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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

July 7 Sat Mid-Summer Luncheon, Cactus Park 11:00 AM

Recognition of Club Members

Results of the Scale Fly-In

Best Civilian: Ken Lawrence
Curtis CW-1

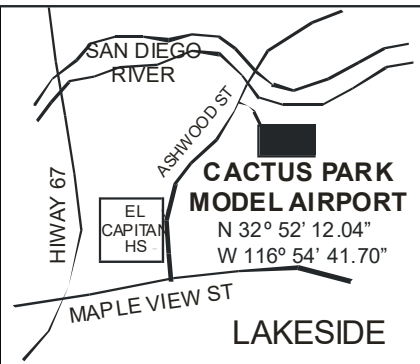
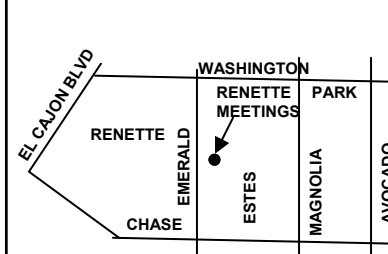
Best Military: Trent Alford
Fokker D-7

Judges Choice: Dick Clavert
Dornier DO-217

Peoples Choice: Roger
Gordon DHC Beaver



NEXT MEETING:
Tues. June 5, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes May 1st

Bruce Allen

The meeting on May 1st, 2018, 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 22, including board members; Vice President Jeff Coskey, Treasurer Scott Graupmann & Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments

(Be sure to add your attendance raffle ticket to the tub)

Guest/New Member

Approval of previous Minutes

Proposed: Ron Keith. Seconded: Arnold Lipschutz Unanimous

Treasurers Report (March & April)

Opening Balance: \$8063-88

Income: \$1,292

Expenses: \$(998-72) (United Services, Waste Management, AMA,)

Ending Balance: \$8,357-16

Proposed: Ron Keith. Seconded: Vernon Gilmore Unanimous

Addendum: Keith reported that he had spoken with Bob Boehme to give Bob the final check from the sale of Bob's R/C stuff. Bob refused saying that whatever we made was to go to the club! Also, he gave Keith a bunch of engines among them a Wankel Rotary, 2 Cox Td 010" s:



Plus 3 other engines, so far Keith has netted \$640!

Many Thanks to Bob Boehme!

Safety Report

Ron Keith- The Secretary had passed on to Ron some information on the possibility of loose 9V batteries as a potential fire hazard, Ron talked about this at the meeting.

I have since investigated this further, (Snopes) & found that this hazard is only partly true. Its not a good idea to store these batteries with the terminals bare but the likely hood of a fire is minimal.

Below is a link to a way to start a Camp Fire with Wire Wool, 9v Battery & a Tissue

<https://youtu.be/ooCarvCp-mw>

“National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) - advises specific handling and disposal protocols be adhered to when storing or discarding 9-volt batteries in order to minimize the possibility of their igniting and causing fires in rare conditions when they are stored with other batteries or objects composed of metal.”

Keep them in the package they come in until you need to use them, typically for Smoke Detectors. When disposing of used ones put a piece of tape across the + & - terminals.

Correction: Ron mentioned that it was Fred Miller Jr's idea about the Fire extinguishers being situated in the flying area & according to Jeff Coskey people have been bringing them out when flying & putting them back in the Pin cupboard after the close of play.

Tabled Business

Butch Weiser has received a quote of around \$4,175 to put a seal coat down on the runway & \$1,175 to do the Pit area, total estimate of \$5,500. It is from LG Equipment the same company who did the super job a couple of years ago.

Proposed: Butch Weiser Seconded: Dick Milhausen Unanimous



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For more information on this & funding Please Read!! the Presidents Message in this Hanger News.

Upcoming Events

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

See Presidents Message in this edition of the Hanger News for more details of events!

Scale Fly-in To Spend \$250 for 5 x DWH Gift Certificates for a Raffle.

Proposed: Jeff Coskey Seconded: Ron Keith
Unanimous

Lunch – Bobby not available – Ron Keith volunteered to be the cook for Hamburgers others to bring sides, deserts etc.

Midsummer Luncheon – See Presidents Message.

For the Good of the Order?

Our County main contact Alisa Brozowski (?) is moving on, Keith will be meeting with the replacement soon. Our temporary “Maintenance & Use” agreement has been extended until end of the year. We are still looking for a more permanent agreement or lease, but apparently they are holding off because of the concerns with ‘Drones’ Quadcopters etc. Keith has offered to help with the understanding of the FAA & AMA requirements. Time will tell...

Possible lease could be around \$100 / year, not known yet. Currently we pay nothing.
We believe Cholas pay upwards to \$5000/year!

Drawing for free Membership (Must be here to win)

Justin Cove

Request for Help

Ben Newkirk -Who is unfortunately being treated for Myeloid Acute Leukemia will be going through Chemo. He is looking for someone to be with him in the house as his wife must leave him

from time to time. The volunteer would be there to make sure Ben gets emergency help if needed. Let Keith know if you can help.

Pilot R/C have opened in San Diego – guaranteed on replacement parts....

Raffle

Don Westergren	Nuts..
Arnold Lipschutz	Ca Accelerator
Bruce Allen	Foam Glue, Nuts
Julian Sonderegger	Foam CA, Racing Plane Book X2
Mark (?)	\$10 Certificate
Keith Miller	Book, Arnauts
Hank Leichner	CA
Fred Miller	Epoxy, Book

Proposed to Close Meeting at 20:39



Welcome to:

Café CALIFORNIA 67

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"



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President's Message June 2018

Congratulations to the Weedwackers!

We were awarded "**Best Community Entry**" in the 53rd Annual Lakeside Western Days Parade!

Thank you VERY MUCH to Matt Arnold of Floatasia, and Rich and Ryan Crutchfield who's tremendous effort, dedication and personal contributions made this entirely possible.

Thank you also to Hank Leichner, Ted O'Fallin, Jeff Coskey, Ron Keith, Don Westergren, Bruce Allen and Vernon Gilmore for their time, effort, presentation models, smiling faces and glamorous waves!
BZ!

p.s., many more pictures can be found on our Facebook page and on our web site.



Scale Fly-In

The Armed Forces Day Fly-In saw some great craftsmanship, nice cool weather and an awesome gathering of hobbyists having a great time!

Congratulations to the winners, and also to Mark Huyser for winning the pilots raffle, a \$200 gift certificate to DHW! Great job to all involved!

Mid-Summer Luncheon - Parks likely a non-starter

Our idea of holding the Mid-Summer luncheon at a public park in picnic fashion may likely die. We're learning that, for the most part, we'd likely be fighting to find an open picnic bench since most parks don't reserve space. As a fallback, we can easily revert to Souplantation for at



least another year. If you think you might have a solid alternative or solution, please bring it to the meeting.

In the meantime - we'll include a simple raffle of club-donated items (no-cost to the club). The raffle isn't limited to modeling items, so bring along that Leg-Lamp that you just can't get rid of.

Field Clean-up May 12th

Thank you to all who participated in our annual spring cleaning! Shake these guys' hand when you see them. It's members like these that make your flying field a great place!
Butch Weiser, Bruce Allen, Tim Peterson, Art Flores, Vernon Gilmore, Jeff Coskey, Ron Keith, Dick Milhausen, Glenn Merritt, Mark Huyser, Lester Moore and Gavin Taylor!

Also, thank you Kevin Pothier for providing the pressure washer. Your and Mark's water tank helped us to really get a lot of the dust and embedded dirt out of the pit area.

Lester Moore and grandson Gavin tackled the shed, completely emptying it and putting it in the best state of cleanliness I've ever seen!

Don Madison Estate Sale, June 9th at 9:00 AM

This will truly be a Huge RC Estate Sale! Items include ~20 built planes, mostly glow, some never flown; 60+ engines, most in excellent condition and many installed on display mounts! There are also many beautiful plastic models of planes, tanks and ships.

You can visit this web site for a complete set of photos of the estate:

<https://sdrcestatesalephotos.smugmug.com/Madison-Estate/>

Location:

3569 29th Street, San Diego, CA.



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Arrive early, you may need to walk a little for parking. Do not block driveways.
For Info: Frank Gagliardi, 619-723-1422
jazzdrmr@gmail.com

Philip J. Pierce Trust

Back in April we'd learned of the passing of Philip Pierce of La Mesa, a long-time Weedwacker and member of several other local clubs. Unfortunately we weren't able to contact his family to offer service attendance (no active phone number). However we were recently notified by registered mail that Philip named the Weedwackers as a specific gift beneficiary of his Trust (specific to model airplanes and associated tools and equipment).

I've contacted the associated agency and arranged a visit with his partner Mary Allen. Mary afforded me the opportunity to inspect the benefits. Suffice it to say that the club benefit includes 20+ models, a wide variety of tools and supplies along with a couple kits and transmitters. Philip worked and stored his models in a beautiful hobby shop in his home, and the models are all very clean and in very good condition! There's a wide variety including very large scale (8' P51, 8' PT-17), several classic pattern ships, a few scale racers, several WW1 and WW2 scale models, a couple large 3D planes and a few smaller electrics.

The Trust is currently in a waiting period (permitting contest). The collection becomes available to us around July 20th. I'll arrange a working party to collect, stow, clean and catalog the material.

The current plan is to hold one or a small series of sales or silent auctions with the proceeds going directly to the club!



Recognition for TEDx

On behalf of the club, our secretary Bruce Allen was recognized by the Cajon Valley Unified School District on May 22nd in appreciation for our partnership and participation in the 2018 TEDx for Kids event back on April 21st. Nicely done, mate!



New Wind Socks - Thanks to Bruce for picking them up, and to the team who installed them!

Runway Seal Coat

At the May meeting we approved funding the application of a seal coat to the runway. As you may have noticed, several of our members have been breaking their backs to fill the cracks as a matter of general maintenance and to prepare for the coat. We'll be coating not only the runway but the pit area as well. Butch is working with the contractor on a date. We'll likely close the field the day prior and the day of the work so that we can move the benches, clear the pits and blow out as much of the dirt as possible before the slurry is applied.

The coating will likely run about \$5500, and the subsequent striping paint another \$250 or so. Over the course of the next few months, you'll likely hear me petition for a small round of monetary contributions. This won't be nearly as extensive as the fundraising we did to re-pave the runway, and we won't be offering 3-year memberships. But depending on our



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financial outlook come July/August, we may find that we need a few hundred dollars to cover our regular costs through the remainder of the year. One option that I'll pitch now is an **increase in dues**.

Dues Discussion:

Let me set the scene. Our current dues are \$60/year - that's \$5 per month. That covers, for the most part, trash services, port-a-potty, newsletter postage, web site hosting fees, field maintenance and support, first aid supplies and more. Our dues also cover the few raffles that we hold (annual banquet and the scale event), which usually see about a 50% loss. We also subsidize a portion of the annual banquet food price which is about \$1100. Some will argue that we should simply abolish the banquet (or at least the subsidy) and put those funds into the field. I contend that celebratory gatherings are a key aspect of building comradery within an organization.

Our budget has been fairly well balanced over the past decade. But prices are creeping up and we've historically done a poor job of proper runway maintenance (until our big investment two years ago).

If we can increase our annual income by just a couple thousand dollars each year, would could easily cover the sealing of the runway on a regular basis and better stay ahead of the game.

As an example, by **raising dues from \$5/mo to \$6.25/mo**, our 100 members (which exclude Juniors and Life members) would provide an increase in funds by \$1500/year. Over a 2-year period, that nearly covers cost of seal-coat for the runway (not the pits). That works out to \$75/year for each of us. Now, If we talk about \$7.50/mo (\$90/yr), that would give the club an additional \$3000/year. That may be more cushion than we need, but by comparison, that's only \$2.50

more per month than we're paying now. That's a burger... a *cheap* burger.

There's a risk that any dues increase would likely drive away a small portion of our members; those who may only use the field occasionally or who are members for the sole purpose of comradery. The Board fully recognizes this, so our decisions need to be well informed.

So my question to each of you, would you accept an increase in dues to support the betterment of the club? And if so, how much would you tolerate? We don't have a good polling method to reach the entire club, so please bring your thoughts to the meeting, post on our Facebook page, send us an email, call us, etc.

A comparison of local club annual dues:

SEFSD (Mission Bay) \$50, 300+ members, no paved field, electric only

MRCF (Miramar) \$60, nice paved runway; restricted to military members with special procedures for civilian access

CVMRCC (Chula Vista) \$60, (complicated dues schedule); paved runway; located at the border.

Palomar RC flyers \$200, nice paved runway; located at the I-15 and the 76

Chollas Park RC Flyers \$80, paved runway just north of I-94 near College Grove

Please give this some thought and provide your thoughts.

See you around!

Keith



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Results of the Scale Fly-In May 19, 2018



Best Civilian: Ken Lawrence Curtis CW-1



Best Military: Trent Alford Fokker D-7



Judges Choice: Dick Clavert Dornier DO-217



Peoples Choice: Roger Gordon DHC Beaver





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Views of the Scale Fly-In, May 19, 2018





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