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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

Aug 11 Sat National Aviation Day, BBQ—FunFly

Aug 18 Sat SDAM Swap Meet CVRCC

Oct 6-7 Sat-Sun Maker Fair, San Diego

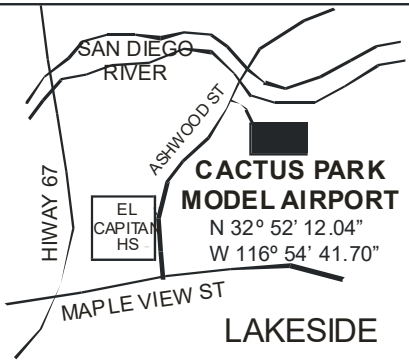
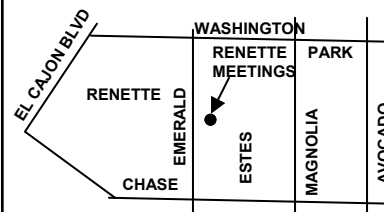
Nov 2-4 AMA Expo West, Fairplex, Pomona

Hervey Langevin 1925-2018

Sadly, on June 6th 2018, we had to say goodbye to Hervey Ernest Langevin of El Cajon, California. He was 92 years old. Hervey, born Sept. 1 1925 in New Bedford MA is survived by Wayne Langevin, Doris Langevin, Myra Green and Julianne Langevin. Hervey joined the club in 2008 and was awarded Most Improved Pilot in 2012. He rarely missed a club meeting, seated front row center. Services were held in June.



NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Aug 7, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes July 3rd

Bruce Allen

The meeting on July the 3rd, 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 14, including board member Vice President Jeff Coskey, Treasurer Scott Graupmann & Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments

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

Keith introduced us to Doug Abel of the Palomar R/C Flyers to talk to us about the Maker Faire

He spoke as a fellow hobbyist who is trying to help spread the interest in RC, control line, and even free flight to the next generation of hobbyists. "This past weekend, our club participated in the North County Mini Maker Faire, in Vista, CA, where we had a large group of people come through inquiring about our hobby, about building airplanes, and how to start in the hobby.

We had a donation of chuck gliders from Discount Hobby Warehouse, as well as some members of Flite Test donating their STEM chuck gliders, which we helped kids to build and hand out over the weekend. Because of our success, Maker Faire has asked us to participate again in the larger scale Maker Faire that will be taking place in Balboa Park on Oct. 6 & 7th, 2018.

As this event services well over 5,000 visitors each day from all over San Diego County, I figured this would be a great opportunity for not only Palomar to put their name out there, but for any club that was interested - Weedwackers Aero Squadron for East County, Miramar for the Scripps Ranch/Clairemont Mesa/Kearny Mesa area, Palomar for North County, Chollas View for

South County area, etc. It's about promoting the hobby, essentially - we can show people how to make planes, get kids and adults involved in building and flying fixed wing, heli, multicopter, or even free flight.

The aim is to have Foam gliders for the kids to construct or cheap flyers from companies like "Flite Test" (<https://www.flitetest.com/>) Planes: <https://store.flitetest.com/rc-airplanes/c3?fb=2568> where the pricing isn't too high.

Doug extended the invitation to the Weedwackers to see if we would be interested we would love to have you involved in this as in his eyes, it's not about which club someone's joining, it's about the hobby itself. "

Keith confirmed that the Weedwackers would attend! He also mentioned that getting an AMA Sanction for the event to cover liability etc.

Guest/New Member

Cedric Martin – Moved back from the East & wants to get back into R/C (Since the meeting Cedric came out to the field & he is now a fully signed up member as well as the CEAP – Bruce Allen)

Approval of previous Minutes

Proposed: Ron Keith Second: Vic Pretto Unanimous.

Treasurers Report

(May 2018)	
Opening Balance:	\$8,357.16
Income:	\$785
Expenses:	\$(701.28)
Ending Balance:	\$8,440.88

(June 2018)	
Opening Balance:	\$8,440.88
Income:	\$160
Expenses:	\$(6,240.59)
Ending Balance:	\$2,360.29

(Taken from Scotts Spreadsheet)

Keith will review to see if we need to adjust



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income in the future.

Approval of Treasures Report

Proposed: Bill Simmons Second: Ron Keith
Unanimous.

Safety Report

Ron Keith- Has setup the First Aid Kit so that you start with a dressing on the left side & work through to the right with what you need hopefully in sequence. Throw away used items do not put back in the box!

Socks demo at August Meeting.

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 July Midsummer Luncheon

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

18th August Saturday SDAM Swap Meet at CVMRCC

6th & 7th October Maker Faire (San Diego)

2nd through 4th November AMA Expo West at the Fairplex in Pomona CA (See advert in July Model Aviation or check the AMA website for details.

Old Business

Handicap Signs – in further process...

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. There has been very little input from the Membership on an increase, so Keith will put a proposal together probably based on \$75 - \$90 increase per year.

Drawing for Free Membership – Warren Wood

Eastern Boundary – Keith followed up on results of our emergency meeting with Darren Bankhead who was very appreciative of our efforts.

Saturday/Sunday from 9:00am to 11:00am we will have a spotter posted at the windsock pole, changing after 30mins, to monitor & indicate when a flyer goes paste the boundary. To be reviewed as time goes on. Spotter going out will take a Walkie Talkie & the Air Horn with them, generally a Field Marshall should have the other Walkie Talkie in the pit.

New Business

Helicopter pad is being considered for east of Station 1. Jeff Coskey is heading this up. TBD.

Raffle

Ron Keith	\$15
Hank Leichner	Blow Torch, CA Gap filling
Julian Sondcoper	HD Lite
Keith Miller	CA Accelerator \$10
Fred Miller	CA
Bill Simmons	Book Guns in the Sky
Arnold Lipschutz	Book
Jeff Coskey	CA
Bruce Allen	Epoxy 5 minutes.

Proposed: Close Meeting at 20:23





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President's Message Aug 2018

Mid-Summer Luncheon - Mimi's Café

This year's luncheon saw a significantly lower turnout than I'd expected. I'm going to go on the assumption that it was the 100+F temperatures, because the venue was great! Ron Keith brought an amazingly decorated cake, and the raffle earned \$180!



Sad News

We learned recently of the passing of both Ben Newkirk and Hervey Langevin. Hervey's grandson Shane stopped by the field to donate some of Hervey's modeling supplies to the club. Hervey was 93 years old and a treasured long-time member of the club. Ben lost his battle with bone cancer at the early age of 71. Ben served as our club president for three years up through 2011 and mentored me in my first few terms. Both will be missed!

A ping on Safety and Propellers

I frequent a few Facebook sites associated with the hobby. I recently came across this post in "Balsa Model Aircraft Builders Association". The tag line read: "My new plane bit me! I was setting up the receiver when the prop came to life. Luckily it is only a flesh wound."

This is a reminder of what can happen when precautions aren't taken with an energized motor system that's not restrained.



New Boundary Sign

Larry Kosta Jr. (fellow Weedwacker) and his team at Advance Reprographics provided the Weedwackers with the banner that we currently fly at major public events, and now are pleased to present a renewed Flight Boundary sign to replace our sun-beaten relic. Advance Reprographics generously donated both time and materials in providing a new boundary sign for the field.

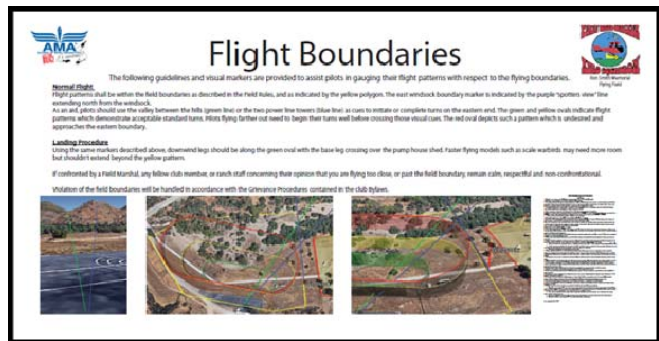
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Consider passing them your digital printing needs! <http://advance-repro.com> 619-297-7734

Thank you Larry!!



Runway Striping

Well, once we got past the equipment failures, we were able to knock out the new lines and close up shop by about 2pm on a hot summer day over blistering pavement. Please pass your thanks to Mark Huyser, Jeff Coskey, Ron Keith, Hank Leichner, Dick Milhausen and the paint master himself Gary Lamb!



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NMAD Silent Auction

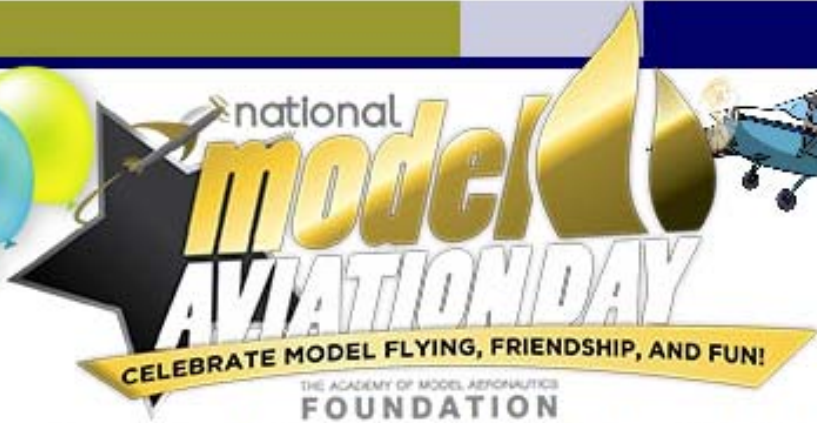
On August 11th we'll participate in the National Model Aviation Day event to include a BBQ/Potluck and Fun-Fly. As part of NMAD, we'll hold a HUGE silent auction to include models and engines that come from Mike Martak, Hervey Langevin and the most recently acquired estate of Philip Pierce. Philip's models were collected from the estate on July 27th and are now the property of the club. Thank you VERY MUCH to Jeff, Ron Keith, Bruce Allen, Mark Huyser and Jeramy Miller for working their tails off moving the inventory from the home to storage. Jeff and I will manage the property, sale and disposition with all proceeds going directly to our treasury. Here's just a teaser of the items that will be up for auction. I'll publish some better photos of the Pierce collection prior to the event. The list includes: Nexstar trainer, Sig Kadet LT-40, Super Sportster 40, Douglas O-38, Aeromaster, Funtana S90, Ryan STA, Cosmic Wind #97, P-51 Mustang (several, including a 9' monster!), Piper Cub (another biggie), PT-13D (a HUGE biplane), a very large Skybolt S biplane, Dirty Birdy (pattern), Tiger Tail (pattern), Mach One (pattern), Cosmic Wind (another one), Edge 540, Funtana (electric), T-28, and a few more.



See you on August 11th!
Keith



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Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field
BBQ & Pot-Luck Lunch, Silent
Auction and Fun-Fly
Saturday, Aug 11th, 2018
9:00 am until 12:00 pm



Join us and the Academy of Model Aeronautics Foundation in celebrating model aviation for the **fifth** annual National Model Aviation Day. National Model Aviation Day was created to encourage clubs to celebrate the hobby and share it with the public.
\$5 donation requested to offset Bobby's BBQ
\$5 Fun-Fly entry fee (to offset prize cost)
Auctions include many estate items that benefit both the families and the club!



Prizes for each Fun-Fly event!
Auction lists will be published by email and on our web site.

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SILENT AUCTION

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Ben Newkirk 1947-2018

Jesse Benjamin Newkirk III, known as Ben, whose love of learning and teaching made him an accomplished professor and beloved mentor to friends and family, passed away in his home in La Mesa, California, on July 10, 2018.

Following a successful graduate career in Psychology at Claremont Graduate University, Ben served as Professor of Psychology at Grossmont Community College for thirty-three years, being selected as Distinguished Chair in Mathematics and Science in 1990. He was known for setting high standards as a professor while at the same time showing great patience and generosity as an advisor and friend to his students. He was actively involved in helping many students move on to four-year universities and graduate programs.

Having learned to build model train layouts and airplanes as a boy, Ben was a consistent presence in and organizer for the All Gauge Toy Train Association and First Weedwacker Aerosquadron model aeronautics club. He also served nine years as a San Diego PD Reserve Officer, where he consulted for the SDPD, and was an active competitive marksman, achieving Distinguished Master Rating in Police Pistol Combat.

Ben is survived by his loving wife, Pamela Newkirk (née Newton); their son, Jesse Newkirk IV of Brooklyn, NY; two daughters, Christine Newkirk of Pasadena, CA, and, from a previous marriage, Tanya Newkirk of Jackson, Miss.; and his sister, Fern Parker, and brother, Don Newkirk, both of Salem, OR.

Ben was born on February 19, 1947 in Ajo, Arizona, and raised in National City, Califor-

nia. His father, Jesse Benjamin Newkirk Jr., was born in Payette, Idaho, and his mother, Jessie Fern Kinhead, was born in Keyes, Oklahoma. The family traveled to the southwest to escape the Dust Bowl in the early 1930s.



Ben joined the club in 2003. He was Vice President from 2005—2008, then President from 2009—2011. He served behind the scenes as well, since he had been newsletter editor for his railroad club, Ben regularly came to help me (Don Westergren) put together, fold, staple and address over 200 Hangar news each month for a couple of years. Ben was an advocate of Victims Charities and led the club to support these charities as part of our club's community service. He was regularly at out club meetings, remaining involved in club activities until his health affected his activities.

Ben was a true friend.