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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 2018

Mar 3 Sat Lou Price Estate Sale, Cactus Park
Mar 17 Sat Swap Meet, Cactus Park
Mar 24 Sat Fire Extinguisher Training, Cactus Park
Apr 28 Sat Lakeside Western Days Parade

Chuck Cassity 1937—2017

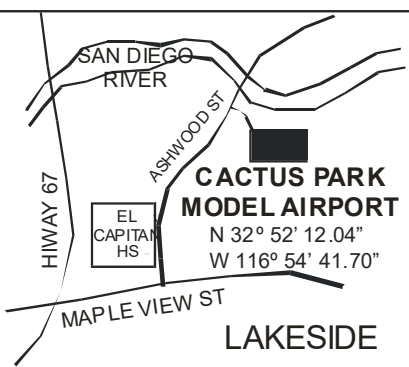
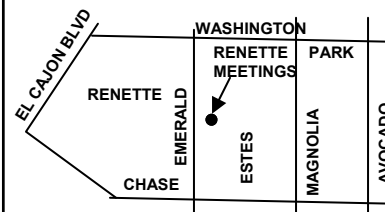
Chuck Cassity passed away Dec 31, 2017 after completing a long abdominal surgery in the hospital. His wife had passed back in early 2014. He is survived by his son Reed and daughter Kellee. Chuck's career was at Xerox Corp where he was a technician and in management. After retirement, his long term passion for airplanes brought him to RC models and our club. Our records indicate he joined the club in March 2007.

Chuck was a private pilot in his earlier years, so with retirement it was natural for him to get into RC models. Chuck was a very regular attendee at our meetings and was a real gentleman. I will miss sitting next to him at every meeting. Services are TBD—maybe March.

— Don Westergren



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





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President's Message Feb 2018

Current # of members: 96 (↓-54)

Youngest: 7↔

Oldest: 92↔

Average age: 56.5 (↓0.4)

That means there are 54 of you who need to get your dues caught up!

Membership Renewals

On the matter of Club dues and AMA membership, let me clarify an issue that apparently has confused some members. Some folks AMA memberships are on a cycle that starts and stops in the middle of the calendar year. However our club membership always starts on January 1st. Members whose AMA dues may not be due until March or April still have to renew with the club on January 1st. And dues are due at that time.

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). 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.

Field and Runway Maintenance Sat Jan 13th

A huge Thanks goes out to all those who came out earlier in January to help pull weeds and groom the runway. Also thanks to those who painted a fresh set of circles for our Target Zone. The field looks like it's in excellent shape once again! We'll work on future methods to reduce the brush build up, which includes plant killers and other grooming methods.

A great job to all! Tom Kenan, Jeff Coskey, Dick Milhausen, Mike Phares, John Irwin, Ron Keith, Tim Peterson, Fred Miller, Steve Shepersky, and I think there were a couple more - my apologies if I missed you!





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2017 Awards Banquet

Thanks to those who attended, participated in and contributed to this year's banquet!

Bruce, as is the norm, assembled a

terrific multi-media presentation of club activity throughout the year which was presented as a looping video. His wife Anne again provided beautiful centerpieces to top off the theme.

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners! John Irwin and Jeff Coskey picked out a great selection this year! Scott McCurdy took home both of the top prizes - an OS 120 FT Twin and Spektrum DX6 radio! The 120 Twin and a pair of built-up RTF models were courtesy of Bob Boheme.

Other prizes included a Phoenix Shoestring GP/EP, Horizon F4U-4 Corsair, FMS BF-109 PNP, Flyzone Rapide powered glider, Eflite Commander MPD, and a Strega MK2 by Pheonix.

Steve Ellis donated a unique 'bent propeller' from



a small full-scale craft that was won by Ron Keith who declared it will become a decoration in his kitchen!

Here is a recap of the awards and recognition presented.

Favorite Models presented at the banquet:

Best Sport Model Ken Lawrence, "Freedom"

Best Scale Model John Wencel, "Bucker Jungmeister"

Best ARF Richard Brown, "Revolver"

People's Choice Award Ryan Crutchfield, "Extra

300"

Service Awards

Safety Officer - Ron Keith *Ron has been our Safety Officer for 6 years now, going on 7 in 2018.*

Secretary - Bruce Allen *2017 marked Bruce's 4th consecutive year as our club secretary.*

Vice President - Jeff Coskey *Seemingly our perpetual 12th man, Jeff maidens newbie planes, fixes garage doors, sharpens mower blades, fixes newbie planes, and still gets in a dozen flights in a weekend!*

Treasurer - Scott Graupmann *2017 marked Scott's 11th year, going on 20 as our Treasurer. That's a lot of check-writing!*

Webmaster - Tim Peterson *Tim keeps our web pages current. Few good modelling clubs present their recent newsletters, calendars and photo albums as well as the Weedwackers.*

Newsletter Editor - Don Westergren *As always, our lifetime member, historian, voice of reason and newsletter editor for 32 years, and a member of Board of Directors for 38 years!*

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.*

Twelfth Man and Variety Awards

Most Stitches - Jeff Coskey; 17 stitches deflecting an in-coming errant electric airplane.

12th Man "Spirit Award" - Pete Larson: Pete is on example a pilot's pilot. You never know what is going to be Flying at any given day he has so many different kind of aircraft. Pete shows such skill and ability to take off and bring them back in one piece. He's just a lot of fun to be around and watch fly. Pete is just an example of the kind of man we enjoy being around and watching doing this hobby we call RC flying .

12th Man Award - Award - Steve Shepersky: An all-around helpful guy with an excellent stick, most noted for the phrase "A warbird doesn't do that".

Special Thanks - 12th Man - Larry Kosta Jr.



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Larry's provided printing services, our parade banner, stickers, and coming soon, a new boundary board.

12th Man Award - John Wencel. John provides our orange fencing, field upkeep, all-around Mr. Great Attitude!

Most Demanding Recovery - Warren Allred and Michael Phares: Both landed gliders with less than 65% of their wings remaining!

Most "Quality" Crashes - Art Flores - for the most "quality" crashes; For the greatest and expensive contribution to the plane gods.

Rookie of the Year - Gavin Taylor

Gavin is 11 years old and in just the past year has developed his precision aerobatic skills with slow rolls, flat inverted flight and crisp clean maneuvers.



Most Improved Pilot - John Wencel

John Wencel is the example of what is best about our hobby; to come out to fly and get better and better at our hobby and continue on with all the ups and downs of life and we congratulate John for the most improved pilot in the club and still have a good humor and just be the "all-around fun to be with" person. We all look up to John because of his fortitude to keep getting better and fly more complex and difficult airplanes to challenge his abilities. In the short time that he has been flying radio controlled airplanes he has improve more than any one individual at Weedwackers.

Builder of the Year - Ken Lawrence

For years our BOY has demonstrated his deep passion for building unique, antique, odd, usual and unusual model airplanes. In May, we were treated to an enlarged version of a free flight Mini Coupe. And in June, he showed off his "Freedom" built from a 1961 kit.

Weedwacker of the Year - Dick Milhausen

Each year we recognize a club member for significant contributions and accomplishments throughout the past year. Dick is a paramount and upstanding member whose value to the club can't be overstated. Dick's involvement in the Scale Fly-in events and as an instructor are a significant contribution to what we represent. Dick, also being a Field Marshal, often pulls me aside to keep me up to date on issues that arise during the week. Dick is one of those few who find those things that need to be done and does it.

Distinguished Service Award - Lee Main

Lee Main was active in the earliest years as an officer and supporting the club, hosting the very first club meeting in 1977 at his home with all five original club members. Lee had one of the first Apple IIE computers and did the newsletter and maintained the club roster. Lee formulated the club roster – which is the same basis as today. In the early days, Lee and Don Westergren were about the only ones with PC's (Lee's Apple and Don's IBM PC). Lee was Treasurer and kept the roster and address list up to date and [they] we would connect by phone modem to transfer the latest addresses for the newsletter each month (back then Apple and IBM couldn't read each other's diskettes –so connecting by modem was the





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only way). In 1980 Lee was President when Don Rice was Secretary – when Don Rice left San Diego after graduating from High School, Lee asked Don W to step in as Secretary. (That's how Don got involved in club leadership and service.)

Lee was constantly a Field Marshall and has been very active in flying, Fun Fly's, and at most club meetings all these years. Very few members don't know Lee. And second, Lee was the AMA Contest Director for our club for decades. The AMA required a registered CD in order to sanction each contest (and list it in the AMA magazine). For many years of Scale Flyins and Veterans Day scale flyins Lee was the CD.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Award, the Board of Directors recognizes Lee's lifetime achievements and is pleased to present Lee with a **Lifetime Membership**.

As a side note, Lee was recently hospitalized after a fall and has since fought through pneumonia and complications associated with rheumatoid arthritis. He's currently recovering and being cared for at a facility in Rancho Bernardo. We presented his award bedside and he was truly touched and grateful to the club for the recognition!

Those interested in visiting can contact me or Don Westergren and we'll put you in touch with his family.

Other news

If you're considering attending the February club meeting, this Thunder Tiger Windstar glide will be part of the raffle package. The glider is part of the Boehme estate and is very nearly RTF and needs a canopy.

See you around!

Fly it until the last piece stops moving.

Keith



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