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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 2017

Feb	11	Sat	Don Rice Memorial Service
Feb	11-12		Don Rice Estate Sale
Mar	11-12		RCX Expo OC Fair & Event Center
Mar	18	Sat	Swap Meet—Cactus Park

Don Rice Oct 19, 1964 - Dec, 30, 2016

Don was one of the founding members of the club and well
known to many current members.

Don's Celebration of Life will be held on Sat., Feb.11th at
4:00pm at the San Diego Air & Space Museum Annex hangar at
Gillespie Field. (The building still says San Diego Aerospace
Museum.) The address is 335 Kenney St., El Cajon,
92020. Please rsvp at: <http://fordon.rsvpify.com> so his Mom
knows how many to feed!

Estate Sale

*The modeling estate sale of Donald Rice will be held on Feb
11th & 12th 2017*

0800-1200 both days

8055 Kenova St. SD 92126

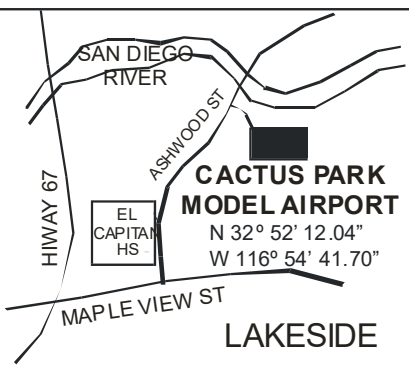
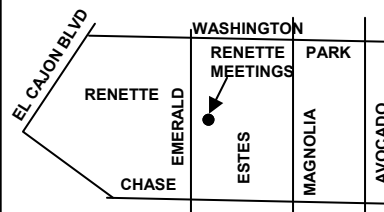
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On behalf of the Don Rice family.....Thank You!

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





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President's Message Feb 2017



You may have recently seen an email come out asking for a vote. We've begun an endeavor to have some stickers made. In addition to the standard logo, we wish to encapsulate the fact that we've been rated as a "Gold" Leader Club for 15 years.

This sticker design has been through many iterations. The stickers will be somewhere around 2.5" tall – small enough to put on a model, but big enough to be seen on a flight box or car window corner. Future stickers (larger – 4x4") and a bumper sticker are in planning.

Please let me know your



preference. Option 7 has the club name in a simple font, whereas option 8 has the traditional club logo font. The final votes will be tallied at the Feb meeting.

No. 7
No. 8

Annual Awards Banquet

As usual and as expected, the company was grand, the food was wonderful, and the display models



were terrific. And for the first time in a while, the raffle turned a profit thanks to the generous donations of Ted O'Fallin, Don Madison,

Chris McClure and Ron Keith!

Rather than a brief summary, I'd like to present the details of those whom we recognized at the Awards Banquet.

Service Awards were presented to recognize those who "serve" you and the club on a regular basis.

Those include Don Westergren (Editor of the Hangar News), Tim Peterson (Webmaster), Ron Keith (Safety Officer), Scott Graupmann (Treasurer), Bruce Allen (Secretary) and Jeff Coskey (VP). Of special note, Scott Graupmann was recognized for 10 consecutive terms!



Each year we show our appreciation for those who do much more to improve our field or enjoyment of our hobby. We recognize them with 12th Man Awards.

12th Man - Dick Milhausen

Things that Dick does: Instructor, lawnmower, weed wacker (in the literal sense), Field Marshal. On a regular basis we'd hear someone mention how much help he's been on the flight



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line and in the pits. Dick was also a key player in coordination and execution of the runway paving plan.

12th Man - Jeff Coskey



The next time you see Jeff standing at a flight station by himself flying a model, leave him alone. He's enjoying himself. At any other time you'll find him helping others with plane repairs, multi-rotor configurations, radio programming and engine

tuning. Or he's changing the oil in the mower, fixing a work bench, painting tables, putting sheet metal plates over sink holes. "Jeff is Mr. Give-A-Shit"!

12th Man - Gary Lamb

Towards the end of May, Gary Lamb and his paint team (including Jeff) spent several evenings painting the charging tables, starting tables, picnic table, all metal poles and the benches and the 2x6 framework of the shade structure!! Essentially, everything at the field looked brand new! It wasn't until I actually looked up at the structure frame that I realized just how much work was put into that. The shade structure framing (hand cut and trimmed) is over 890 sq feet of paint – by hand! All with hands over the shoulders! Then in June after the runway was laid, along with a dozen dedicated members, Gary acquired the striping equipment and drew the straightest and brightest runway stripes in the county!

Special Appreciation - John Weaver of Discount Hobby Warehouse

John supports our club month after month and year after year providing discounts to the prizes we provide at various events.

John, for your support, we'd like to show our appreciation. Thank You!

Most Stitches - Vic Pretto

Each year there are invariably a variety of propeller-to-hand incursions.

In June, this gent had an accident while adjusting the throttle setup. How unique! He cut his fingers on the spinning prop. He lost part of a finger nail as well as some skin and a deep cut in his index finger. Hopefully 2017 proves to be a safer year!

Most Improved Pilot - Gary Lamb



Most of us recall that feeling of our first solo flight, taking off, flying around and landing for the first time. We also remember all of those times that our planes went home in a re-kitted form, quite often

in a bag. Then at some point we realized that we're taking all of our planes home at the end of the day. Then we find that the number of planes in our hangar finally starts to grow rather than shrink. Our Most Improved Pilot is now at that stage.

Rookie of the Year - Rich Sherwood

What makes a rookie of the year? Someone with a passion, drive, and determination to keep finding the center-line all while flying a plane where half the weight is made up of Epoxy.

This year's rookie of the year is no stranger to the joys and pitfalls of the hobby.

He knows the joyful "I did it!" grin after his first solo and first greased in landing....

And he truly knows the punch in the gut - "what have I done" feeling from securely planting an Extra 260 so high and so deep in the trees, it is still there months later...and the full throttle destruction of an Ultimate biplane in the pits.

This year's rookie can be seen at the swap meets usually buying up parts to finish his big project of a large Beast Biplane and selling beautifully restored WW1 airplanes for Butch to crash.



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His flying skills increased so quickly, he was able to cut the buddy box cord in about 5 weeks. Give a big hand to Rich Sherwood, this year's rookie of the year.

Builder of the Year - Arnold Lipschutz

We'll just read off the list of models this builder brought to club meetings in 2016, each built and covered beautifully and built to be flown:

Apr - Sig Skybolt and a Bucker Jungmann

May - Decaf (modified Decathlon)

Jun - P-51 (House of Balsa)

Jul - Gypsy Moth (Pilot)

Aug - Waco (Cox ARF)

Sep - PT-17

Oct - Bingo 40 (Ace)

Nov - Sig Hog

Dec - 4-40 Bipe (Ace)



Distinguished Service Award - Gary Rold



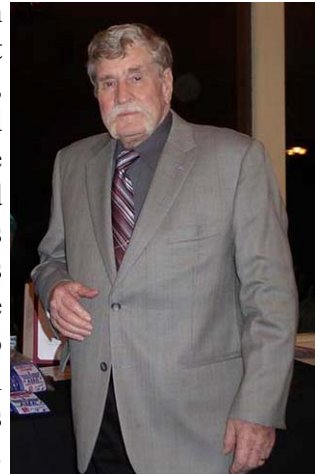
Since his tenure as President, Gary has participated in every aspect of the club. Gary represented the Board during negotiations with the paving company. He's present at every field day event.

And most recently, Gary is our Swap Meet coordinator. Our November meet had some new challenges, one of which was to keep vehicle traffic off of our pristine new runway. Gary's planning and traffic direction worked perfectly, moving all buyers/sellers to the upper dirt area.

In addition, Gary helped coordinate with the MRCF to join in the Toys 4 Tots campaign which will now be an annual event at the November swap meets.

Distinguished Service Award (and Raffle Chairman) - Ted O'Fallin

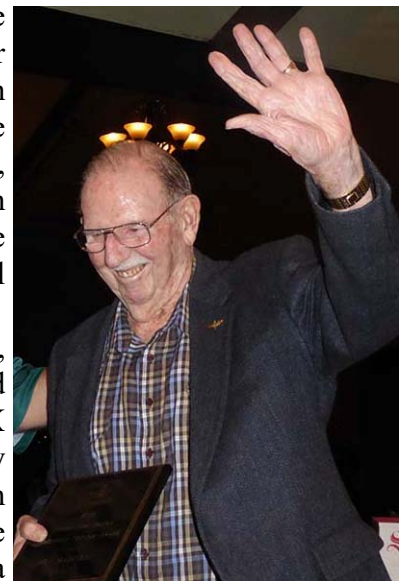
For 10 years, Ted has run our event raffles at meetings, banquets, luncheons, fly-ins and fundraisers. During those monthly raffles, Ted budgeted his purchases and personal donations carefully such that, by the banquet, he's able to offer two Special Attendance Raffle prizes valued at \$250 each. Coupling that with John's (from DHW) charitable heart, those gift certificates are worth \$300!



This past November at our swap meet, Ted worked the crowd walking around with the Toys-4-Tots can picking people's pockets, bringing in more than \$500 in cash donations. That success spawned what we hope will be an annual Toys-4-Tots Swap Meet event every November, a joint effort between MRCF and FWWAS.

Annual Jim Baily Community Service Award - Don Madison (3rd Award)

In 2012 we recognized Don for his involvement in the club and the community. In 2014, it was again Don who was the figurehead of all clubs in the County. In December 2016, Don was recognized by our District X AVP Tim Attaway in front of both MRCF and the Weedwackers as a





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treasure for all clubs in San Diego.

As you all may know, Don hosts several (too many) estate sales, and brings focus to swap meet participation for all of the San Diego Association of Modelers.

Thanks to Don, the Weedwackers were recognized for 15 consecutive years as a Gold Leader club, a status that only eleven of the AMA's 2400 clubs has achieved.

Weedwacker of the Year - Butch Wiser (2nd Award)

Each year we recognize a club member for significant contributions and accomplishments throughout the past year. As an instructor, Butch is finally recognized as an AMA Introductory Pilot Instructor. He joins the ranks of those who have an asterisk next to his name on the cover of the Hangar News. He's flown more planes than he owns.

Without a doubt, the greatest event this club enjoyed this year was a fresh runway. As I said during the field grand re-opening in August, Bruce reminded me that we are a model airplane club, and the field must take priority over all of those other things we do.

Bruce was the driving force behind the runway renovation, giving us the swift kick in the pants to make it happen.

Congratulations to all of you!



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Don Rice

Oct 19, 1964 - Dec, 30, 2016

By Don Westergren

I met Don when he was a teenager—he was 14. He couldn't drive yet, so he rode his bike to the Santee Weedwacker Field at Cuyamaca and Mission Gorge—where the trolley station is now. It's hard to carry planes, fuels, transmitter, and tools on a bike. So Don often came to fly other modelers planes.

"Mister, can I fly your plane?" That's how we met. He flew my biplane and did a series of "Precise and Perfect" touch and goes—much better than I could ever do.

Don was a founding member of the Weedwackers at age 13. He was club Secretary when he graduated from High School and left that Summer to go on to college. Lee Main was President and he asked me to take over for Don as Secretary.

Some years later, Don returned to Santee and resumed RC with the Weedwackers. Paul Ross picked Don to fly Unlimited Pylon Racers at Madera, Rio Vista, Realto, and Garland TX in the 1990's from 1992 to 1997. The first race at Madera, in the Gold Race, Don flew Paul's Miss America P-51 approaching the Start line, another plane was ahead at about 20 feet altitude. Don flew straight under at about 7 feet and passed into first place and never looked back. Don was a winner.

Don Rice and Paul Ross built the racers. Don Westergren did the engineering of the model structures, strategized the racing set up, and did all the race calling. Kathy was with Don R at most races and was very much a part of the team.

Don never crashed at the races due to pilot error. At a later Madera, the Miss America lost control—Don sensed the loss was coming and pulled up out of the back course, then lost all control. The plane arched up and over in a perfect "Figure Nine" and crashed well away from the crowd. The plane burst into flame—a quart or two of gasoline—but the wing bounced free. Here's a picture of Don and Paul



standing on the strong wing. The plane crashed due to the battery wires melted by the hot tuned pipe in the fuselage. The wing was strong because the model made pylon turns at over 30 G's.



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Don's closest race win was at Rialto in 1997 with the Fiat G59. He crossed the finish line 3/4 length ahead of Dennis Crooks. Don beat Dennis several times over the years.

Don's ability as a pilot was legendary, so he had others asking "Don would you fly my plane?" B-25 and a B-29 and many other planes were flown by Don as first flights and at air shows.

Don was a great pilot, and he would be the first to tell you. That wasn't bragging, it was the plain truth. Don was sometimes criticized for flying low down the length of the Cactus Park runway. He would do it at 6 inch altitude inverted, because he could.

OK, there were some spectacular crashes. Don never did anything in a small way. We all had great times going out to the Desert, camping out and flying—flying—flying. Flying at night with just lights on the wings, then firing off fireworks.

Don had extreme self confidence in everything he did. Because of that, he had little patience for the actions of others of lesser ability. An example is that he absolutely hated driving behind a slow driver.

When he was diagnosed with cancer, he believed he would fight and win. Don chose to share his ordeal on Caring Bridge web with a lot of friends. He was honest and direct—a lot more than anybody else. He described his nurses and the treatment with Bags of Poison.



If

Angels have wings (and I believe they do) then Don is right at home now showing them all "How to really Fly".



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The Planes at the Banquet 2017

