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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 2017

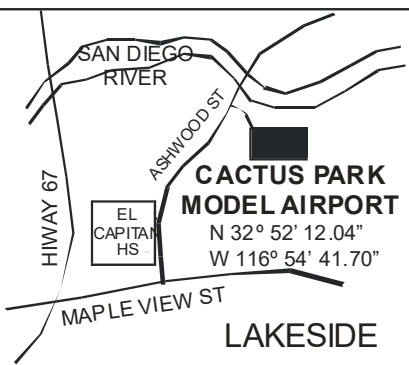
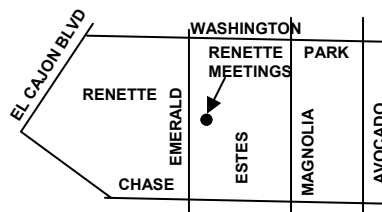
Mar 11-12	RCX Expo OC Fair & Event Center
Mar 18 Sat	Swap Meet—Cactus Park
Apr 4 Tue	Trauma Training @ Club Meeting Renette Park
Apr 15 Sat	TEDx Kids Event and Innovation Park
Apr 22 Sat	Western Days Parade, Lakeside
Apr 28-29	Chino Airshow—Chino Airport
May 13 Sat	Field Closed Polo Event, - Field Cleanup Day
May 20 Sat	Scale Fly-In Cactus Park

Donn Stewart Donates Model to Museum

Donn Stewart's Curtiss-Wright CW-1 "Jr now hangs proudly in the San Diego Aerospace Museum. See more pictures page 7.



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





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Meeting Minutes Feb 7 2017

Present were the President Keith Miller and Vice President Jeff Coskey. Scott (Treasurer) was called away to other duties, and Bruce (Secretary) got stuck in route behind a nasty traffic jam on Wildcat Canyon Rd. Sorry we missed you guys!

Guests/New Members

John Flippin recently joined the AMA and joined the club tonight. John worked for a fellow named Duke Fox who some members may recognize.

Mike Reardon also joined and has been involved in RC cars and planes since he was 16 years old.

Both John and Mike fly T-34's based out of Gillespie, often seen flying in formation over the county. We've seen them on many occasions. At the moment, Mike's T-34 is in an overhaul period. Both John and Mike made an offer to the Club for possible formation fly-alongs in their birds as a charitable contribution towards a club fundraiser. Keep your eye's peeled for future details.

Greg Smith is rejoining us, being a prior member back in 2006-2007. Greg got carried away with his other hobby (cycling) and is making his way back into RC.

All three of these gentlemen fit right into the group and are warmly welcomed!

Approval of Minutes as presented in last month's Hangar News

There was no meeting or minutes from January (we held our banquet). And Lee Main gave his full approval of the last two newsletters without any editorial recommendations. Thanks Lee! Our newsletter editor Don Westergren was quite pleased.

Treasurers report

Significant expenses include the banquet (\$1250 to raffle, \$2300 to Carlton Oaks). To note, the raffle for the first time in 10 years made a profit - \$131 [President's note: The net banquet cost to the club, taking into account all ticket sales, expenses, plaques and the raffle came out to only \$875, roughly \$300 less than the past two years.]

Motion to approve: Ron Keith. Seconded - Bill

Simmons; Approved unanimously.

Income	5,686.00
Expenses	(4,692.98)
Net	993.02
Bal	\$4,777.22

Safety Officer Report

The firefighting training aid is now available. Live firefighting training will be held at the Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field on **March 25th**. Flyers and emails to follow. Ron will use our expired dry chemical ABC extinguishers for the training and has purchased two brand new 5# ABC extinguishers to go in the box.

Upcoming Events

Sat Mar 18 Swap Meet, Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field

Tue Apr 4 Trauma Training (TBD) - *Renette Park*

Sat Apr 15 TEDx Kids Event and Innovation Park (TBD)

Sat Apr 22 Lakeside Western Days Parade (TBD) - *Lakeside, CA*

Fri Apr 28-29 Chino Air Show (TBD) - *Planes of Fame Air Museum, Chino, CA 91710*

Sat May 13 Field CLOSED (Polo Event) (TBD) - Field Cleanup Day

Sat May 20 Scale Fly-In - *Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field*

Rich Crutchfield reported that Matt Arnold of Floatasia Parade Float Company is again offering up his services and float for the upcoming Lakeside Western Days Parade.

Art Flores and Dick Milhausen will again run this year's Scale Fly-In in May.

Old Business:

Bylaws Revision

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The revision was presented to the club at the December meeting, published in the following newsletter and carried forward to this meeting for club approval. This is an addition to section 3.C.(2).Article 3. ORGANIZATION

C. Elections:

(2) Procedures



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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).

Motion made by Keith Miller, seconded by Rich Crutchfield, passed unanimously.

Flying Site Assistance Program
Application goes in this week

Rules Review

Rule Review: Rule #19. *Smoking is strictly prohibited on the flight line and in the pit area. Additionally, San Diego County Ordinance, 41.118 forbids smoking at Cactus Park.*

This includes smoking in vehicles. Not only is it a fire hazard, it poses a risk to our use of the County Park. Please exit the park entirely (i.e., outside the gate) to take a puff.

New Business Stickers

We have an opportunity to have some stickers made at little or no cost to the club. Two options were presented to the club by email over the last 2 weeks, with the members in attendance also having an opportunity for a vote.

Those in attendance voted 10 to 1 for Option 7. Adding to the votes received by email of 10:7 in favor of option 7, our selection is made.

Calling landing - pass the word down the line. Recent ground collision; pilot A called landing, pilot B didn't hear it and entered the runway without checking the pattern. Boom. Recommendation; if one pilot calls landing, pass the word down the line so that all are aware. Also, pilots landing have right of way; please check the pattern before departing the flight station.



Donations from James Carek

James is a local Poway modeler who's leaving the state and donated a many models, kits, engines and single stick transmitters to the club. While most items may be considered vintage, they're all in excellent condition.

The cache includes two built planes, 1 ARF, 1 ARC, 1 kit and a handful of engines. The ARF and a flight box were included in tonight's raffle. The plan is to offer each item to members through sealed bids with a minimum reserve, or to bring them to meetings as raffle prizes. *[Chances are by the time this periodical is published, many of the items will have already been offered through club emails and postings.]* Items that don't spark interest within the club may go on eBay, with profits going back to the club.

New member Greg Smith described an unfortunate friend suffering from cancer who may donate a collection of modeling items. Greg will coordinate with his dear friend and Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego (SEFSD), when the time comes. Greg's friend calls SEFSD his home club.

Other New Business from members

Jeff Coskey briefed the club on Board activity focused on long-term financial improvement above and beyond the existing 5-year recovery plan. Financial improvement may take on the form of an increase in dues or other fund-raising activities. The option for dues increase will be studied by the board over the next month with an analytical report presented to the club outlying the plans for increased funding. The primary focus would be field improvement and runway routine maintenance (seal coats). The Board acknowledges that dues increases pose a risk of losing members. That will be taken into account, with the recognition that dues haven't been raised in more than 15 years. At the onset, the discussion was for a very minimal increase of only \$5 a year.



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The Board took action (well, the two of us present anyway) to hold board meetings in the next month or two to evaluate and report.

Drawing for free membership

None held. Scott couldn't make it and he holds the keys to the drawing.

Model Sharing

Arnold Lipschutz, our Modeler of the Year for 2016, is at it again. This this month Arnold displayed the naked bones of a Sig Hog Bipe with an OS FX 61 in front. Arnold opted to go pull-pull on the rudder and an arrow shaft on the elevator, all hidden from view. Arnold really dislikes and so avoided the flexibly Nyrod systems. Arnold plans on covering the model with SolarTech which is available at Discount Hobbies Warehouse.



Good of the Order

From Rich Crutchfield: If you receive a phone call during which you're immediately asked "Can you hear me?", do NOT answer "Yes". This could be a scam in which the caller is recording

your "yes" answer for use as confirmation to other sinister activities. Your voice could be used as "proof" that you agreed to something. Beware!

Raffle

John Irwin got his feet wet on his first solo raffle and did well despite leaving all of the raffle tickets at home. Off he scurried while we carried on with business, making it back in plenty of time for the raffle! Good job sir John!

Winners were:

Keith Miller Gal of Cool Power fuel
Rich Crutchfield Allen wrench set and 2 squares

Fred Miller Tx/Rx wall-wart chargers and two 72 MHz receivers

Greg Smith Ammo can (for holding cats....)

Greg Smith Engine mount sets (2)

Henry Leichner Pilot figure, multimeter

Henry Leichner (turned in a ticket)

Ben Newkirk Zip-ties, scissors, various small tools

Greg Smith Stir sticks, X-Acto blades (or something..)

Fred Miller Tool magnetizer, servo arms

Rob Kile Balance Charger

Jeff Coskey (turned in a ticket)

And the grand prizes (shown in the photo):

Rob Kile EZ Diabolo ARF (donated by James Carek)

Chuck Abel RTF Small Electric SR Bantam (donated by Arnold Lipschutz)

Henry Leichner Custom hand-made tool and flight box (donated by James Carek)



Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:30.



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President's Message Mar 2017

Our stickers are printed (a small sample run) and will be available by the time you read this. Thank you Larry Kosta! If they prove to be popular, we'll do a larger run of small and large (4") stickers.

If you have architectural or engineering reprographics needs, or are interested in your own stickers or car-wraps, give Larry a call, Advance Reprographics at (619) 291-7734!



Silent Auction

Thanks to the charitable contributions from Poway resident James Carek and Don Stewart, the silent auction brought in \$570! Congratulations to the auction winners!

Fire Fighting Training - March 25th

Our Safety Officer Ron Keith will demonstrate the proper use of fire extinguishers and cover key aspects of fire dangers specific to our hobby and our field. We'll all also have the opportunity to train on a genuine fire department training prop. If you haven't yet participated in one of these events, please come out! We'll be popping a few LiPo packs as well.



Long-Term Financial Plan

The Board of Directors is reviewing the club financial outlook as it relates to the plan put in place last summer. The fundraising effort and runway investment set a goal to ensure our checkbook register never goes below \$1500 over the next five years.

However, current membership renewals are significantly behind. We've lost roughly 35 member renewals this last year for various reasons (shifting to park flying, youth getting into high school activities, finances and more we just don't know

about). I've reached out to nearly all of them with the hopes that they'll remember how much fun we have!

We were on track in December, however reduced renewals has a fairly significant impact. Thirty five members at \$60/year is a loss of \$2100. Granted, we add many new members during the year, but it's difficult to project the long-term population growth.

Our goal is to set aside a dedicated \$1000 emergency fund (for tree branches falling on the roof, or theft of the shed, or whatever). We also need to provide for a 3-year runway sealing schedule. Options to achieve these goals include creative fundraising, low-cost events, reduction of club subsidies and prizes at luncheons and banquets.

And, of course, an option is to increase our annual dues. Last raised just after the turn of the century (15 years ago!), dues went from \$30 to \$60/year. That was a fairly significant jump, which of course saw a large reduction in membership. A \$5 or \$10/yr increase would be much more palatable, but still comes with some risk of attrition. This is an expensive hobby and \$10 isn't much when you consider it would only buy a (half) gallon of fuel or a single small LiPo battery. On the flip side, pavement and porta-potties are expensive too. A \$5 increase would bring in about \$1500 per year more than we see now, which will really help get us to that seal coat that's due in two years. The Board will continue to evaluate our situation over the next few months and report as we learn.

Call for Articles

If you've got information, tricks or secrets you'd like to share, please send them in to the newsletter editor Don Westergren. My rantings tend to be all business related, and we could use some interesting *modelling* stuff in the Hangar News. Maybe a review of the latest FPV or telemetry systems? Or maybe a how-to article describing how to re-form a crunched foamie fuselage?

Until next time, keep your fingers out of that prop!

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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Yet another Weedwacker model donated to San Diego Air and Space Museum

A familiar model to many Weedwacker's is Donn Stewart's Curtiss-Wright CW-1 "Jr." which Donn has campaigned and flown for several years at Weedwacker's Ron Smith Memorial Field. It is modeled after a full-scale Curtiss Jr. that previously was on exhibit at the San Diego Air and Space Museum. Donn donated The Curtiss to the museum February 14, 2017 and the museum will display the model in the same exhibit location the full scale JR. previously occupied. Donn's Curtiss Jr. is now on display in the main galleries along side a full-scale 1930's era Aeronca C-3 Collegian.



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