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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

Apr 14 Sat Fire Fighting Training, Cactus Park
Apr 28 Sat Lakeside Western Days Parade
May 19 Sat Scale Fly-In, Cactus Park
July 7 Sat Mid-Summer Luncheon, Cactus Park 11:00 AM

Phillip J Pierce

3/10/1929—3/1/2018

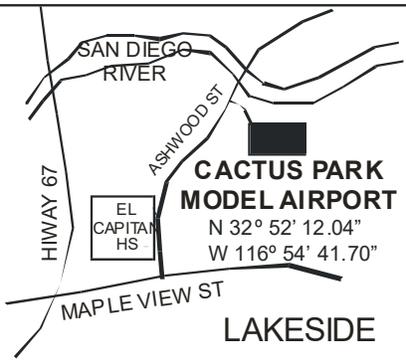
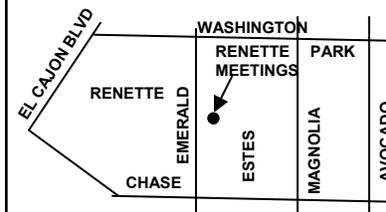
We were advised of his passing, however we do not have any information about services nor any details of his life. Phillip was a member of the club since January 1988.

Don Madison

9/1/1925—2/24/2018

We received word of Don's passing just before the last newsletter was published. Since that time, his family held a memorial service on March 17, 2018 that was well attended by family, friends and fellow modelers. Don's biography from the service program is included in this issue.

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





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Meeting Minutes March 18th

Bruce Allen (From notes provided by Jeff Coskey)

The meeting on March 18th 2018, was called to order by the club Vice President, Jeff Coskey 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 & Treasurer Scott Graupmann.

(President Keith Miller on Vacation. Secretary Bruce Allen Sick)

Approval of previous Minutes

March 6th Meeting

Proposed: Bobby Rink. Seconded: Bill Simmons Unanimous

Treasurers Report

Opening Balance: \$8553.51

Income: \$11,650

Expenses: \$(1654.63)

Ending Balance: \$8,063.88

Proposed? Seconded? Unanimous

Safety Report

Ron Keith - The fire demo date must be confirmed at next meeting

Old Business

Upcoming Events

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

Sat Mar 17, 2018 7 – 11am Swap Meet, Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field

Sat Mar 24, 2018 Swap Meet, Rain Date

Sat Apr 14, 2018 9 – 11am Fire Extinguisher Training

Sat Apr 21, 2018 TBD TEDx

Sat Apr 28, 2018 7am – 12:20pm Lakeside Western Days Parade

Sat-Sun May 5-6, 2018 All day Planes of Fame Air Show - Chino

Sat May 12, 2018 All day Field Cleanup Day

(CLOSED to flying) (Polo Event)

Sat May 19, 2018 9am – 1pm Scale Fly-In

Swap Meet – (Moved to 24th Saturday)

Gary won't make it, but he posted flyers at DHW and El Cajon Hobbies

Ron Keith directing entry assembly, collecting fees

Volunteers for parking. Coffee Bruce Allen

Gate Open @ 7:15am For Sellers, 7:30am for Buyers

Lakeside Western Days Parade (April 28th)

We're signed up with Lakeside Chamber of Commerce.

Consider a financial offset for Matt Arnold for float additions/decorations (consumables, improvements); consider taking motions for maybe \$200. Rich Crutchfield may have some discussion points. After discussion the meeting agreed to allocate \$200 to Matt

Proposed: Jeff Coskey Seconded: Ron Keith Unanimous.

Other Items:

1) Handicapped Parking signs

a) Feb Meeting - Bruce will buy signs – In Process

b) Cross-bar required? – Jeff Ready to make.

2) Free Flight Rubber event

a) Steve Shepersky to help (plan, build), he commented that there is a good possibility you will lose the plane, so a large field is needed. Let's out the Weedwackers Field!

b) Maybe at the San Diego Orbiteers at Grossmont or at a field by Art Flores Dairy? TBD

3) Mid-Summer Luncheon, Picnic

a) Location nominations, Park in El Cajon?

b) Bobby to cater; members \$\$ to offset cost, possibly Chuck Wagon Style?

c) Will still hold raffle



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- d) Maybe some non-model outdoor fun events?
- 4) Runway Maintenance DONE- Jan 13th
- Still need to caulk the cracks - caulk/sealant/adhesive tubes are in pin box
 - Update, test of Sealant on Runway successful. John(Irwin?) donating Calk Gun for Runway Repair.
- 5) Estate Sale / Auction Results
- (Bobby or Jeff to collect \$40 from Mark Huyser for the Hangar 9 Saratoga)
 - (Bruce to send check \$100 for Royal 1910 Bleriot: ask him to make it out to Bob Boehme or Keith Miller - either will work) Bruce gave check for \$100 to Keith on Saturday at the Swap Meet.
 - Lee Main's items brought in \$501; Bob Boehme's brought in \$437 totaling \$938!
 - Special thanks to Bobby Rink for providing the food & Bruce Allen for Coffee & Cupcakes!

Rules Review (field rules, bylaws, AMA Safety Code or AMA Safety Handbook)

Propeller Safety (AMA Safety Handbook)

- Painting tips of propellers a bright color helps you to better see the propeller arc during rotation.
- Check the propeller and spinner for tightness before each operation.
- Learn about and check for the proper grain patterns in wooden propellers to ensure strength in high rpm operation.
- Exercise extreme caution adjusting needle valve settings on engines. Most adjustments should be performed from behind the model, thus avoiding reaching around a spinning propeller.

New Business

- 1) Passing of Don Madison 24 Feb 2018 at the age of 92.

The Memorial Service was held on Saturday March the 17th at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. There were a lot of people there who new Don as well as his family.

The Weedwackers were well represented with most of the board & various members to pay

respects to a good friend. (See attached bio)

- 2) Apologies to club; Gmail coming from the club's address (info.weedwackers@gmail.com) was limiting my output, unbeknownst to me; lots of information got lost to the 2nd half of the alphabet.

Drawing for Free membership (must be present) John Wencel

Model Sharing

Steve Shepersky – Talked about his P18/P30 Rubber powered planes. He said that they are not that difficult to build. The goal is to get the longest flight using the specified amount of Rubber band. Possible club contest?

Good of the Order

John Irwin mentioned that Nitro Fuel had a gone up by about \$10 / Gallon!
Go electric!!

Raffle-John Irwin Czar of raffle...

John Irwin – Screwdriver set

Bill Simmons – Misc stuff, Heat Shrink etc.

Hank (?) Nitro

Jeff Coskey – Magnetic Tray

Adjourned



President's Message April 2018

Thanks to Jeff for covering the March meeting in my absence. And as luck would have it, he'll likely get to cover the April meeting away. My job is taking me to Eglin AFB for a few days.

Philip J Pierce, 3/10/1929 - 3/1/2018

We received the unfortunate news that we lost yet another of our members, Philip Pierce. We'll post more information if it comes available from the family.

Badges

Please be sure to wear your badges while flying at the field. Our officers, board members and field marshals don't know everyone by face and we're obligated to ensure that pilots are up to date in both club and AMA membership. Your badge makes that obviously clear.

Runway cracks

As you may have noticed, we've experimented with some simple methods to seal the cracks that are appearing in the asphalt. We've first tried roofing tile adhesive. It doesn't fill down into the cracks well, and as we discovered, the "gray" stuff is a very light gray and looks kinda ugly. We've located a local distributor of a product called TruSeal, specifically formulated to fill down into small cracks. As soon as I can get my tail end in motion, we'll buy a few gallons and get to fillin'.

Silent Auction and Estate Sale

We were able to do a quick date change and recovered well from a bout of rain. The event went very well with the estates earning \$501 (Lee Main) and \$437 (Bob Boehme). I'd like to thank Bobby Rink for the excellent lunch of carne/pollo asada. Bruce (and wife Anne) provided coffee and pastries, and Glen Merritt ran the Fun-Fly events. Thanks also to Jeff Coskey and Steve Ellis for setup

and tear-down. Thanks also to all of the very generous members and guests who contributed to the event!

Swap Meet

The Swap Meet went off fine on May 24th, with 22 sellers and again that many buyers. Bruce again took care of coffee and doughnuts - much appreciated sir!

Ron Keith did a great job orchestrating the entry and parking attendants. We later discovered that a fellow named Carl (didn't catch his last name) places ads on Craig's List when any of the local clubs have a swap meet or other event. I gave him a ring and thanked him. He's a member at SEFSD and the Alpine Aero Squadron, but extends this favor to all of the clubs! His ad was well prepared with many photos and all of those key words and tricky phrases that capture the eyes of shoppers. I'm sure that's one of the key drivers to our good attendance.

Fire Fighting Training Saturday moved to Apr 14th

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.

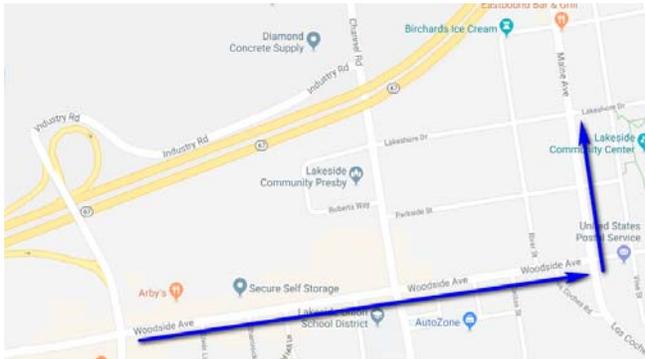




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Lakeside Western Days Parade - Sat April 28th

As is tradition, the Weedwackers will present a float at this year's parade. Those interested in participating can plan on meeting the field on the prior Friday to help with float preps, and also plan on bringing their models to the staging area early on the morning of Saturday April 28th. Details will follow as we approach the parade date; most specifically the exact staging area which is usually along Channel Rd. If you'd like to view the parade along with the many Lakeside residents, the route starts on Woodside at Winter Gardens, continues east and turns north onto Maine Ave.



Field Clean-up and closure, Saturday May 12th

The River Valley Equestrian Center to our east is holding an event on May 12th and we'll close the Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field to all flying. We do this to completely eliminate any safety risks while so many people and horses come together at one time on their fields.

At the same time, we'll take the opportunity to dedicate a few hours of field maintenance, cleanup and grooming.

Armed Forces Day Scale Fly-In May Saturday 19th

Art Flores and Dick Milhausen will be hosting yet another fly-in and lunch! Please see the attached flyer.

Along with awards for the best in various categories, there will be an open raffle for all attendees. A special additional raffle for participating modelers (who bring a scale model) will include a \$200 gift certificate for DHW!

See you around!

Fly it until the last piece stops moving.

Keith



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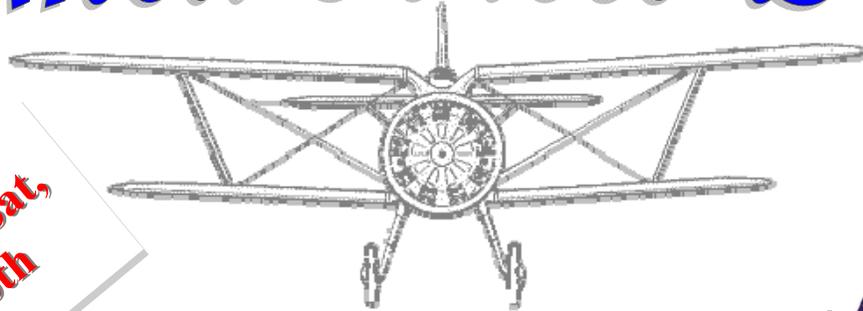
MONDAY - SUNDAY
 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 12381 Mapleview
 (Corner of Hwy 67 & Mapleview)
 Lakeside, CA 92040

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"

Armed Forces Day



**Rain Date: Sat,
May 26th**

Saturday, May 19th, 2018

Scale Fly-In

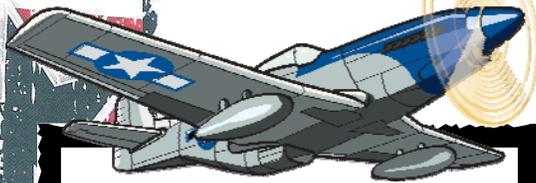
Schedule:

8:00 AM Check in
9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying
11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

\$10 Landing Fee

\$8 for Lunch

Scale and Semi-Scale models welcome—ARFs too!

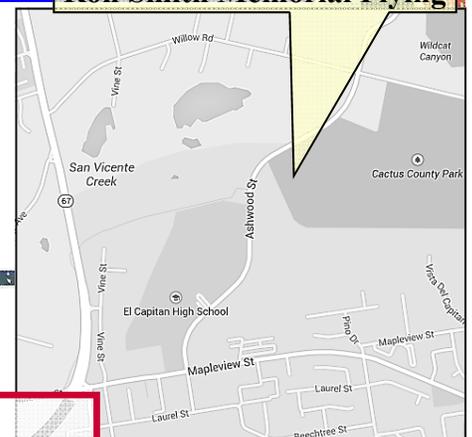


Awards for:
Best Civilian
Best Military
Peoples Choice
Judges Choice

We'll have an **Open Raffle** with special raffle prizes including a **\$200 DHW gift certificate for participating pilots!**

Ron Smith Memorial Flying

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Don Madison 9/1/1925—2/24/2018



Donald Kent Madison was born September 17, 1925 in Emporia, Kansas. At age 6 his family moved to San Diego, settling permanently in North Park where he remained a life-long resident.

After graduating from high school in 1943, he joined the US Army Air Corps and was assigned as Navigation School Instructor on B-24 Liberators during World War II. He married Beatrice “Babe” Valero, in 1948, graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1949, and was called to Korea in 1950, serving 2-1/2 years as Navigator in B-29s with the Strategic Air Command. He retired in 1975 after 26 years of active and reserve duty.

His 40-year career in fleet management began in 1953 with SDG&E and ended in 1996 when he retired as Deputy Director of General Services, Fleet Operations Division after 14 years with the County of San Diego. He also worked evenings at Mesa College, teaching Business Organization & Management classes for 15 years, and was active in many associations, societies and clubs.

He enjoyed playing Tennis, hunting, fishing, and water-skiing., but his greatest pleasure was model airplanes. He built his first balsa wood plane at age 10, and enjoyed 80 years of building and flying radio controlled models of WWII aircraft. In 1988 he and close

friend Dennis Caudle co-founded the San Diego Association of Model Clubs, which became the blueprint for the largest association of model enthusiasts in the world.

In 1994, the widow of a fellow modeler called him for assistance in disposing of her husband’s model inventory. He and good friend Frank Gagliardi sold the inventory and returned the proceeds to the widow. That developed into a long-time goal of giving back to the modeling community. Eventually, his name and offer of assistance for deceased modelers spread around San Diego, and when he had to stop for health reasons in 2015, he had helped 79 widows.

He loved God, his family, his friends, and his country. He did everything with gentleness and kindness. He spread love everywhere he went. He believed that a moment of kindness could make a difference in someone’s life, and that a life spent being in service to others was a life well-lived. He loved us all, and still does.

