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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

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Nov 12 Sat Miramar Flyers Vet's Day Flyin

Nov 19 Sat Swap Meet - Ron Smith Field / Cactus Park

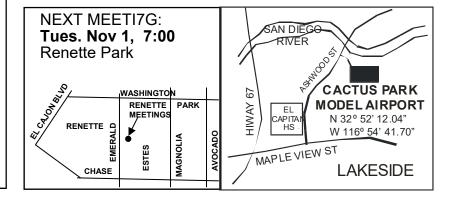
Jan 6 Fri Annual FWW Awards Banquet

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.



Minutes of Meeting Held on October 4th 2016

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 19 members.

Opening remarks,

As the Secretary had news of Hervey Langevin, who had been seriously ill for a while Keith asked him to pass it on. Hervey is not allowed to drive so his daughter & granddaughter had brought him down in his van, Hervey looked very well, walked with a stick & had to take it easy but much better than we had last seen him. He had come to the Field to sell his P51 which Butch Weiser bought.

Treasurers Report

Due to the ineptitude of the Secretary who was writing the minutes whilst at an RAF reunion he messed up! No I wasn't drunk! So, the August numbers were incorrect, they should have read:

Opening Balance: \$4,087.03

Income: \$575 Expenses: (\$367.46) Ending Balance: \$4,297.57

September Numbers:

Opening Balance: \$4294.57

Income: \$0

Expenses: (\$544.05) Ending Balance: \$3,750.52

Some discussion on our financial situation after

to our projections.

Proposed: Ron Keith Second: Vernon Gilmore

our membership renewals etc. Scott said that he

would look at the revenue & see how it is tracking

Unanimous

Safety Report

Ron Keith- Cone knocked over!

It is the season for "Red Flag" warnings, we had one last week Jeff Coskey put up the notices. The next day Keith was contacted by a member to ask if the Red Flag was still current, it wasn't & Keith asked him to take down the Notice.

NOTE: If you go to the field & the Red Flag notice is still up but you know it has expired, take it down & put in the Pin Box.

Fire Weather Watch is one level below Red Flag, doesn't stop us flying but take care.

Rich Milhausen said that as he lives 5 minutes away from the airfield if he is contacted he can go in & put up the Red Flag notice. Thanks, Rich!

Upcoming Events

Swap Meet - November 19th at Ron Smith memorial airfield.

Keith discussed the need to keep cars / trucks off our nice new Runway & therefore the parking will be changed. The possibility of Flying to be allowed while the Swap Meet goes on TBD.

(Please see Presidents Message for full details in this Newsletter)

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

Banquet – January 6th details to follow later.

The Board will meet to discuss the 2017 Calendar (See Keith's comments in Presidents Message in this Newsletter).

Glen Merritt will try to find out if there will be an Airshow at Gillespie in 2017.

The secretary mentioned the Ramona Air Fair & Fly-in which will happen on Saturday October the 16th, he will send out an email with a Flyer for information for the member's. Bruce mentioned that is a good opportunity to see Cal Fires equipment & the Red Eagles Formation Display team, flying YAK 52's.

Massive Inventory Liquidation Sale at Innov8tive Designs October 22nd and 23rd, 2016, Bruce sent an email out to the members with a copy of the email we received. See map included.

Old Business

Club Elections – Are there any nominations for

any of the positions on the Board?? The election will be held at the November 1st meeting.

(Some wag opined "Do we look Stupid?" no comment...)

Jeff Coskey – did a lot of much needed maintenance on the Tractor. Thanks, Jeff!

Keith mentioned that we still need to spray the plants between the fence & the Runway (not in the landfill)

A question was raised from the floor with regards to not being able to fly (Gas/Nitro) before 9:00am, is it a hard & fast rule? Keith answered that it is in our Maintenance Agreement with County & has been for years, in theory we could change it that but would raise questions. As we are trying to not annoy our neighbors with the noise we make it was felt that this would not be a good time for a review.

Outhouse Maintenance

Possibly change company? The Secretary was appointed as Sanitation Investigator & gave this report:

After calling several companies I came up with a company whose products I have seen & used; "Andy Gump" Pricing below:

For a unit with Toilet, Urinal & Hand Wash sink: 1st Month \$230-60, month in advance then \$176-65 each month.

For a unit with Toilet, & Urinal only: 1st Month \$170-85, month in advance then \$110 each month.

For a Handicapped unit with Toilet, Hand Sanitizer only: 1st Month \$330-66, month in advance then \$194-41 each month.

First month's price includes Delivery installing etc. Service would be once a week.

After some discussion, it was decided, as the pricing was close to current costs, they seem to be servicing the unit weekly, we will keep monitoring the situation.

There then followed a lot of ribald discussion the rest of which is censored...

Field Rules

We are required to review our Field Rules from

time to time. This month it is:

Rule #8 – Flyers Give Way to vehicle traffic on the Runway.

- Applies to cars, other models & people
- Avoid flying over vehicles & people on the adjacent dirt road reduce risk of an accident.
- Don't take off while a model is taxing on the Runway

Watch out if someone calls "On the Runway!" wait till they are clear.

Jeff mentioned that if you are flying around Windsock (North) you are flying over a horse corral.

New Business

Rich Crutchfield is handling the Raffle for Ted who is away.

Solar Panels- Michael Ferris is donating 3-4 Panels & we are looking to add them to our current setup to increase the Ampere Hour charge rate.

"An **ampere hour** (abbreviated Ah, or sometimes **amp hour**) is the amount of energy charge in a battery that will allow one **ampere** of current to flow for one **hour**. An **ampere** is a unit of measure of the rate of electron flow or current in an electrical conductor."

Bottom line is the more Ah you have the more Batteries you can charge without depleting the supply quickly. Currently we have a 3Ah system.

Published!

In Octobers AMA Model Aviation mag Keith's write up on our Runway re-paving was published! More importantly Lance Edmundson's video has also been made available on the club site!! It is also available on our own website.

Drawing for Free Membership

Ron Keith! Whose lucky chap then....

Show & Tell

Arnold Lipschutz— Ace Bingo is a nice flying, fully aerobatic model with a 4-stroke engine.



NGAE



Keith Miller – Fly's Control Line at Kit Carson Park in Escondido every other Friday.

showed a Ukrainian combat plane called a Wakkerman. The plane that can fly up to 100 Mph. obvious reasons, he flies off grass....

The fuel is supplied engine via Bladder made from Latex Tubing, one end is sealed & the fuel is pumped in &



pressurizes bladder constant during flying. can achieve 9 -10ft loops. Level flight 3 secs / lap. Keith also showed mini Streak **U-Control**

Warbirds Over the Rockies

Dick Milhausen - He went to Arvada, Colorado

with

power.

& attended the Warbirds Over the Rockies. The smallest they fly is 1/4 scale, they had a P47 that was 128lbs! 60 acres of open land, Two runways, one for electric 300ft & main 800ft, plus a uControl R/C Cars etc. area. The land is owned by the county.

Dick spent 3 days there & took a lot of photos which he showed the meeting. He saw 5 dead stick crashes. No trees in the way.

We will put these photos on the web with Dicks permission... Link to YouTube from a couple of years ago.https://youtu.be/CmA4o3gt2os



Raffle

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for

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Flight

electric

Ben Newkirk – Dean Plugs x2 Ryan Crutchfield – Epoxy Arnold Lipschutz – CA & Epoxy, Servo Jeff Coskey – Gas Spray(?) Bruce Allen- Stand, LiPo Battery, Holster Hank Leichner – Screwdriver / Light Dave Francis- Ammo Box Keith Miller – Storage Bins Gerry Conklin- Servos etc ?? - Plane

Income from Raffle: \$127 Cost of Prizes: \$50 Net proceeds

Meeting Adjourned 20:30hrs.

President's Message Nov 2016

Crutchfield's take home Gold!

Congratulations to our very own Ryan and Rich Cructhfield for their participation in the recent IMAC event at the beginning of October. Ryan placed 1st in Sportsman while dad Rich competed in Basic. Nicely done, men!

Club Elections

At the November meeting (on Tues 11/1), the club will hold our officer elections. The current officers are throwing our hats into the ring for another term. As of this writing, there are no opposing candidates. Should that remain the case, the meeting will be that much shorter!

Swap Meet Nov 19th

This November, we'll be trying something different. The goal is to protect our runway investment and avoid potential damage caused by car/truck tires turning tightly on the new paving. When you arrive on the 19th, we'll be directing sellers to the upper parking area. Yes, there are concerns over selling on the dirt. But the Board has determined that those concerns are trumped by runway preservation. This should work out well as long as we manage how sellers utilize the space available.

Gary Rold will be managing the event and will need at least four helpers to direct traffic at the very beginning. Please contact him at the number on the flyer if you can spare an hour that morning.

2017 Calendar of Events

The 2017 Calendar of Events is set in pudding. The Board convened and laid out a notional plan which essentially mirrors 2016. The schedule can be viewed in the <u>EVENTS</u> tab of our website. That pudding will be allowed to settle and crust over for about a month after which time we'll publish it to the County (part of our agreement). We're always looking for new events, so speak up if you'd like to coordinate some activities.

See you soon! Keith







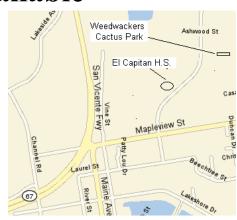


Site: Ron Smith Memorial Field (SD County Cactus Park, Lakeside)

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

Information:

Gary Rold 619-504-9936





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25th Annual Otay Lake Float Fly Report

A very big thank you to all who helped make this 25th Anniversary Annual Otay Lake Float Fly a success on Oct 15, 2016.

Starting with John Weaver from Discount Hobby Warehouse for the generous raffle donation.

Ray Fulks, for tirelessly handling the permit paper work with the city, that allows us to enjoy this unique venue.

Don, Tom, and Richard for taking care of registration, t-shirt and raffle ticket sales.

Travis, Curtis, and Chucky for the rescue boat operations.

The crew from Roberto's for the awesome lunch time fare they prepared.

And last but not least to all you pilots that showed up to support the event and enjoyed flying off the water.

We had almost 30 registered pilots which by far exceeded my expectations based on recent years attendance records.

The day started with some rough weather, overcast, cold, with choppy waters but by 9AM we had our familiar San Diego weather, sunny, light wind, and smooth waters.

The rescue boat was kept busy, but nothing catastrophic, mostly stranded planes from either dead sticks or rough landings, except for what you will see in the video link.

Find below two links to pictures and a video from fellow attendees.

Steve Belknap from Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego was kind enough to share his pictures

https://sefsd.smugmug.com/25th-Annual-Otay-Lake-Float/

and Tom Rickert from Alpine Aerosquadron shared his video

https://youtu.be/SujIdDkp_uo

If all goes as planned, next opportunity for flying off the lake will be Wednesday, the 22nd of February 2017.

Until then, happy landings.

Stilianos Jackson