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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

Sept 30 Sat SailPlane Event, Palomar RC Flyers
Oct 21 Sat Otay Lake Float Fly
Nov 18 Sat MRCF/Weedwacker Swap Meet/Toys for Tots

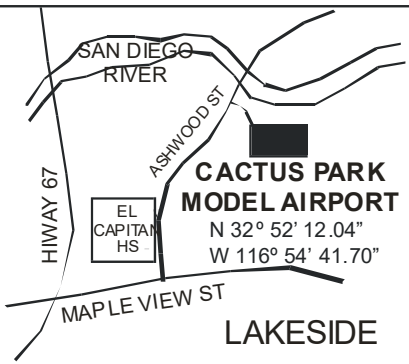
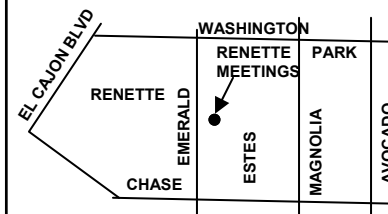
Toys for Tots

This year we will again combine with the Miramar RC Flyers to host a Toys For Tots drive on November 18. The Toys For Tots fulfills one of our club's obligations for community service as a Gold Leader Club for the AMA. So please plan to support the drive. You will notice there are two more notices about this in this newsletter.

Club Officer Nominations

The October meeting starts the annual club election process. Nominations for all four officer positions can be made at both the October and November meetings. The actual election will be at the November meeting with the officers taking their duties at the December meeting.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Oct 3, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes September 5th, 2017

Bruce Allen

The meeting on August 1st, 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 15, including board members; Vice President Jeff Coskey, Secretary Bruce Allen, & Treasurer Scott Graupmann.

New Members: Leroy McNair, was a member some time ago but had health problems which curtailed his flying etc. He is back to take up the hobby again, Welcome Leroy!

Minutes

Proposed: Ron Keith, Ken Lawrence.
Unanimous

Treasurers Report

Opening Balance: \$9,648.80
Income: \$130
Expenses: \$(518.75)
Ending Balance: \$9,260.05

Proposed: Rich Crutchfield Seconded, Vic Pretto. Unanimous

Keith mentioned that we are advertising in the AMA Mag in October & November for the November swap meet which incorporates the "Toys for Tots" Fund raiser. Cost was \$100 for the 2 months. We had the first event sharing with the Miramar Flyers last year & raised over \$500! Hope to exceed that this year:

Swap Meet and Fundraiser
 Saturday Nov 18
 7:30 - 11:00 AM
 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
 Toys for Tots

 Weedwackers Flying Field
 10295 Ashwood Street
 Lakeside, CA


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Safety Report

Ron Keith – If a plane goes down take an Extinguisher & a stick, let someone know that you are going out on a recovery & have a Cell phone or the Walkie Talkies (if charged!). Watch out for snakes!

Ron has reorganized our First Aid Kit to make it easier to use. Gloves, antiseptic wipe, betadine etc

Note: if you are going to work on someone who has a wound then put on a pair of gloves out of the kit for your own protection! Use 'Mr. Sock' to provide compression on top of the wound.

Ron will be presenting a refresher Sock wound treatment at the November Meeting.

Bob Muhleman- Had an incident where the engine started backwards & caused him an injury. The Plane was restrained for going forwards but not back off the table(?) Bob suggested that he could make some form of restraint, & be reimbursed for the cost?

There was some discussion & Keith said he would follow up with Bob.

I mentioned that wheel restraints are normally called "Chocks", & hilarity ensued, fine below is the definition:

"Wheel **chocks** (or **chocks**) are wedges of sturdy material placed closely against a vehicle's wheels to prevent accidental movement. **Chocks** are placed for safety in addition to setting the brakes. The bottom surface is sometimes coated in rubber to enhance grip with the ground."

I have also sent photos to the board of the simple Chock I made to restrain my old Nitro planes & now my 60" Tiger Moth. It is very simple & costs pennies, it can be scaled etc. See photo below:

Upcoming Events

Calendar of events are on our Website <http://>



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www.weedwackers.org/ww/events/

See Presidents Message in this edition of the Hanger News!

Ryan and Rich Crutchfield will be competing in the IMAC competition in Victorville, Sep 23rd and 24th, as well as the Tuscon Shootout, a national event, Oct 18th through Oct 22nd.

Old Business

Keith mentioned that Larry Kosta Jr had made us some small stickers 2" x 2" There were two designs. Leader Club & our Logo at no cost. Next step 4" X 4" versions? Scott was concerned we wouldn't sell many. It was agreed that Keith would talk to Larry & get some price quotes.

Field Rule Proposal – R/C Cars on the field.

Keith explained the above proposal & Fred Millers input, a lot of discussion was had & as we did not have many members at the meeting it was decided to table the discussion.

Proposed: Motion to table R/C Car proposal until we have more of the membership at the meeting & have read its suggestions. Ken Lawrence

Seconded: John Irwin. Unanimous
(See Keith's 'Presidents Message' in this Hanger News for more information)

Guest Speakers etc?

Still looking for guest speakers for our meeting, anyone have any ideas?

Steve Shepersky – is re-advertising his RC Flying Lessons, via a buddy box, in Craig's List.

2018 Annual Banquet

We have already reserved & paid a deposit at Carlton Oaks for our banquet January the 5th 2018. Same Menu. Need DJ noise.

Drawing for free Membership (Must be present)

Jayson Taylor

Show & Tell

Ken Lawrence – as usual showed a very nice model. Warren Wood one of our members gave Ken the 'Freedom' kit which was made in 1961,

free flight the only flight control being the Rudder with a single channel radio.

Ken built the model using the original wood, lowered the dihedral added Elevators & Ailerons, fitted an Electric 400 Motor. Used Hi-Tec 55 servos for control. Covered with Microlite fabric. Total weight 19oz! Test flight went very well but Ken thinks the 400 motor is too powerful!

Nice one Ken.



(Sorry about circle in the photo, picture was extracted from the video)

Rich Crutchfield- Showed a new Lithium Battery safety charging box. Comes with balancing leads but not charging leads. About \$60. Check the link below for more info:

<http://www.bat-safe.com/web/>



Thanks Rich for sharing!

Raffle (Thanks to John Irwin!)

Arnold Lipschutz Light Switch Ni-Cad charger, Ammo Box.

Mark Huyser Gorilla Glue, Ammo Box, Scissors, Pop Sticks

Hank Leichner Storage Box, Xacto Knife

Ken Lawrence Mixing Tank, craft sticks

Rich Crutchfield Xacto Knife

Leroy McNair Repair Kit, Coffee Cup

Adjourned 20:05hrs



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President's Message Oct 2017

Current # of members: 145
Youngest: 7
Oldest: 96
Average age: 56.8

Nominations for Club Officers - In keeping with tradition, November is election time! The four elected posts within the club are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (all other positions are by appointment). If you are interested in running for any of these positions, or would like to nominate a candidate, now's the time. Nominations will be accepted between now and the October meeting with a vote at the November meeting. The incumbent officers have all agreed to run for their current positions for another term.

Rule Proposal - R/C Cars - At the September meeting, I proposed an addition to the Field Rules to recognize the use of R/C Cars. Due to the limited attendance at the meeting, the motion was tabled to allow the club one more month to review the proposal and comment. So if you're interested, please come to the upcoming meeting at which time we'll pull it from the table and lay it on the floor one more time. The intent of the motion isn't to make our rules more complicated, but rather to provide Field Marshals and club Officers a documented policy should the need arise.

From last month:

Recently we recognized that we have no guidelines with respect to R/C cars. Sure, we're a model airplane club. But many of our members enjoy cars as well, and we have a couple of areas in which cars can be safely driven. The upper south lot is good for buggies and trucks, while the runway is

great for street cars with low clearance. I was going to bring up a rule about boats too, but I ran out of time.

I propose the following be added to the Field Rules:

"Radio control cars (and trucks) are permitted at the field under the following conditions:

Cars may be operated in the upper south parking lot (south of the berm) but must remain at least 20 feet clear of parked vehicles when operating (to preclude collisions or rocks from hitting cars).

Cars may be operated on the runway when no aircraft are flying or on the runway. Cars must leave the runway when a pilot is ready to taxi out.

At no time will radio control cars be driven in the pit area (between the pilot stations and the parking berm)."

One member moved to amend the motion as follows:

Change the 20 foot distance to 30 feet.

Include a statement that, should vehicles enter the southern parking area that R/C car operations must stop while the car is parking/moving.

A Field Marshal must be present and control all runway operations of R/C cars (paraphrased).

Amendments #1 and #2 were accepted by the members in attendance. Amendment #3 wasn't, primarily because club members who might wish to use the runway when it's windy and flying conditions are poor, need not have a Field Marshal present to use the runway. Members also agreed that management of runway time between cars and aircraft is actually very simple and not need dedicated management of a Field Marshal.



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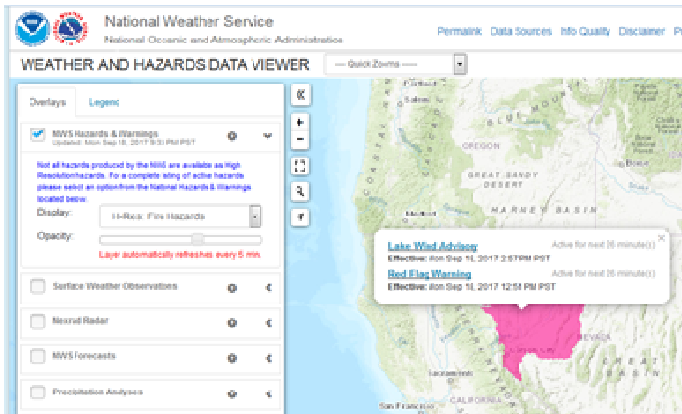
The motion, as amended, will be presented once again and voted on at the next (October) meeting.

Welcome New Members - Welcome aboard to some of our most recent new members!

(Oops – none this month... Time to start pounding the pavement!)

Red Flag Warnings – The month of October often brings Santa Ana winds and dry, high-temperature days. When this occurs, the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning. Our agreement with the County is that we close the field to flying on those days. If you hear news reports of a Red Flag Warning, please keep an eye out for an email from one of the board members closing the field. We'll also do our best to post signs at the gate, but we may miss it once in a while. Please don't fly if you know there's a warning. There *are* some instances in which the media will announce a Red Flag Warning, but it may be for Orange County, desert regions or other nearby regions directly impacting us. In that case, I'll do my best to put the word out if we're NOT impacted.

To double check, please go to <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/map/> and look for yourself. As shown in the example, (as of the date of this writing) there's a Red Flag Warning easts of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. If you see that pink/red indication over Lake-side, we're CLOSED.



Many upcoming events

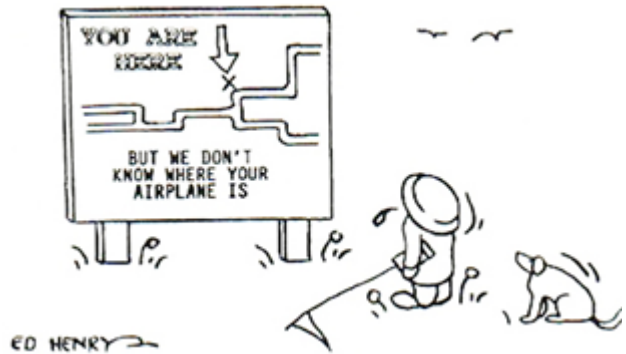
Don't forget the Palomar RC Flyers will be hosting a **Sailplane event** on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Johnson Field in Fallbrook, California. The event will begin at 10:30 A.M.

Nov 18th we'll hold a joint MRCF/Weedwacker Swap Meet and Toys for Tots toy drive.

January 5th will be our Annual Awards Banquet.

Have a great month!

Keith



Welcome to:

Café CALIFORNIA **67**

Breakfast & Lunch

67 Deli Take Home

MONDAY - SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

12381 Mapleview
(Corner of Hwy 67 & Mapleview)
Lakeside, CA 92040

619-443-4100

All sandwiches include a side dish: your choice of fruit, potato salad, chips, cottage cheese, applesauce, soup, or salad.

SUB SANDWICHES
Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise and Italian Dressing

Entire Menu is available "To Go"

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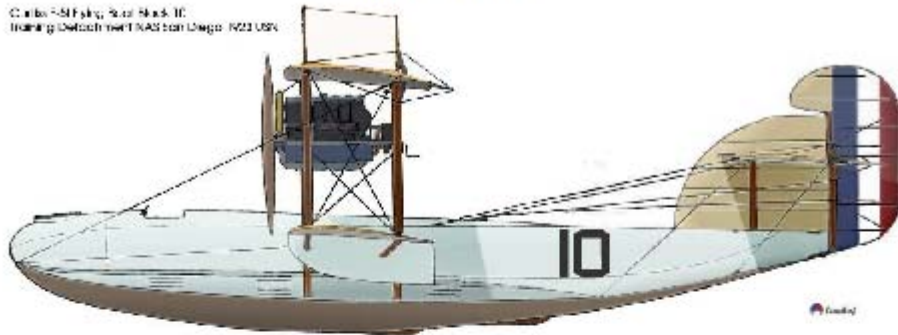
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PRESENTS

Charles Felt Flying Boat Model Kit
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26th ANNUAL OTAY LAKE FLOAT FLY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 2017

\$20.00 Flying Fee - No Parking Fees

Food and Drinks will be available for sale

AMA membership required

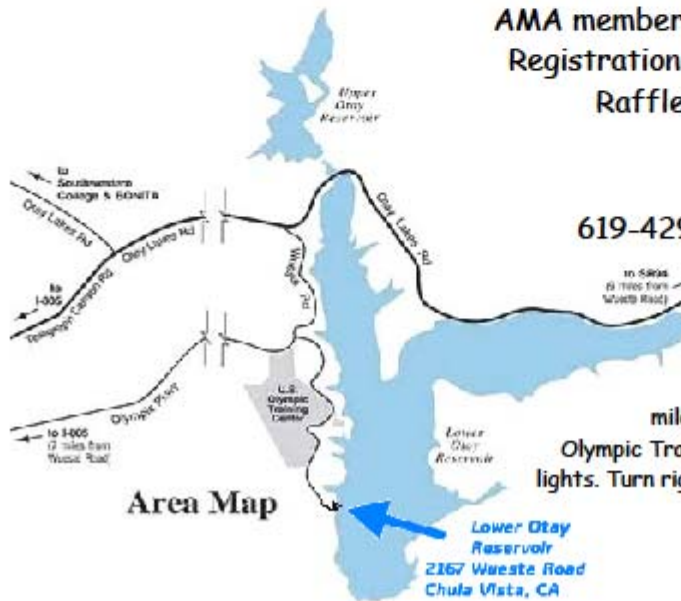
Registration opens at 8am

Raffle at 12pm

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Area Map

Lower Otay Reservoir
2167 Wueste Road
Chula Vista, CA

Directions: Coming from South or North I-805

Take the Olympic Pkwy exit (#4) and head East for 6.6

miles. Soon after you pass the U.S. Olympic Training Center you will see traffic lights. Turn right, that is Wueste Rd, follow it for 1.5 miles.

Lower Otay Reservoir
2197 Wueste Road
Chula Vista, CA 91915



3RD ANNUAL FALL SAILPLANE EVENT

September 30, 2017 – Fallbrook, California

Hosted by Palomar RC Flyers

The Palomar RC Flyers club is hosting a gathering of aerotow, self-launching, and winch sailplanes at Johnson Field on Saturday, September 30th 2017.

AMA membership is required of all participants. This event is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, model activity #1786.

Palomar RC Flyers is located at Johnson Field at the Northeast corner of the intersection of I-15 and State Highway 76 in Fallbrook, California. Take Interstate 15 and take the Highway 76 east towards Pala less than 1/2 mile and turn north on Pankey Rd.

Overnight accommodations can be found at the Pala

Casino located 5 miles east of the field or at the Quality Inn Fallbrook located on the west side of Interstate 15 one mile from the field.

The club will provide spotters to keep the runway clear of tow-planes/sailplanes for landing sailplanes.

Club noise limits require all aircraft to be below 98 dB at 25 feet.

The event will begin at 10:30 A.M.

We will host a barbecue mid-day on Saturday at the field (\$5 donation accepted).

We would appreciate knowing if you can bring a tow plane.



Contact Jim Gallacher at jgallacher@cox.net or visit www.palomarrcflyers.com