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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

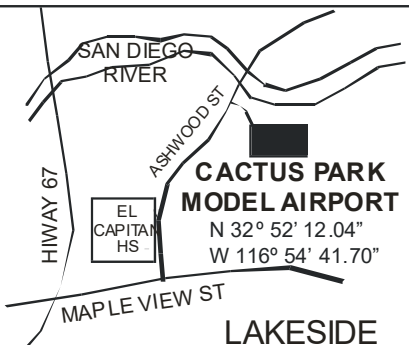
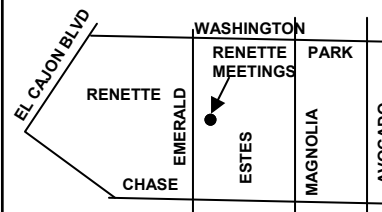
June 3 Sat TEDx Kids Event and Innovation Park
June 18 Sun Swap Meet Discount Hobby Warehouse
July 8 Sat Mid Summer Lunch—Soup Plantation La Mesa

Club Activities

Be sure and read Keith's President Report this month. Our club had a lot happening in the past month or two. Keith's message has the details. Our club was one of the recipients of a grant from AMA that helps finance our runway and club. We had a very well received model float in the Lakeside Western Days Parade. We had over 22 models on the float. In the past the couple of us that rode the float waved to the crowd and got lots of waves back. This time we also got applause from some of the crowd—very rewarding! Then we had a most successful Scale Flying with some of the best quality models and fantastic flying. Then to top it all off, we were fortunate to honor our club's oldest and very long time member for the quality models he has produced over the years—congratulations and thanks to Larry Warden and his wife and showing some of his fantastic models. (I just can't use the word FANTASTIC enough here)

Remember we have our Mid Summer Luncheon schedules for July 8—a great time for fellowship with club members and their families.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. June 6, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes May 2nd 2017

Bruce Allen

The meeting on May 2nd, 2017, was called to order by the club President, Keith Miller at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were 19, including board members; Vice President Jeff Coskey, Secretary Bruce Allen, & Treasurer Scott Graupmann.

Minutes

Proposed: Ron Keith, Lee Main. Unanimous

Treasurers Report

Opening Balance: \$7,423.53
Income: \$653.40
Expenses: \$1,298.76
Ending Balance: \$6,778.17

Proposed: Lee Main Seconded, Vick Pretto.
Unanimous

Safety Report

Fire Fighting training scheduled for May 13th
Secretary would like to add a Safety Note:

As you will see from the Presidents Message we had the Scale Fly-In on the 20th of May which was a great success. Towards midday temperatures rose to over 100°F! It became awful and we were reminded to keep in the shade and hydrate. Sunscreen is also important even if sitting in the shade. I know I wasn't the only one who suffered from some heat exhaustion towards the end of the morning & had to recover when I got home.

Summer is coming Be Prepared!!

Some members are flying over the Polo fields during the week, we should all be aware of this & remind our Members not to fly over the polo fields.

Upcoming Events

Calendar of events are on our Website <http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/events/>

Fri May 6-7 All Day Chino Air Show - Planes of Fame Air Museum, 7000 Merrill Ave., #17 Chino, CA 91710

<http://planesoffame.org/index.php?page=general-info>

Sat May 6 All Day Field CLOSED (Polo Event, Field Day Cleanup) - 10295 Ashwood Street, Lakeside CA 92040

Sat May 20 9:00am – 1:00pm Scale Fly-In - Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field, 10295 Ashwood Street, Lakeside CA 92040

Sat Jun 3 7:00am – 1:00pm TEDx Kids Event and Innovation Park (Bruce Allen, Richard & Ryan Crutchfield) All arrangements have been made. Rich & myself will provide Laptops with Flight Simulators.

https://www.ted.com/tedx/events?autocomplete_filter=TEDxKids%40ElCajon

Jun 18 7:00am – 11:00am Swap Meet, DHW - Discount Hobby Warehouse

Sat Jul 8 11:00am – 1:00pm Mid-summer Luncheon – Soup Plantation - La Mesa, 9158 Fletcher Pkwy, La Mesa, CA 91942, USA (Donate prizes...)

Field CLOSED (Polo Event, Field Day Cleanup)

See Presidents Message!

Western Days Parade – See Presidents Message!

Scale Fly-In – See Presidents Message!

Scale Fly In (Addendum!)

You could win a flight in a T34 Mentor for only \$20! Bruce & Jeff selling tickets at meeting, drawing will take place at the Scale Fly-in.

Lawrence Warden

Fred Miller (jr) talked to Gary Rold & myself about a “Life Time Achievement Award” for Lawrence to honor his master model making skills & longevity in Aviation. Another reason to do this is that Lawrence is donating a lot of fine models to the San Diego Air & Space Museum. It was agreed that we would setup a special presentation area at the Scale Fly-in to show the models, Gary & Fred would be transporting them to the field the down to SDASM.

We are hoping that Lawrence will be well



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enough to attend.

Side note: Lawrence had his 96th Birthday on the 16th of this month! On the 17th, Fred, Gary, Ted & myself met him at the Shakespeare Pub for a celebratory lunch, he was in good form.

As you will see from the Presidents Message he & his wife attended the Fly-In & the presentation was made which pleased him greatly! (see Photos)

Flying Site Assistance Grant, we qualified! – See presidents message for details

Rule Review

All pilots must observe the AMA Safety Code & directions of Field Marshalls.

A.2.F Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name & address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft.

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.

Mid-summer Luncheon Saturday July 8th – Soup Plantation - La Mesa, 9158 Fletcher Pkwy, La Mesa, CA 91942, USA (See Presidents Message)

Good of the order!

Ted O'Fallin had his condo painted by Gary Lamb & he wanted to say that he did a magnificent job! Remember he also painted our Pit area so need a painter you know who to call!

Joe Stuzman – 3D flyer etc. <http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/2017/04/11/news-regarding-joe-stutzman/> Ben Newkirk suggested we should consider putting on a special event to fund raise for Joe & his family. Involve the whole modelling community? Keith & Ben will work on this. Note please do not contact Jo's family directly.

Model Sharing – Ken Lawrence, showed an original model of a Mini-Coup(?) which was 50 years old built from plans as a free flight plane. It

was a good flyer so Ken being the Master builder that he is, decided to make a 150% scaled up version! It has a 3' wingspan, Rimfire 10 (electric motor) 40a ESC, Tactic Rx/TX the cowl was hand carved & finished.

Once again Ken has produced a beautiful plane...



Drawing for free Membership (Must be present)
Dick Clavert

Raffle (Thanks to John Irwin!)

Ben Newkirk – Heat Shrink
Mark Huyser- Nitro
Keith Miller- Plane,
Arnold- Electric Screwdriver, hot air gun, magnifying helping hands
Bruce Allen- Picks
Stephen Ellis – Brushes/ Gorilla glue
Fred Miller- Props x2
Rich Crutchfield – Storage Box

Adjourned 19:55hrs



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President's Message June 2017

Keith Miller

Supporting Visitors: Our club offers guests the opportunity to fly at the field at no charge and with no obligations up to three times. This allows prospective members to get a feel for the field, the runway and surroundings. It also provides us an opportunity for us to greet and welcome newcomers. I grin with pride every time I get a call or email from visitors recounting how well they were treated and how friendly our members were! That being said, let me remind everyone of some things to consider should you be at the field when a visitor arrives. Please greet them and follow at least these basic steps before sponsoring them to fly:

1. Verify their AMA membership is current. They must either show you their card or a receipt from the AMA showing that they are TEMPORARY and have paid.

2. Provide a brief summary of the field boundaries, visual cues and procedures. It doesn't need to be a lengthy lecture, but sufficient to keep them inbounds.

3. Guests can fly LiPo powered models without the CEAP seminar (that Circle-E mark on our badges) as long as they're under the observation of a CEAP-certified member.

4. Take a brief look at their aircraft for safety. If it looks like it might turn into a lawn dart while headed towards the polo grounds, it's up to you to be a field marshal and ask that they not fly.

5. Be SURE that there is always a member who is cognizant or "sponsoring" the guest and that the guest is NOT the last person left at the field. You may be the initial greeter, but may turn over cognizance to another member when it's time for you to leave.

Note that the spirit of this policy is to encourage potential newcomers to join. This is NOT an option for past or delinquent members to get in some free flying time as a "guest"!

Lakeside Parade

I'll be very surprised if our presentation at the Lakeside Western Days Parade doesn't yield a



prize. Rich Crutchfield (with son Ryan) orchestrated and managed our participation in the event. Matt Arnold of Floatasia contributed the float, the fixtures and the bling. Thanks to all who participated including our Lifetime Member Don Westergren, Bruce Allen, Jeff Coskey, Vernon Gilmore and Art Flores for contributing their models, time and effort both the day of the event and the evening before setting up the float. To each of you, thank you, and I apologize sincerely for bailing early.





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Field Day

Our turnout this month on May 6th was somewhat smaller than I'd hoped. I'll attribute it to the threat of rain and the concurrent Chino Air Show. Those who participated contributed quality work for a solid three hours until the rain started up.

Thank you to these folks for putting forth a significant effort!

Bruce Allen, Mark Huyser, Tom Gibson, Larry Costa Jr, John Irwin, Ron Keith, Chuck Abel and Lester Moore

I would particularly like to thank **Michael Phares** who donated something that the club actually didn't yet have.... A Weed-Wacker! If you see him at the field, give him a BIG HUG!

Sadly we had to put our BBQ grill to rest. Between corroded-through burner pipes and rodent stuff, it had to go. Until such time that we're the recipient of another donated grill, we'll simply poll the members should the need for a grill arise.



2017 Flying Site Grant Recipient

This month the First Weedwacker Aero Squadron was **awarded \$1,876** through the AMA's Flying Site Development Improvement Grant Program. The program is designed to help provide funding for AMA Chartered Clubs that are making improvements to AMA Chartered Club Flying sites. The award represents 10% of the 2016 expenses we put into the runway at the Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field. This grant will be applied towards the next phase of runway maintenance, most likely in the form of a biannual seal coat.

Scale Fly-In

The Event Managers Art Flores and Dick Milhausen did a phenomenal job setting up the fly-in! And let's also thank Bob Muhleman for managing the entries and Bobby Rink for a terrific lunch! And of course, our VP/handyman Jeff restored a

grill to near-new condition and provided it for the event!

At least 23 entrants were on hand, about half of which flew in scale fashion and others remaining static. Steve Shepersky and Warren Allred put on terrific civilian aerobatic shows, while Butch Wiser, Nick Palanza and many others demonstrated very realistic scale maneuvers. And of course, there were a few tragedies. Jeff Coskey's huge Corsair lost aileron linkage on a hard "touch"-and-go which promptly made for difficult control and an unfortunate nose-in riverbed planting. Art Flores' beautiful B-25 appeared to have stalled on takeoff when the flaps went up. He unfortunately found the hard-packed dirt of the west parking area. And to round things off, poor Vernon Gilmore's transmitter was inadvertently turned off in flight... lawn dart. So sad for all three of them!

Congratulations to the following awardees:

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| Best Military | Dick Clavert | Sopwith Pup |
| Best Civilian | Steve Shepersky | Monocoupe 110 |
| Best Static | Mike Martak | Mosquito |
| Best Military Maneuvers | Nick Palanza | Piper Cub |
| People's Choice | Ken Lawrence | Taube |

Lifetime Achievement Award - Larry Warden

During the Fly-In, Larry Warden was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award





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in recognition of his Master Scale level of expertise and achievement in building radio control model aircraft, displaying the finest detail and fidelity to the full-scale aircraft. Many of his fine pieces were on display during the event. Thank you to Fred Miller, Gary Rold and Bruce Allen for putting the presentation together!



and



books. He even had popcorn!

The winner of the T-34 Flight is Ron Keith! Congratulations sir!

Through the generosity of John Flippen (owner/pilot of the T-34), the club brought in \$540 from this raffle! John - thanks again!! And Ron - have fun and take lots of pictures!

On the financial side of the event, we did very well. The budget for the event was \$700 between food, plaques and raffle prizes. We brought in \$437 in entry fees, lunch tickets and the regular raffle tickets! Taking into consideration the additional T-34 drawing, it was a very successful event.



Upcoming Swap Meet and the Mid-Summer Luncheon

The annual Fathers' Day Swap Meet hosted by Discount Hobby Warehouse is coming up on, duh, June 18th (Father's Day). Three weeks later on July 8th is our Mid-Summer Luncheon. I mention these together because I'd like to ask that, rather than selling your brand-new-in-the-box widget or kit at the swap meet, you consider donating it as a raffle prize at the luncheon. Last year this was a great success with the club affording a good amount of store-bought prizes and still turning a net profit when including the donated prizes.



"Never let an airplane take you to someplace your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier."

Anonymous-

John Irwin's raffle was a lot of fun with some great prizes which included an EP F-4 Phantom, Flyzone Millennium Master, fuel, building tools

Have a great month!
Keith



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Views of the Scale Flyin May 20, 2017 at Cactus Park



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