



# HANGAR NEWS

NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER  
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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

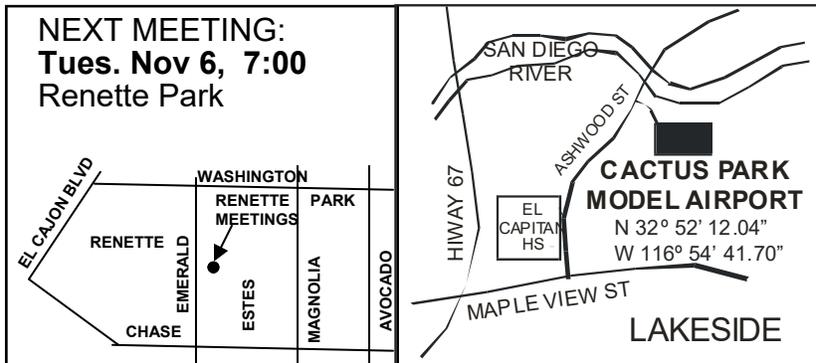
Nov 2-4 AMA Expo West, Fairplex, Pomona  
Nov 9-11 London Bridge Seaplane Classic Lake Havasu  
Nov 10 Sat Veterans Day Tribute, MRCF, Miramar Model  
Nov 17 Sat Swap Meet + Toys for Tots, Cactus Park

## Club Elections

The election of club officers for 2019 will be held at the November club meeting. Our current officers have all agreed to run for their respective offices. I have to editorialize here a bit and say that these four gentlemen have been doing a really great job—some for many years. Our club has been very fortunate to have these volunteers working to keep our club and our activities and our flying field running smoothly.

Most of our club members don't see the things that "happen" behind the scenes. I don't see everything, but I do see a lot of emails and attend the board meetings. These officers take care of the field, runway, storage box, and trash. They maintain order at the field and interface with our neighbors and the San Diego County Parks Department. Our activities in the community—Maker Fair, Lakeside Parade and all our Fun Fly's Scale Fly-In's, and Swap Meets are planned and run by these and other club members. Greet them and tell them Thanks!

—Don Westergren





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## Meeting Minutes Oct2018

7:00 pm called to order; Officers present - Vice President, Treasurer.

Pledge of allegiance

Secretary not present please sign in on the sheet tickets will be added to the raffle tub when Bruce returns from vacation. I have the list Sir.

Guests/New Members—John Thomas

Approval of Minutes as presented in last month's Hangar News—Ron Keith moved, Gary Rold seconded; approved

### Treasurers report

Beginning	\$2185.02
Income	\$4076.00
Expenses	\$745.82
Balance	\$5515.20
Net	\$3330.18

### Safety Officer Report

The Safety Officer was present “Echoed again Great job continuation of fire extinguishers being staged”.

### Upcoming Events

Maker Faire Oct 6th and 7th Weedwackers will participate in conjunction with Palomar RC Flyers to man the booth.

I asked for volunteers to help Julian, Mark Huyser to assist with set up and Ryan Crutchfield volunteered to fly UMX aircraft at the Cimic Con Hall “designated indoor area”. I passed Doug's Phone number to the volunteers to contact him for further details on the Maker Fair.

Sat-Sun Sep 29-30, 2018 All day  
Miramar Air Show MCAS Miramar

Sat Oct 6, 2018 9am – 3pm  
Ramona Air Fair & Fly-In 2926  
Montecito Road, Ramona, CA

Sat-Sun Oct 6-7, 2018 10am – 6pm  
Maker Faire San Diego Balboa Park

Sat Oct 6, 2018 10:30am – 3:30pm  
5th Annual Fall Sailplane Event  
Palomar RC Flyers

Sat Oct 13, 2018 7 – 11am  
Swap Meet, Alpine Aerosquadron 11928  
Singer Ln, Spring Valley

Sun Oct 21, 2018 8am – 1pm  
26th Annual Otay Lake Float Fly Otay Lake  
Float Fly

Fri-Sun Nov 2-4, 2018 All day  
AMA Expo West Fairplex Exposition Complex

Fri-Sun Nov 9-11, 2018 All day  
33rd Annual London Bridge Seaplane Classic Fun-Fly  
Lake Havasu State Park

Sat Nov 10, 2018 All day  
MRCF Veterans Day Tribute MRCF Flying Field, I volunteered to lead Weedwacker's coalition of member to their flying Art Flores Dick Muhlhausen and myself planned to attend last year was a great time watching the bigger aircraft racing through the sky.

Sat Nov 17, 2018 7:30 – 11:30am  
Swap Meet and Toys for Tots Drive Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field (Weedwackers)

Gary Rold asked if I had a larger copy of the Swapmeet flyer, replied Keith would be back in two day and best to contact Keith for a copy

### Old Business:

Handicapped Parking signs Continued: POC Bruce purchased signs they were placed in the pin box. Progress stalled, Ron Keith volunteered to complete task of getting them in placed on the poles.

### Dues Increase Vote

Bylaw revision presented and proposed in September newsletter - \$75+\$50 initiation  
Voting will occur at this meeting.

Members have had a chance to review Bylaw for the Dues Increase to - \$75+\$50 initiation



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Questions / Discussion Don Westergren to check Bylaws for members required for Quorum? Verified Bylaws that 10% was required of membership was required to process the vote. 17 members present, total membership at this date is 127 members. 13 members would need to be in attendance to proceed to a vote.

Vote for raising the dues? In favor 14. Any Opposed 0 "ZERO"

Badges were brought up; a member noted that often he's seen people flying at the field without a badge. We remind the members that, if you see someone flying without a badge, it's up to you the member to say something either to that person directly, or to a Field Marshal.

New Business and Rules Review (field rules, bylaws, AMA Safety Code or AMA Safety Handbook) New rule Station H.  
Helicopter pad east of Station 1

Proposed rules revision draft and submitted by Jeff Coskey. Keith Miller generated a smoothed copy and emailed proposed rules to membership.

It was apparent that the proposed rule was not widely read from the distributed correspondence. There was a more focused attention to an incident that occurred at the field on Sunday the 30th. I created the "Weedwacker Field Report" and distributed it to the board for later discussion. I did my best to discuss around the facts and findings of the incident without disclosing the parties names.

There were questions that were being discussed I recommended that it would be better off to hold questions until the Proposed Rule was read aloud. I added, I would profess reasons for initiating the Station H.

## **Concerns form the membership:**

What was the helicopter's designated flight area? Being adjacent the approach area and the possibility of mid-air-collisions.

Station H's flight station location, 1 members being exposed, 2 some insurance liability questions, along with 3 protection i.e. chain link

fence required, to errand aircraft that were wide on their approach for landing.

Rule 10, Need to change ~~5 planes~~ "6 aircraft" can be flying at a time, change rules on Pin Box.

I started the discussion reading the rules, began with rule 12 to be clear responsibilities of the established Station and followed with Rule 13, Station H.

It was noticed that some more specifics would need to be added to the rules to ensure they were clear.

12. Pilots "in stations 1-5" should normally fly in...

13 Helicopters and Multirotor aircraft may fly at the heli-pad to the ~~West~~ "East" of the pit area...

During this discussion I realized that, the concerns brought forth from the membership had merit and it would be better off to table this discussion until the rules were corrected and concerns discussed and addressed. I also recommended that two 15 minute stand up meetings be held at the field to raise awareness, address concerns and establish reasons for the new Station H. "Tabled".

## **Other New Business**

Large branches that have fallen two over the last months should be removed from the pit area in a timely manner. All debris should be moved to the upper parking lot south of the picnic area other side of the ditch. Three reasons Snakes, Scorpions and trip it's a hazard. Also brought to our attention more branches look like they could come down Recommend County evaluate tree for possible trimming Action for the Board.

Consideration of methods to increase club membership were discussed last month. Vernon Gilmore has contacted Karin Pearlman east county coverage, from the San Diego Union Tribune and she is willing to meet with Keith Miller to work to an article for the paper about our club/field/RC Aircraft.



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Julian to tackle the club shirts to look for information cost, Don Westergren has club logo to provide to Julian.

Drawing for free membership – 2 drawings this month – Max Graupmann under 18 years old pass, next Phillip Morris not present and then John Wencel not present.

## **Demonstrations and Training:**

Cancelled to later date TBD.

Model Sharing

None

## **Good of the order**

Gary Rold, let us know Futaba it still alive and well not getting out of the RC business, located Huntsville Alabama they are still repairing radio gear. Address is available online.

Jeff Coskey, Recent problems programming new Great Planes Vertical Flying Object VFO it kind of like experimental Pogo aircraft. I was using Spektrum 6ch Rx aircraft it needed 3 mixes to get all surfaces to work correctly. To work correctly I needed 2 Ailerons, 2 rudders, 2 elevons I had problems selecting Rx channels to re-identify for the controls in the Mix Screens. I could get everything to work except one control would be reversed. For some reason I could not use aux1 because it was identified for flaps and clashed in the Mix Screen to be selected. I even moved from my DX7 to the DX9 no luck. The instructions were only identified for Futaba everyone else needed to work on it to figure it out. No kidding that what the manual said. Last ditch effort I swapped out the 6ch Spektrum for a 6 channel Orange Rx. Result Spektrum put some code in their Rx's so you cannot re-identify the channels in the Mix Screens; you have to get a 7ch Rx to do this because now you have Aux1 and Aux2. Well lesson the Orange Rx Mix Screens allows you to mix any channel wait ant other channel, problem solved.

## **Raffle**

Bill Simmons book and Magnifying glasses

Tom Keening Fuel

Arnold Lipchitz Piper J3 Cub Flying Bird and Storages Cases

Gary Rold Zip Kicker Magazine and Storage cases

Mark Huyser HHR Aircraft Photo Book and Zip Ties

Don Westergren Book Flying IFR

Julian Book, Glue Knife, Thinner, 2 Sets of Brushes, Magazine

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned sometime close to 9 pm - I missed it (Jeff)



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## President's Message Nov 2018

We've had our first bout with **Red Flag Warnings** for 2018, with more likely to follow in November. The fall months often bring Santa Ana winds and dry, high-temperature days. When this occurs, the National Weather Service issues a Red Flag Warning. Our agreement with the County is that we close the field to flying on those days. If you hear news reports of a Red Flag Warning, please keep an eye out for an email from one of the board members closing the field. We'll also do our best to post signs at the gate, but we may miss it once in a while. Please don't fly if you know there's a warning. There are some instances in which the media will announce a Red Flag Warning, but it may be for Orange County, desert regions or other nearby regions directly impacting us. In that case, I'll do my best to put the word out if we're NOT impacted.

To double check, please go to <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/map/> and look for yourself. Very specifically, we are within zone 250, which in the NWS postings might look like:

...CAZ250-258-192230-/  
O.CON.KSX.FW.W.0004.181019T1  
000Z-181020T0500Z/...

CAZ250 is outlined in this picture, for reference.



**Tree Safety** - Over the past couple of months, our friendly **eucalyptus tree** has shed a couple of very hefty branches. Fortunately there were no injuries, but this does pose a concern. The County has agreed to send out an arborist to inspect the tree for signs of weakening branches. Taking into consideration the recent death in Orange County (woman killed within her car from a fallen eucalyptus), I've asked the county to consider removing the tree in the interest of liability. We should know the plan by the next club meeting.

**Local estate donations** - The club was recently the recipient of a small collection of models and equipment from an estate of a modeler in Crest (non-member). The brother asked that the models be used to benefit kids who might be interested in the hobby, but the collection really wasn't suited for youth. What we've done is sold the items at bargain prices to benefit members, and the proceeds will go directly to the **Toys for Tots campaign** on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Thus far that totals \$147. Fellow member Lester also donated the proceeds of one of his recent swap meet sales directly to Toys for Tots, and we thank him!

**Swap Meet Nov 17<sup>th</sup>** - Speaking of Toys for Tots, please remember that the Weedwackers will host the joint WW/MRCF Swap Meet and Toys for Tots drive. See the attached flyer. If you can bring a small unwrapped (but new) gift, we'd really appreciate it. Gifts can also be for kids in their early teens who often are forgotten when we say "tots".

**Something new** - It's not often that we see unique and innovative models on the weekends (at least when I'm around), but this last month we were treated to **Art Flores' Twin Terrier**. This was a model originally built and flown by Don Rice (conceived, obviously, from a single Terrier). Art's plane has two Terrier fuselages on a single wing with two OS FP 40s. What a



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neat sound and great looking plane!

**Club Elections** - At the upcoming November meeting (on Tues 11/6), the club will hold our officer elections. The current officers are throwing our hats into the ring for another term. As of this writing, there are no opposing candidates. Should that remain the case, the meeting will be that much shorter!

**2019 Calendar of Events** - The Board will soon assemble the 2019 calendar. If you have ideas for events, please give us a ring!

Thanks to fellow member Paul with his hexacopter camera system, we have some **fresh photographs of the runway from altitude**. I intentionally left out the much closer views in which my failure to paint a proper round circle in the target is readily apparent. Thanks Paul!



## Maker Faire October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, Balboa Park

Doug Abel of the Palomar Radio Control Flyers provided a very impressive booth and built well over 80 foam-board catapult launch gliders for long lines of kids! I was EXTREMELY impressed with his setup. The kids AND parents all seemed very impressed and happy!

Doug's enthusiasm embodied the true atmosphere of the hobby – the fun of the build, the fly and the sharing!

Our own Ryan Crutchfield performed close-



in 3D performances for the crowd. Only Ryan has the skills to work in such a tight area, and he did a great job! Ryan has always been our star performer. He and his dad have contributed significantly not only to our club, but to the community as a whole, and we're VERY grateful to know them and call them Weedwackers!

Doug's efforts were recognized by the fair with the Maker of Merit Blue Ribbon of which only a very small handful of participants received.



**From:** Doug Abel

[mailto:sprzout@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 08, 2018 8:11 AM

**Subject:** Weedwackers Aero Squadron @ Maker Faire



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Keith,

*I wanted to let you know that our event at the Balboa Park Maker Faire was a HUGE success. Palomar received a huge influx of visitors this past weekend, in part due to the sailplane event and night fly, but Steve Gehler, our club president, said that we had a LOT of spectators coming out who had found out about us through Maker Faire!*

*In addition, I wanted to share with you that we were one of about 8 Makers in the Comic-Con museum that got a "Maker of Merit" ribbon - not everyone did. They gave them out to makers that they felt embodied the Maker spirit, especially with us building the planes with the kids and getting them involved. Parents were very happy, as I'm sure you saw. :)*

*I want to thank you for your hands punching out those laser cut planes, Keith, and fielding questions about the simulator and the fields/clubs; I know I was a busy building beaver in the corner. :)*

*I'd also like to thank Ryan for coming out and helping field questions, and doing 3D flight demos upstairs - the volunteers thought it was really cool, and the people watching him perform in such tight quarters REALLY showed off his skill at indoor flight. :)*

Thank you guys again - I couldn't have done it all without your help. :)

## **Rules Revision - Helicopter Station "H"**

The proposed rules associated with the helicopter flying area were tabled at the last meeting and will be refined. Each month we seem to learn more about how such a test area should be bounded and controlled. More to follow.

Now, out to the man-cave to effect some repairs. Maybe someday I'll build something!  
Keith

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**First Woodwacker Aerosquadron**  
Lakeside, CA

**SWAP MEET  
& Toys for Tots Drive**



**Sat. Nov 17, 2018**  
Rain Date Nov 24, 2018

**Site: Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field  
(SD County Cactus Park, Lakeside)**

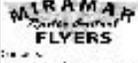
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**Swap Meet and Fundraiser**  
Saturday Nov 17  
7:30 - 11:00 AM  
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve  
Toys for Tots



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## **Desert Hawks** **Radio Control Club** *Lake Havasu City, AZ*

You and your fellow club members are cordially invited to attend the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual London Bridge Seaplane Classic Fun-Fly to be held **November 9, 10, and 11 at Windsor Beach 4 in the Lake Havasu State Park.**

This annual event is presented by the Desert Hawks RC Club and is considered by many to be the premier seaplane event of the year and this year is shaping up to be the best yet.

For your convenience, we have included a link to our website with more information about this event <http://deserthawsrc.org/2018-lbsc/>

Additionally, the following link is a direct link to our Event Brochure which is in PDF format. Use this link to view, save, and print the brochure which can then be posted on your bulletin board and included in your newsletter. [http://deserthawsrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-LBSC\\_9-1.pdf](http://deserthawsrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-LBSC_9-1.pdf)

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who may be interested in this event. We appreciate your help in spreading the word and hope to see you at the event.

Thank you,

Vic Goodman  
LBSC Event Committee Member