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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

Jan 5 Fri FWW Annual Awards Banquet Carlton Oakes

Club Officer Elections

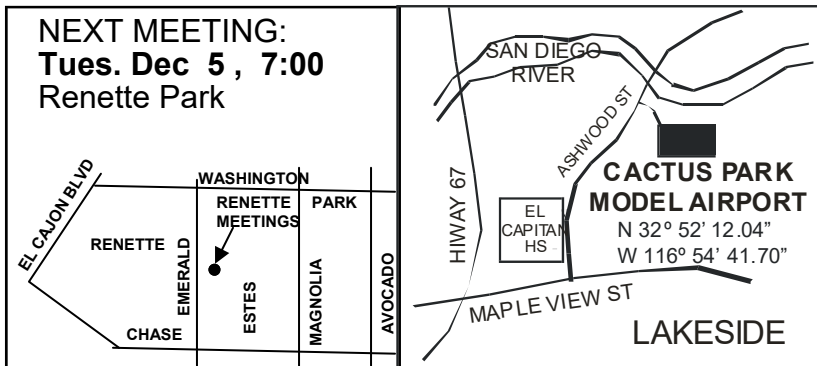
We are fortunate to have all the Club Officers volunteer to continue in office for the coming year. Our club has many activities through the year to be coordinated and run for the benefit of all members. In addition there are many things going on "in the background" that most members are not aware of. Coordination with our landlord for instance has been an ongoing task to negotiate our access to Cactus Park and keep our County officials happy. We have to cooperate with our neighbors, particularly controlling sound levels at the field boundaries.

These officers of course run our meetings, inform all of you what's going on, and manage activities at Cactus Park.

So Thank them for their service and the time they devote to making and keeping our club a great club.

Awards Banquet Friday Jan 5

Plan to attend our net Awards Banquet, Jan 5. You should pay ahead to our Treasurer, either at the December Meeting or at the field. Our Banquets are always a great time to share our hobby and club friendships.





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Meeting Minutes November, 2017

Call to order

The meeting on November 7th, 2017, was called to order by the club President, Keith Miller at 7:01 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were 20, including board members; Vice President Jeff Coskey and Treasurer Scott Graupmann. Secretary Bruce Allen was away on holiday.

Opening Comments

Dues are due for all members, \$60 per member, \$30 each additional family member.

The new gate code for 2018 is provided on the back of the new membership cards. As we did last year, Jeff came up with a 50/50 raffle in which each member can donate \$1 per guess as to the relevancy of the 2018 gate code to our hobby. The hints are that the 4-digit number is related to our hobby, and that "Jeff will do it some day".

Jeff will continue to collect \$1 guess donations until someone answers correctly. At that time, 50% of the collections will go to the winner, and 50% go to the club treasury.

Banquet tickets also are on sale at \$25 per person, \$20 per additional family member.

Approval of Minutes as presented in last month's Hangar News. No comments on the minutes as published. Unfortunately Lee Main was under the weather, so his acute reviews were missed. Ron Keith moved to accept the minutes, Rich Crutchfield seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurers report

Beg Bal	9126.49
Income	115
Expenses	990.64
Bal	8250.85

A majority of the expenses included \$500 deposit to Carlton Oaks Country Club for the banquet, and two months of outhouse service.

Chuck Abel moved to accept the treasurer's report, Bill Simmons seconded; motion passed.

Safety Officer Report

Kidde fire extinguishers are under recall by serial number. Ron Keith reports that Kidde will replace affected extinguishers without the need to turn in old ones. The defects are related to plastic push-buttons that stick and don't work when needed. If you have the defective or old extinguishers, Ron asked that you give them to him for club training use.

After landing electric models, unplug the battery first, then the transmitter. This prevents the possibility that the motor will come to life should the receiver and ESC receive stray signals.

When carrying an electric model while powered on, be sure to carry it such that, if the motor comes to life, it won't catch clothing, arms, or shift in your grip.

Upcoming Events

Fri Jan 5, 2018 6:00pm – 9:00pm - Annual Awards Banquet

Additional upcoming events:

[The entire 2018 Calendar of Events is under construction.]

On January 20/21, 2018, Glen Merritt invited the membership to a dry-camping fly-in at the dry lakebed at Half Hill near Ocotillo Wells (Borrego). The event is off of Split Mountain Road north of Plaster City. While there, you can enjoy a wide open flying experience as well as night flying. Rain dates are 27/28 January.

On Saturday March 3rd 2018, Ben Newkirk will host a Lou Prince Estate Sale and Auction event to include BBQ and Fun-Fly. Rain date will be 10 March. Lou's collection is in great shape and his



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engines were well maintained and clean. Ben will coordinate with Frank Gagliardi and Glen Merritt as to the best methods of moving the estate items for best returns. Keith will draft a flyer and run it through Ben prior to issue.

Old Business:

- 1) County maintenance agreement extended through Dec 31; working on extension through June 2018. The County is considering Lease instead of License agreement, however haven't been forthcoming on a plan or proposal.
- 2) Board Elections - As there were no opponents to run against the sitting Officers, they retain the positions by acclamation.
- 3) Runway and Field Maintenance: A maintenance day will be planned for February to address cracks in the runway. Jeff Coskey volunteered to poll the paving contractor for guidelines and materials best used for patching small cracks. Also, the runway center circles need to be repainted.

New Business

- 1) Banquet funding approvals
 - a) The attached plan (with recent years' history) was briefed and approved as a whole (motion by Keith, Seconded by John Irwin and approved by the attending members). The plan outlines the per-plate club ticket subsidy, general raffle allowance, ladies raffle, and plaque costs.
 - b) Ideas for entertainment, games will be accepted.
 - c) Glen Merritt recommended that membership be informed as to what percentage of the overall club annual budget is allocated to the banquet subsidy.
 - i) [After the meeting, Keith reviewed the club's 5-year plan which shows average annual deposits of approximately \$12,217. Thus, the \$1070 banquet cost is 8.8% of the total annual budget. The banquet funding covers dinner prices subsidy, raffle prizes and awards plaques.]

Other New Business from members?

Our dear friend Don Madison is resting at home following a recent visit to the hospital. Don is on oxygen and is working hard to stay healthy. Members are encouraged to stop by and say hi! His daughter is staying with him.

Drawing for free membership

Vernon Gilmore - sorry, must be present to win!

Raffle Winners

John Irwin	Paint thinner and brush cleaner
?	Parachute guy
Don Westergren	Solar powered disco gnome
Keith Miller	wind-up airplane puzzle
Gerry Conklin	Ammo can, Café67 meal ticket
Ben Newkirk	pack of metal picks
Don Westergren	pack of AA batteries, stir sticks
Steve Ellis	paint brushes and craft sticks
John Irwin	Sharper Image quad-copter
Mark Huyser	some kinda charger and shrink wrap
Chuck Abel	Scissors and sticks
Chuck Cassity	Scissor and sticks and a pocket knife
Jeff Coskey	Gallon of 20% Cool Power

The meeting as adjourned, but the minutes-taker forgot go collect the time o'clock.



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Price per plate:	Estimated Plates			
\$30.00	78			
Food Cost	\$2,280.00			
Room rental	\$250.00			
				2015 Banquet (ticket sales/venue only)
Total Facility Cost	\$2,530.00			Attendance 78
Net cost per plate:	\$33.29			Banquet Revenue: \$1,720.00
Per Person Ticket Fee	\$25.00			Banquet Paid: \$2,790.00
Per Couple Ticket Fee	\$45.00			Subsidy (cost to Treasury) -\$1,070.00
Conservative ticket sales per person	\$22.50	assuming everyone coming is coupled up		Cost per person \$38.71
Dinner Ticket Sales	\$1,710.00			Subsidy per person -\$14.08
Club Ticket Subsidy	\$820	32.41%		
Per person Subsidy	\$10.79	32.41%		
				2016 Banquet (ticket sales/venue only)
Raffle Expenses				Attendance 78
Main Raffle	\$1,000.00	Include small child prizes		Banquet Revenue: \$1,850.00
Women's Raffle	\$250.00			Banquet Paid: \$2,790.00
Attendance Raffle (John)	\$500.00			Subsidy (cost to Treasury) -\$1,140.00
Estimated Raffle Ticket Sales	\$1,200.00			Cost per person \$35.77
Total Raffle Expenses	\$50.00			Subsidy per person -\$14.82
				Actual Raffle Sales 2016 \$1,287
Plaque Expenses				Raffle net, 2016 -\$463
QTY	8			
Price ea	\$25.00			2017 Banquet (ticket sales/venue only)
Plaque Cost	\$200.00			Attendance 77
				Banquet Revenue: \$1,850.00
				Banquet Paid: \$2,800.00
Total Banquet Cost	\$2,780.00			Subsidy (cost to Treasury) -\$1,150.00
Less ticket sales	\$1,710.00			Cost per person \$36.38
Total Cost to Treasury	\$1,070.00			Subsidy per person -\$14.94
				Actual Raffle Sales 2017 \$1,263
Contingent for Shortfall:				Raffle net, 2017 \$13
Attendance	50			
Ticket Sales	\$1,125			
Cost to Treasury	\$1,855.00			



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President's Message Nov 2017

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Current # of members: 149 (+1)

Youngest: 7

Oldest: 92

Average age: 57.0 (↑ 0.2)

Renewals

Let's get those membership renewals in!

If you haven't already, please be sure to renew your club membership! Club officers are often available at the field, or dues can be mailed directly to Scott (his mailing address is on the cover of the Hangar News).

Dues can also be paid at the December meeting or at the banquet on January 5th.

Your AMA membership must be current!

Dues are \$60 per year, \$30 for each additional family member.

Renewing members aren't prorated, so if you try to wait until March, you'll still owe \$60. Sorry.

Youths less than 19 years of age are free with valid AMA membership.

2017 Annual Awards Banquet; Details and Call for Donations

Here's one more plug for the banquet on Friday January 5th (flyer included here). The cost is \$25 per person + \$20 for each additional family member. Payment is in advance through a club Officer. If necessary, we can collect payment at the door, however Scott needs to know today (while you're reading this) if you're planning on attending. We'll recognize some members for their achievements and contributions through the year and recent past.

Bring your Hangar Queens! During the banquet, we'll each have the opportunity to show off our favorite models and have a chance to win one of these categories: Best Scale, Best Sport, Best ARF and People's Choice. The banquet hall will be open as

early as 5pm if you wish to arrive a little early. But don't rush it! The bar's not open until 6 pm (and of course, dinner starts at 7 pm).

We have a **huge raffle** planned with prizes valued at more than \$1000! We're also accepting donated prizes. As we did last year and for the summer luncheon, please let me know in advance if you have a donation worthy of a prize. I'd rather screen the donations beforehand if possible. Please, no fuel tanks, tires or obsolete electronics. We're looking for prize-worthy donations that folks would be excited about and will encourage attendees to buy tickets! For example, we'll have a brand-new-in-the-box OS FT-120 Gemini twin engine recently donated by Bob Boehme!



Correction to Menu - As we learned last year, Carlton Oaks catering no longer provides dessert with the menu. This was driven by the fact that nearly all of their event patrons bring their own wedding cakes or specialized deserts.



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We're looking for someone who might wish to bring a specialized desert to the banquet. Alternately, we'll grab something from a local pastry shop.

Swap Meet Success

Our recent meet saw 20 sellers and a nice group of traders. To top it off, the Toys for Tots drive completely filled a toy box and brought in more than \$200 in cash donations! Many thanks to Frank Gagliardi and Ted O'Fallin for leading the effort! Frank also extends those thanks to Richard Barndt, Bill Simmons & Ron Stark. Frank and the MRCF club will add to the collection at their next meeting and present the contributions to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive this month.



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

Have a great month!
Keith

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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Welcome to:



Breakfast
& Lunch



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".



**First Weedwacker Aero
Squadron
Annual Awards Banquet**

Date: Friday 1/5/2018

**6:00 pm Bar
7:00 pm Dinner**

*Tossed Greens with Variety of Dressings
Split Chicken in Chipotle Butter
Beef Tri Tip in Garlic-Black Pepper Rub (carved in
kitchen)
Roasted Redskins with Rosemary and Garlic
Fresh Vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea at station*

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