



# HANGAR NEWS

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER  
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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 6 Fri Annual FWW Awards Banquet  
Jan 6-8 AMA Expo West, Ontario Convention Center  
Mar 11-12 RCX Expo OC Fair & Event Center

## Club Membership 2017

It is about time to renew your club membership for 2017. You need  
to have your 2017 AMA membership paid—our Treasurer can  
check online to verify with AMA. We will have the 2017 Club  
Membership badges available at the November meeting. You will  
need to have your membership badge in order to fly at Cactus Park  
after Jan 1 2017.

## Swap Meet Report

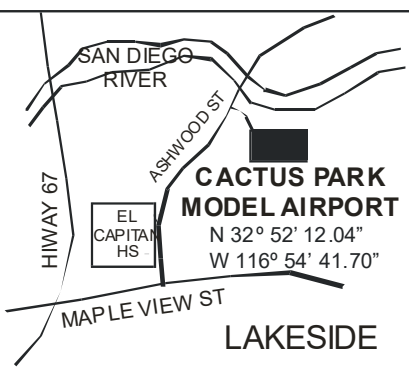
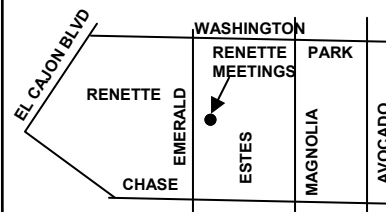
The swap meet last Sat, was a rousing success in that we had a  
successful last minute toy drive for Toys For Tots in conjunction  
with the Mira Mar Flyers and an intake of \$200 for the club from  
sellers fees. There were even comments made that the event in the  
upper parking lot was preferred to having the event on the flying  
field. Thanks to the volunteers who did such a professional job of  
traffic control and parking. A rounding success!!! - Gary Rold

Thought you might enjoy seeing the results of the Toys for Tots toy  
drive last week at the Weedwackers Swap Meet....A box full of toys  
and over \$500 in cash! I delivered the toys today to the Marine  
Corps and will be going to Target to buy the Gift Cards and maybe  
get some help from the management at Target as well!

Many thanks to both clubs and Ted O'Fallon!

Semper Fi Frank Gagliardi

**NEXT MEET17G:**  
**Tues. Dec 6, 7:00**  
**Renette Park**





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## Minutes of Meeting Nov 2016

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM  
Club Officers present: President Keith Miller, Vice President Jeff Coskey, Treasurer Scott Graupmann. The Secretary Bruce Allen is healing from knee surgery. Rich Crutchfield assisted in taking the minutes. A total of 21 members were present.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Guests/New Members

William Walker recently retired from a 25-year teaching career in Germany. He's now active with the Torrey Pines Gulls and recently joined the Weedwackers. Welcome, William!

Approval of Minutes as presented in last month's Hangar News. Lee main noted typographical errors - dashes used in lieu of decimal points, Page 3, ¶6, 7 & 8. Motion: Vernon Gilmore; 2nd Vic Pretto, Approved

Hand excess newsletters to membership, Secretary will take what's left for the field box.

### Treasurers report

Motion Gerald Conklin, 2nd Rich Crutchfield, Approved. Balance at end of month; 3376.94.

### Safety Officer Report

Nothing to report this month.

### Upcoming Events

Gary Rold presented our new plan to place sellers on the south parking lot. Gary is taking over execution and planning of the swap meets (Thanks Gary!). Gary has all helpers for the upcoming swap meet assigned. The meet is planned for November 19th with a rain date of November 26th.

Volunteers assisting in traffic control and parking will have their sellers' fees waived (if selling). The annual Awards Banquet is January 6th.

### Old Business:

### Officer Elections

With no opponents, the current club Officers will

retain their seats by acclamation.

Keith took an action item to revise the bylaws to clearly reference the parliamentary definitions of unanimous consent when incumbents have no opposition.

Spraying the plants north of runway (trunks are tough on mower blades). To date, no one has volunteered to take on this task; it remains open.

Our Maintenance and Use agreement with the County agreement is extended through April 2017. The County has yet (for > 14 months) to establish a license agreement.

### Rules Review

Rule Review: Rule # 1. All pilots must observe the AMA Safety Code and directions of the Field Marshalls.

**Safety Code Rule B.7: Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch an outdoor model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual**

Don't catch a model while it's hovering; applies to multi-rotors as well. Gliders may be caught if the motor is OFF (not under power). By stretching the terms of the rule, a multi-rotor UAV could, technically, be caught from a free-fall if its rotors are stopped.

### New Business

Jeff Coskey presented his plans to run a 50-50 raffle. At each club event (meeting, swap meet, etc), members can buy a guess as to the historical meaning behind the 2017 gate code. The new code will be set into the locks on January 1st, and is provided on the back of your 2017 membership card.

As the name implies, 50% of the proceeds go towards the club, and the other 50% go to the winner.

The combination has a very specific meaning within the hobby of model aviation.



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Ted O'Fallin is retiring from his duties as our Raffle Chairman! This upcoming Awards Banquet will be his last event. Ted has been running our raffles for at least the last decade! Many thanks to you, Ted!

John Irwin volunteered to take on the duties of Raffle Chairman. Thanks John!

Runway grooming - Gary Rold mentioned that there is a particular edge of the runway in which aircraft wheels often get caught. Several models have been damaged. The Board agreed that there are no issues with shaving/scraping paving to create a smooth surface. The work can be accomplished by anyone who wishes.

Mass emailing issues - In recent past, the Hangar News email distribution has missed a few recipients. Don Westergren asked the membership for help troubleshooting or understanding what the issues might be. He uses NetHere for his outgoing server, and uses Thunderbird as an email handling program. Discussions included the server limitations of 99 recipients per email. Don splits up his mailing into two groups to get around this, but it was recommended to try even smaller groups.

Don asked members to notify him if they don't receive their email version of Hangar News by the Wednesday before the regular meeting (send a note to [news.weedwackers@gmail.com](mailto:news.weedwackers@gmail.com)).

## Banquet planning

Details will be brought to the December meeting for funding approval. \$500 deposit was paid to Carlton Oaks Country Club.

The Board was asked to ensure that deserts are included in the contract. Scott Graupmann took for action.

Jeff Coskey expressed an interest to bolster our internet visibility through social media (Facebook). Jeff will schedule a board meeting to include web-savvy individuals to discuss further.

## Drawing for free membership

Fred W. Miller - Sorry, must be present to win!



## Model Sharing

Arnold Lipschutz presented his Sig Hog with an Enya four-stroke engine weighing in at 8 lbs. By direction from his commandant, the model has a

female pilot figure which he special ordered from John at Discount Hobby Warehouse. Arnold's next project will be a Hangar Monkey.



Jeff Coskey showed some specialty wheels and tires that he made from high density black foam. He cuts and lathes the foam just like he would metal from foam rubber sheet. He gets his rubber from Industrial Rubber Supply in El Cajon.

## Raffle

Arnold Lipschutz	Dubro ball driver set
Arnold Lipschutz	Cool Power nitro fuel
Gerry Conklin	Deans connectors
Ben Newkirk	slick tires +count-down timer
Vernon Gilmore	2 ea Hitec HS-55 servos
Gerry Conklin	Soldering iron
Fred Moffett	LiPo charge pouch
Gary Rold	12v battery charger
Fred Miller	stacking parts bins
Lee Main	Ammo can
Arnold Lipschutz	stacking parts bins
Henry Keas	count-down timer

Raffle funds: Income:	\$100.00
Cost of prizes:	72.45 Net :
	27.55 profit

Adjournment ~8:30 pm



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## **President's Message Dec 2016**

### **District X Associate Vice President Visit**

Tim Attaway, our District X AVP, will be making a presentation to the club this coming Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

### **Banquet Planning**

Also at our upcoming meeting, we'll be discussing the financial planning and logistics of the January Awards Banquets. If you're interested in helping, we need folks to facilitate music and multi-media, model presentation and judging, centerpieces and more. We'll review creative methods to run a raffle without the traditional lump expense as we've had in the past.

The banquet is at the Carlton Oaks Country Club beginning with a no-host bar at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm.

As of this writing, the club's per-plate subsidy hasn't been determined. Last year the tickets were \$25/person or \$45/couple. The actual cost per plate is about \$34 all told. The Board will bring a proposal to the table.

### **AMA and Club Renewals**

For the majority of our members, our AMA membership expires at the end of the year. Please renew your AMA if you haven't already, and come to the meeting to renew your club membership. The AMA has recently changed their renewal process which puts some AMA expiration dates in months other than December. If you're one of those individuals, it's incumbent upon you to ensure your AMA membership remains current. The Board historically issues new badges at the beginning of the year. However we now have the additional task of ensuring that memberships aren't issued where there's AMA coverage gap. Once you renew, you'll receive the 2017 gate code on the back of your club badge. Please don't give this out to folks who you "think" are members. There's no guarantee that your friends have renewed, and we can't afford the instance where non-covered flyers potentially have an incident on our field.

### **Bylaws Revision**

During our last meeting it was clear that my knowledge of Robert's Rules is lacking specifically with regard to handling of officer elections in the

absence of opponents. The proposed addition below would alleviate the confusion.

In accordance with our bylaws, this addition is approved by the Board of Directors and is hereby published. The revision will be voted upon at the next meeting which will be in February. No content is removed or deleted; only paragraph 3.C.(2)f. is added.

### **Article 3. ORGANIZATION**

#### **C. Elections:**

##### **(2) Procedures**

a. Officers shall be elected at the November meeting and shall be installed in office at the December meeting to serve one year.

b. The Board of Directors shall present at least one nominee for each office to the membership at the October meeting. Club members may make nominations from the floor subject to the criteria above and to the acceptance of nomination by the nominated member.

c. Nominations will be published in the club newsletter (Hangar News) in the issue prior to the November meeting.

d. A secret ballot is required for elections unless waived by a simple majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

e. The President shall appoint election judges who will distribute, collect and count ballots at the November general meeting, and who will advise the President of the results. The President will announce the newly elected officers to the membership (without providing a breakdown of the voting).

**f. When nominations have been closed, either by motion or by unanimous consent, if the list of nominees consists of no more than one nominee for any office to be elected, the presiding officer shall declare the nominee for that office elected by acclamation (no motion required).**

I feel like I'm forgetting something. Hmmmm. Oh well.

Have a great December!

See you soon! Keith

# **First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Annual Awards Banquet**

**Date: Friday 1/6/2017**

**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*

**Carlton Oaks Lodge & Country Club  
9200 Inwood Drive, Santee, CA 92071  
(619) 448-4242 Ext 7 Fax (619)448-0501**







## Weedwacker model donated to San Diego Air and Space Museum

As most of our members know, over the past many years Donn Stewart and Charlie McCracken have collaborated in the building and flying of some very spectacular, super scale, RC models. One that stands out as particularly detailed and well presented is the beautiful De Havilland Gypsy Moth. Donn and Charlie have won many scale contest awards with this fine aircraft and have generously agreed to donate the model to the San Diego Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park. The Gypsy Moth joins several models currently on display donated by past member Ray Menegus. The Moth is now on display in the main galleries along side the full scale Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny".



Donn passing the Gypsy Moth to San Diego Air and Space Museum (November 3, 2016)



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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.*

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*Entire Menu is available "To Go".*



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