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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

Oct 15 Sat	Otay Lakes Float Fun Fly, Alpine Club
Nov 12 Sat	Miramar Flyers Vet's Day Flyin
Nov 19 Sat	Swap Meet - Ron Smith Field / Cactus Park
Jan 6 Fri	Annual FWW Awards Banquet

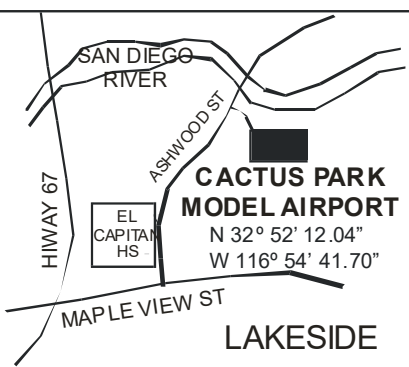
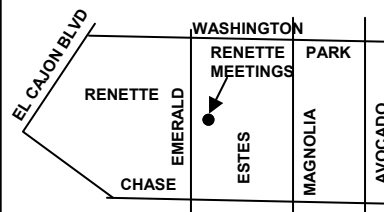
## Election Time Is Coming

OK, so most of you know there are National, State and Local elections coming soon. You are going to have to make choices. But in addition to those elections we have two elections coming in the Model World for us to consider.

The AMA election of next year's President has three official candidates: Richard Hanson, Lawrence Tougas and Eric Williams. Both Mr. Hanson and Mr. Tougas are from our AMA District 10, and both have served us with the AMA for many years. Mr. Williams is from District 2 in New York.

Our club elections are also coming soon, at the Nov meeting. We nominate candidates for next years officers at our October meeting. We are fortunate that the current officers have agreed to stay in office if so elected. However new nominations are possible at the October meeting.

**NEXT MEETI7G:**  
**Tues. Oct 4, 7:00**  
**Renette Park**





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## **Minutes of Meeting Held on September 6th**

By Bruce Allen, Secretary

The President Keith Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge of allegiance, board members present were Bruce Allen Secretary, Jeff Coskey VP, Scott Graupmann Treasurer as well 20 plus members.

Opening remarks,

Keith mentioned that there would be an interesting presentation by Joe Macias on original model aircraft engines.

He then he gave an update on Ron Scharck's condition after his unfortunate boating accident, reported in the August newsletter. He is doing well & working hard with physiotherapists. He allowed Keith to send a photo of himself on email to the members. He will be staying in Houston with family & friends. He decided to sell his aircraft & Don Madison & Bob Muhleman have been assisting & we have heard that all the planes were sold!

Keith asked for approval of the minutes as presented:

Proposed Gary Rold. Seconded Don Madison  
Unanimous

### **Treasurers Report**

Opening Balance : \$4087

Income: \$285

Expenses: (\$367)

Ending Balance: \$4294.50

Unanimous

### **Outhouse Discussion**

Several times it seems that our sanitation provider has not been doing their job & subsequently they have had to be called to come out urgently & rectify the situation.

Keith asked for any suggestions of a different company

(Note Later on the Secretary agreed to follow up & investigate possible replacements)

### **Safety Report**

Ron Keith couldn't make the meeting. No major issues were reported. Jeff Coskey had a minor burn due to his admitted inattention. The moral of this story is that "Always pay attention when adjusting a running model!"

### **Upcoming Events**

Calendar for 2017 not yet generated.

The Fund Raiser for October the first has been cancelled.

Otay Lake - Float Fly October the 15th.

Swap Meet - November 19th at Ron Smith Memorial Airfield.

Miramar Flyers – Saturday November the 12th.  
Check in at Gate.

Nominations due for Board Member Positions due in October for November Election

Amazingly enough all 4 current officers have agreed to stand again....

### **Old Business**

Polo Field – It seems we have been causing aggravation to the people in the horse corral areas, overflying where we shouldn't & what they consider excessive noise from our 'gassers' (their words not mine). Dick Milhausen & the Secretary had an occasion to talk to the farrier over at the field on another subject, BUT he brought up the issues of noise & overflying as he said he wants the horses to get used to distractions, but the problem could be with a new horse which may get spooked & cause damage to its self & others.

Please when flying Stay West of the Airfield as much as possible, & for Gas planes consider modifying your Muffler to reduce the noise. Gary Rold may be able to advise. We do have a Decibel meter & can check the limits of your engine, but even then it is subjective.

### **Field Rules**

We are required to review our Field Rules from time to time. Rule #10 requires that pilots (& their t) stay behind the chain link fence for their own safety. The fences are there to protect the pilots & spectators if something goes wrong, &



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they have served their purpose so please follow the rule!

We now have 5 flight stations to make it easy for racing etc, there is no AMA ruling on the number we can have.

## New Business

Board Nominees- Already covered here & in President's message.

## Mower Servicing

Battery needs replacing. Keith asked that a replacement Battery for the Mower be purchased as the current one is dead.

Proposed: Bill Symons. Seconded: Richard Caulfield

[President's update: Dick Milhausen had a spare that Ron Smith had set aside. It's installed now and working.] and oil was changed and blades sharpened mid-September.]

Discussion on adding to the solar charging System. Jeff will work this.

NOTE! Members should bring their LiPo batteries to the field fully charged at home, before flying. The solar charging system should be used to re-charge you packs, not for the initial charge of the day. Some of us have bought (from Costco or Harbor Freight) Power Units that can be used for starting a car but also have convenient outlets at 12V that can be used for most LiPo chargers.

Dick Milhausen- Brought the need to treat the green growth our side of the model destroying fence with weed killer as they damage the tractor blades.

## Special Presentation

Joe Macias was a member of the Alpine Flyers, has flown everything except rubber band powered! He gave a very interesting presentation on some of the first gas engines used in early model aircraft flying. He is an avid collector since 1946 but said the hobby is dying out.

Our thanks for an interesting talk!

A question was raised about the welfare of Hervey Langevin We saw him at the Summer Banquet but nothing since.



## Model Sharing

Arnold Lipshutz – Showed a very nice PT-17 Stearman biplane that he had been working on for a long time. The kit was 30 years old and took a lot of work. The model was hand covered using



21st Century Coverite. As usual it was a beautiful job, thanks Arnold!

**Note:** Chuck Cassity as brought in a bunch of plane magazines, free for all. Thanks Chuck!

Good of the Order: Bill Simmons reported trouble he had with binding a Hitec 2.4 GHz system. When he contacted Hitec, it turns out that their manual was wrong. [Sorry, didn't capture the model/type of system...]

## Raffle

A picture of various English planes was donated by John Hood, we hope his move went well & hope to hear from him soon.

Sam Ferguson	Model Toolkit
Don westergren	Socket Set
Fred Miller	Digital Timer
Ryan Crutchfield	Hot air gun
Jeff Coskey	Picture [later gifted to Keith]

Meeting Adjourned 20:00hrs



## President's Message Oct 2016

### Club Elections

It's election season again. At the November meeting (on Tues 11/1), the club will hold our elections for club officers. [Note that, this year, our elections are not on the same day as "Election Day" which is Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> this year.] The current officers are throwing our hats into the ring for another term. Now is your opportunity to stand up or nominate others for the open positions. Nominees will be taken at the October meeting. The current club officers and candidates are:

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

I promise that I've not deleted any sensitive club emails, and my hair is soft and pliable.

### Weedwackers make it to Model Aviation magazine!

A couple of months ago, Lance Edmunds' fine video production piece Weedwackers 2016 Membership Drive (featuring "Because I Fly" by Grover C. Norwood) was published at <https://vimeo.com/173393574>. In conjunction with his efforts to boost our visibility and membership, Model Aviation is publishing an article with the same goal.

If you subscribe to the MA digital edition, check out the Flying Site Assistance section in the recently published October issue. Along with our article, Lance's video is included as a "click-on" feature! The article will appear on page 138 of the printed copy as well. You can try clicking on the magazine, but I don't think anything will happen.

Yes, there was a minor editorial error in that our original bids were in excess of \$30k, not \$3k. No worries.

### Swap Meet Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, Future Events

The only major club event left on our calendar for this year is our November 19<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet. The Board of Directors will soon be compiling our 2017 events calendar. Let us know what you would like to see! And please keep in mind that your ideas should be backed by some level of planning and participation. Our events have historically been on weekends, so maybe 2017 will bring some events for the weekday pilots as well!

Gotta run - I think wifey-poo is calling.

See you soon!

Keith





Site: Ron Smith Memorial Field  
(SD County Cactus Park, Lakeside)

**Hours: 7:30 am – 11:30 am**  
**\$5 Seller's Fee ----Buyers Free**  
**Refreshments Available**

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