or a membership dues plan described below.

The motion is as follows:

- A 1” thick asphalt runway surface be laid, 58’ x 380’ (22,040 sq. ft.).

- Cost of the paving is \$14,800.

- Plans to help fund the effort include

- o Plan A – Members purchase a 3-year membership for \$300 (note that this includes \$120 in charitable donation)

- o Plan B – Members purchase a 5-year membership for \$300 (no donation – merely advanced dues at \$60/yr.)

- o Charitable contribution – anyone at any time can make a donation. The motion requested donations in the amount of \$300, however it was made clear that any charitable amounts would be welcome and accepted.

An outline of the proposed paving square footage is presented below.

The proposal met with resounding approvals, however at the time of the motion, the club treasury held \$14,241.33. The Treasurer and several members thought it a significant risk to allocate more than the account balance without having a sufficient cash-in-

hand buffer to cover club operations in the out-years..

After much discussion, the motion was tabled to permit the Board time to evaluate a five-year financial plan.

The Board met on April 11th. The Board proposes the following plan which will be presented at the May meeting.

1) Scott (Treasurer) presented a financial spreadsheet which included an algorithm allowing us to vary club population (dues income), Plan A and Plan B phased funding, purely charitable contributions, and the impact of many variations of those plans over the next five years.

2) “Plan B” (5 yrs. dues paid in advance; \$300) has no merit and is actually potentially dangerous. While it brings in quick funds, the plan depletes the treasury for the next 5 years. Regardless of how many people might opt for Plan B, the club ends up in the hole after the 2nd year. So we’ll not be offering or accepting Plan B.

3) After much iteration, we settled on the following plan with a “trigger point” of \$7500. The trigger point is the additional funds (above the current treasury balance) required to execute the runway project that will ensure that the treasury remains stable over the next five years. The funds must be in-hand, not pledged or promised.

a) 3-year “Plan A” would be limited to 25 members. Reason:

i) All Plan A funds will be invested in the runway.

ii) 25 Plan A’s alone brings in \$7500 and allows a \$15k runway with a minimum dip in the 5-year plan to about \$929 in 2018 after which the treasury recovers. 2018 may be a tight year in which we may have to very closely manage the budget and forego a banquet.

iii) If we were to accept more than 25 Plan A’s and invest those funds into the project, the treasury depletes significantly in the next 3 years as those entire Plan A membership dues are lost.

iv) Example: If we accept 30 Plan A’s for \$9000 (\$1500 more than the trigger point), we would and then invest/spend that extra \$1500 on the runway for a



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total of \$16.5k. The loss in renewals over the next three years results in a dip in the treasury in 2018 down to \$29. That's unacceptable.

b) Purely charitable donations will always be accepted as they directly increase the funds available for the project. There is no limit to charitable donations.

c) All funds collected that exceed the minimum trigger point of \$7500 will be directly invested in the project, whether it's to expand the asphalt square footage or use it to for a slurry coat of the apron and over-run areas.

4) Exit strategy. If sufficient funds aren't met to hit the trigger point by the July club meeting, all charitable donations will be refunded and all Plan A's will be returned.

5) Incentive / Appreciation Gesture: The Board offers a \$150 incentive gift certificate; Each person who pays for a Plan A or donates \$300 or more earns a drawing entry. The winner will be drawn when the trigger point is met.

If you're interested in the plan and wish to support Butch's hard work, please come to the May meeting with your checkbook! If the tabled motion passes, the Board will be prepared to process contributions and membership plans.

Sincerely,

Keith Miller
President, First
Weedwacker Aero
Squadron





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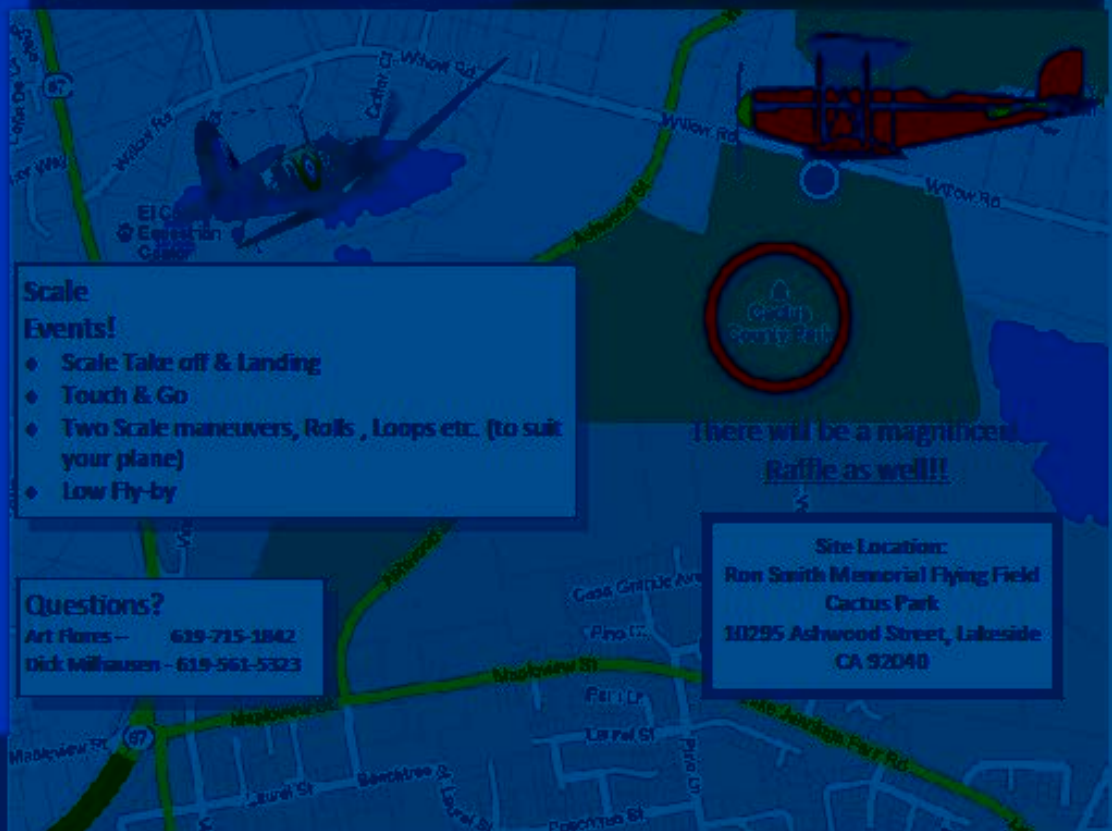
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Scale Fly In!

May 21st

Highlights

- ◆ \$5 Pilot Fee, includes Lunch!
- ◆ Spectators Lunch \$5.
- ◆ 8:00am - 2:00pm
- ◆ Lunch break 11:00am,
- ◆ (30 Minutes)
- ◆ Static Display Contest
- ◆ Awards for Best:
 - ◆ Military
 - ◆ Civilian
 - ◆ Scale Military Maneuver's
 - ◆ Scale Civilian Maneuver's
- ◆ All Judging done by Pilots



Scale Events!

- ◆ Scale Take off & Landing
- ◆ Touch & Go
- ◆ Two Scale maneuvers, Rolls , Loops etc. (to suit your plane)
- ◆ Low Fly-by

Questions?

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Dick Willhausen - 619-561-5323

There will be a magnificent
Raffle as well!!!

Site Location:
Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field
Cactus Park
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