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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

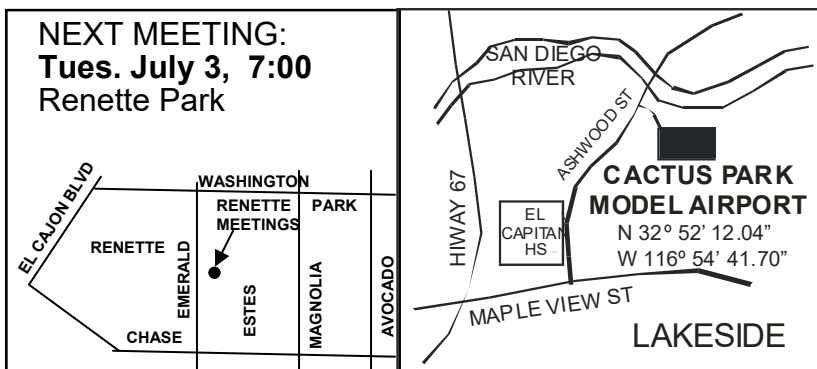
July 7 Sat Mid-Summer Luncheon, Mimi's Cafe 11:00 AM

Aug 11 Sat National Aviation Day

Do Not Fly Over The Polo Field EVER!

Our club has been flying at Cactus Park since about 1985. We are neighbors with the Horse Polo Field all this time. For all this time we have had field rules that specify we DO NOT FLY OVER THE POLO FIELD. Our models pose a safety concern for the people and horses at the Polo Field. So far we have been able to have good relations with the people that run the polo field, and so far I am not aware of any incidents that have caused injuries to people or horses, or damage to any of the polo field equipment. Flying over the polo field can scare the horses and obviously poses a threat of crashing on polo field land which could cause injuries. Obviously if we don't fly there, we can't crash there.

The club held a special meeting at Cactus Park Saturday June 23 where President Keith Miller outlined new procedures and presented a map of the flying area. That map is shown on page 7 of this newsletter. Please do your utmost to comply.





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Meeting Minutes June 5

Bruce Allen

The meeting on June 5th, 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 16, including board member Secretary Bruce Allen. (Vice President Jeff Coskey, Treasurer Scott Graupmann were unable to attend)

Opening Comments

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

The Secretary called for order to make a presentation to Keith Miller our gallant President, it had concerned him for some time that Keith didn't have an official implement to get the members attention, so he presented him with an official Gavel & Block to help him call the meeting to order. Suitable jocularly ensued amongst the members present...

Guest/New Member

Ron Stark – Used to fly at Miramar, but due to access & other issues at the base he has decided to join the Weedwackers. Welcome Ron!

Approval of previous Minutes

Proposed: Bobby Rink Seconded: Rich Crutchfield Unanimous (Error on Discount Warehouse noted!)

Philip Pierce

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 couldn't 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).

Keith visited Philips home & compiled a list of very good airplanes from 80's 90's that we will inherit when the Trust closes late July.

Treasurers Report (Due to Scott's absence we do not have accurate numbers, no vote until this is rectified at next meeting).

Opening Balance: \$

Income: \$0

Expenses: \$()

Ending Balance: \$

Safety Report

Ron Keith – Rattlesnake Season be careful! If you get bit, **Call 911!** do **NOT** suck, cut the wound, let it bleed out for 20 – 30 seconds. Put a Dry Dressing over the wound. Take off Watch, rings etc also if the bite is on the foot take the shoe off.

If possible identify the snake that bit you, but make sure not to get too close, this can help the treatment from the medics.

Warning! Even if you chop the Head off the Snake it can still Bite you, as the nerves in the jaw stay active & the poison sack is in the head of the snake.

In our area, the only venomous snakes are rattlesnakes. In the coastal and mountain regions of San Diego County there are three kinds: the [Western Rattlesnake](#), (1) the [Speckled Rattlesnake](#) , (2)



and the [Red Diamond Rattlesnake](#) (3) .

In the desert is the [Sidewinder](#)(4)





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If you must recover a plane in the wooded area, make sure to take a pole from the gate with you to beat ahead in the brush & keep your eyes open!

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!

7th/8th June, Thursday & Friday – Field Closed to allow County to mow the field.

9th June, Don Madison’s Estate sale at his house

17th June Father’s Day Swap Meet at DHW

7th July Midsummer Luncheon – See Presidents Message.

11th August National Model Aviation day – BBQ Fun-Fly TBD

Old Business

Handicap Signs – in process...

Violations of our boundary – particularly with the Polo field, a written complaint from the owner Darren Bankhead, who is a very reasonable person, highlighted the seriousness of the issue. Keith has been corresponding with them & its very important we act to prevent more complaints & possible action from the County. Remember we do NOT own the field it is County property.

(See Presidents Message in this Hanger news for more details)

Field Inspection

On the 22nd the County Realtor visited our field to do the annual inspection. She was very pleased & had no problems. She said she would make sure that the vegetation debris we had made during cleanup would be removed.

Raising Dues

Keith sent out an email with a discussion on increasing the dues which haven’t been raised in years & our expenses have increased, not just the Runway maintenance. Please review & Keith will have a potential plan at the July meeting. Butch recommended increase fee by \$10 to be dedicated to Runway maintenance?

Drawing for Free Membership – postponed till next meeting.

Show & Tell

Bill Simmons - Demonstrated several types of controllers from his collection. (I took a Video of his presentation & I hope to get it on our website soon!)

Raffle

Julian Sonderegger Glue, Brushes, Books
Arnold Lipschutz Saw, Glue Epoxy, Acid Brushes, Saw Blades, Glider.

Bruce Allen Wooden Boxes.

Hank Leichner Nitro, CA Foam Safe

Don Westergren Books

Keith Miller Glider, Books

Proposed to Close Meeting at 20:39



Welcome to:

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

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619-443-4100

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Lettuce, Tomato, Mayonnaise and Italian Dressing

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Mid-Summer Luncheon - Mimi's Café

This coming **July 7th (Saturday)** is our Mid-Summer Luncheon, **11 am** at Mimi's Café in Santee. See the attached flyer and **\$13.99 menu**. 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 any quality items that you just don't use. No toasters J.



Runway Seal Coat

Thank you to Butch Weiser for coordinating the efforts and the contractor for application of a fresh seal coat on our runway. Butch, Dick and several others spent many hours on their hands and knees manually filling the cracks in both the runway and the pits and man, does it all look GREAT! Striping is next. You'll likely see the specifics and a date via email; nothing firm is planned yet. When that time comes, please consider coming out for a day of striping!

Flight Patterns and Boundaries

Thank you to all who attended our emergency meeting on Saturday 6/23. To summarize, we covered the following:

- Review of boundary map/video. Attached as part of this newsletter is the map that I handed out during the meeting. The video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/d-nIMZPUyew>.
- Membership will monitor the eastern flight boundary and curtail overflight of the corrals and polo field by establishing a spotter on Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 11am. The spotter will have an air horn and two-way radio. A field marshal or any other member will monitor the other end of the radio coms at the flight line. By "membership will monitor", I mean that we're asking any and all members to spend time at the



windsock as a spotter. I asked that members get it started on their own; grab a horn/radio/chair/umbrella (shade) and establish the first watch. Field Marshals will help facilitate the rotation, and monitoring radios, but it's not the Field Marshals' duties to be spotters. That rests with all of us. One great idea that was brought up that we'll follow is, if you get honked, you get the next spotter shift! The Board will look into providing a couple of cheap umbrellas that can be stowed in the pin box when not needed for shade.

The plan is for roughly 30 minute rotations (four members), but if you're in the sun too long, or need a pee break, call over the radio for a relief. If the other end of the radio doesn't respond, feel free to walk back anyway and send a new spotter out once you get to the pits.

If we forget to establish a spotter, that doesn't mean that we'll secure flying. However I fully expect that the issue be remedied right away.

We also covered rule enforcement as it applies to the bylaws and field rules (i.e. rejuvenation of the Grievance Procedures). Strictly speaking - if you violate the boundary once in a day, that's your warning. Further honks and the Field Marshals may ground you for the remainder of the day after which the Safety Committee will be notified. The fun part is that, if you're honked once, you get the next shift at the boundary!

Pilots whom repeatedly or habitually struggle to observe the boundaries, whether intentionally or by way of lack of skills, may be asked to depart the club. This would be a very rare instance, but may be required to protect the privileges of the rest of the membership.

- We designated several new Field Marshals to include Ken Bryant, Gary Rold, Fred Miller, Ron Keith and Tim Peterson. I think I missed someone, but Bruce was taking good notes and should have them included in his minutes. Existing marshals include Vernon Gilmore, Dick Milhausen, Butch Weiser and of course the club officers. Thank you to those who stepped up! Field Marshals are identified by a yellow badge. As you all are aware, the Field Marshals' responsibilities are outlined in our bylaws and their direction and decisions are to be adhered to. If a marshal grounds a pilot, that





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stands for the remainder of that day and will be brought to the attention of the Safety Committee / Board. No arguing with the Field Marshals! The all fully understand that rules enforcement is critical, but that their approach must be cordial.

- Lastly we discussed the importance of aircraft integrity. If your model is in poor condition or recently had an abrupt terrestrial event, perform a close inspection of your model before it's flown again. We very recently had a model crash not far from the boundary after it had just previously bounced off the ground. The plane was very unstable and rather than cutting the throttle and setting it down, the pilot continued with unstable flight toward the east until it finally went in. Lessons learned: 1) don't fly models that aren't known to be 100% flight worthy and 2) if you run into trouble, sacrifice your plane before you risk a hazard to horses.

thinking about ordering a STEM kit or two of their chuck gliders, so kids can have some free flight gliders. We did this last weekend, and the kids had an absolute blast hot gluing the kits together and flying them in the open grass area near the booth. I'll put in an application for us to demo some flights, if possible, of some smaller flyers - if anyone has any UMx planes like a Radian, or the Vapor, or the UMx Timber, for example; I'll also bring a set of FPV goggles and we can do some FPV demos with an Inductrix FPV or possibly one of the bigger quads, depending on what sort of area we have to fly in (if we have permission to fly. I'll know more once I hear back from Maker Faire).

I've been reaching out to the clubs in the area just to see who's interested, and get some more interest going; I'll gladly supply hot glue guns and glue sticks for building, and at the very least we can have some static displays of planes, be it balsa, RTF, Flite Test kits, whatever. I know at the North County Maker Faire, the Flite Test name was the most popular, because parents found out the kids could build an RC plane with say, \$5 worth of foam board sheets that they bought at the local Dollar

Tree, and then picked up the electronics at a local hobby shop like Discount Hobby Warehouse.

I've included a few pictures to show you how our booth was set up over the weekend; I'm imagining at Balboa Park we'd have a larger area with more tables and glue guns, due to the larger number of people



Maker Faire

Doug Abel, son of our fellow member Chuck Abel, will attend our upcoming Tuesday meeting to talk about the Maker Faire coming up this fall. Below is an excerpt from his recent email to us. Scott Graupman has previously orchestrated our individual club's participation in the Maker Faire, and this would be a great opportunity for us to partner with other county clubs for a much stronger event.

From: Doug Abel
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 4:50 PM
Subject: Re: Participation requested for Maker Faire San Diego, Oct. 6 & 7, 2018
Keith,

I'm really enthused that your club is willing to get involved with this. :) I'm thinking of doing some inexpensive foam builds from Flite Test, and I'm

coming through:





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Dues Discussion:

Since the last newsletter and the June meeting, the feedback I've received regarding a dues increase has been positive. I'll not reiterate the detailed discussion I put out last month, but we'll discuss it again at the upcoming meeting. I expect to present a plan in July for a vote of the membership thereafter. Maybe this will be my opportunity to kill any chance for re-election in November J! I'll look at two proposals - \$6.26/month or \$7.50 month. We currently pay \$5/month. Come chat with us at the July 3rd meeting if you'd like to contribute thoughts.

Mike Martak Models

Mikes Wife recently contacted the club and requested assistance in dispersing his models and equipment. She's preparing for a move and Mike, unfortunately, has encountered some issues that prevent him from attending to his property. These models are offered for sale to members. I have reasonable prices in mind and will take offers by phone/email. First come, first served. All proceeds go back to the Martak family. The models include a Hobbico NexStar with an OS FXi 46 (orange), Sig Kadet LT-40 with K&B 61 (yellow/red), Great Planes Super Sporster 40 with OS FS-62V (white with colorful sunburst) and a Nitro Models Mosquito with twin OS FS-62V's. Not shown is a Sig Senior Kadet that is undergoing minor repairs.

Also on-hand is a Great Planes PT-20 MKII kit and a few engines (OS-FS-72A, OS AXII 46 NIB, Magnum XL 70FS and Magnum XL52 FS). Please contact me directly if you're interested.

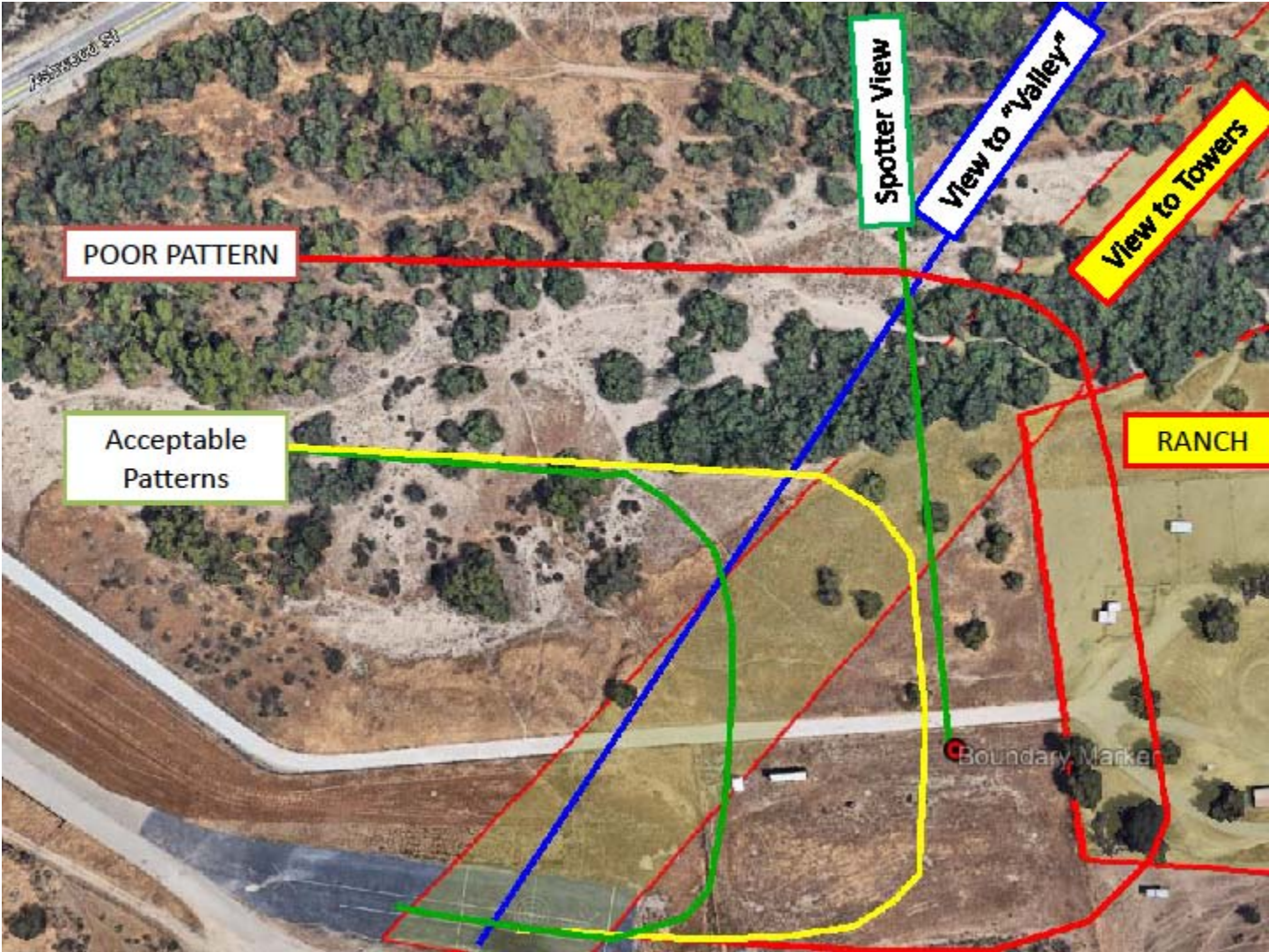


See you around!

Keith



Flight Boundaries to avoid flying over the Polo Field





Mid-Summer Luncheon Saturday July 7, 2018

Mimi's Café

11:00 AM



9812 Mission Gorge Rd, Santee

Join our Summertime gathering for lunch, camaraderie and prizes.

Lunch entrees include a choice of Quiche Lorraine, Roasted Turkey Club, Turkey Royale or Asian Chicken Chopped Salad.

This is not a subsidized event—we'll all cover our own bill.

Contact Keith Miller with questions—619-409-0192

Mimi's

Café Lunch

\$13⁹⁹



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Café Lunch

\$13⁹⁹

With your choice of coffee, tea, lemonade or soft drinks, comes with house salad, caesar salad or a cup of soup.

ENTRÉES

Quiche Lorraine

Hickory-smoked bacon, aged parmesan, swiss and green onions. Served with a freshly baked muffin.

Roasted Turkey Club

Triple decker of hand-carved turkey, hickory-smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayo on toasted sourdough. Served with french fries.

Turkey Royale

Hand-pulled turkey salad with cranberries, walnuts, mayonnaise, tomatoes and lettuce on wheat berry raisin bread. Served with french fries.

Asian Chicken Chopped Salad

Hand-carved chicken breast, red and green bell peppers, green onions, mandarin oranges, cilantro, chopped cabbage and romaine lettuce tossed in sesame dressing with fried wontons and sesame seeds. Served with a French baguette or freshly baked muffin.

*Add a Petite
Dessert for \$2
per Person*

Petite French Silk Slab Pie

Smooth chocolate, coffee and cream with a deep dish flaky, hand-made graham cracker crust and chocolate drizzle.

Strawberry Cheesecake Petite Parfait

A petite parfait with creamy cheesecake, strawberries and whipped cream.

*COOKED TO ORDER. CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEAT, POULTRY, SEAFOOD, SHELLFISH OR EGGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS.

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