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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

Jan 4	Fri	Awards Banquet, Carlton Oaks CC, 6:00 PM Open
Feb 16	Sat	FunFly + BBQ, Cactus Park
Mar 16	Sat	Swap Meet, 07:30 AM, Cactus Park
Apr 13	Sat	Fire Extinguisher Training, Cactus Park
Apr 20	Sat	TEDx Event, TBD
Apr 27	Sat	Lakeside Western Days Parade

This Month

We had our Annual Awards Banquet in January, so we do not have minutes to report. Read the President's Report for news and listings of awards. The banquet was a great gathering of club members and their families, with many fine models on display. Now as February is upon us, we get back to the normal routines—club meeting Feb 5 and Swap meet on Feb 16.

If you have not renewed your club membership, this will be the last newsletter sent to you. We purge the membership roster on Feb 1st. So see Club Treasurer Scott Graupmann or any club officer to renew.

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

CACTUS PARK MODEL AIRPORT
N 32° 52' 12.04"
W 116° 54' 41.70"

LAKESIDE



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President's Message Feb 2019

Government Shutdown

All politics aside, it's possible that a few of our members have postponed their 2019 renewals because they're directly impacted by the government shutdown and aren't being paid. If you're one of those individuals and you're holding out, contact me and we'll work on maintaining your good status until our government grows up.

IMAC World Championships in Model Aviation

Congratulations to Ryan Crutchfield for his appearance and mention in the Feb 2019 Issue of MA! We're proud to know you, sir!

Pilot RC USA

A few of our members demonstrated some excitement about the local Pilot USA RC center now located near Miramar.

Justin Coe recently picked up a new airframe and saved ~\$50 in shipping. He was VERY impressed with their friendly customer service at the facility. And they have tons of planes in stock.

PilotRcUsa.com is the commercial name for Grandpa Bear's Warehouse, LLC, located at 7940 Silverton Avenue, Suite 103, San Diego, CA 92126.

<http://www.pilotrcusa.com/information/>



Weed day

Thanks to those who participated in our weed-spraying and field clean-up event on Jan 19th. About seven sprayers showed up. I think we sprayed just about everything. We'll watch the brown set in during February and attack the green stuff again. Thanks to these folks who showed that certain bit of "ownership":

Mark Huyser supplied water, Jeramy and Fred Miller, Jeff Coskey, Ron Keith, Tom Gibson, Warren Allred, Bobby Rink, John Wencel, Tim Peterson and Lester Moore. Thank them

next time you realize that the runway edges aren't overcome by brush!

2018 Annual Awards Banquet

We had a LOT of fun and the Carlton Oaks venue and food was amazing as always.

Special thanks to Marlene and Chuck Abel who provided the beautiful cake deserts. The staff (Justin, Don, Amanda, Greg and Shannon) were awesome. Butch

Weiser provided some super entertainment! Bruce provided music and a terrific video montage, and his wife Anne provided super center-pieces. Our newest Raffle Czar Ron Keith made all our money back and then some! Many thanks to all of you for making the event AWESOME! Congratulations to all of those recognized during this event! The following is a summary of the presented awards.

Service Awards

Safety Officer - Ron Keith

- Having a retired fireman on our staff is a blessing. We have the confidence that our safety equipment and extinguishers are top notch and stocked. Ron also provides training on a regular basis to include our on-site fire-fighting and field safety training. 2019 will mark Ron's 8th year as Safety Officer.

Secretary - Bruce Allen

AWARDS

SPORTSMAN

1. Cayden Bruce, USA
2. Sam Pankratz, USA
3. Luke Young, USA
4. JJ Hedrick, USA
5. Ryan Crutchfield, USA
6. Philip Leister, USA

INTERMEDIATE

1. A.J. Jaffe, USA



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-2018 marked Bruce's 5th consecutive year as our club secretary. Bruce manages our AMA charter. Bruce organized the clubs participation in TedX for the third year which provides outstanding exposure for the club and really enthuses the youth who attend! He also captures the minutes of our club meetings.

Vice President - Jeff Coskey

-Our perpetual 12th man, Jeff has his hands in every aspect of the club. He's on site to tune and tweak for other members, and carries a 250 lb stacking tool box that meet anyone's needs. And now he's dabbling in the dark arts of turbines! He's played a key role in site security (welding locks), field agriculture (mowing, cutting logs), automotive repair (the lawn mower), and sustained the purchasing department (raffles). Jeff's leadership and ownership are invaluable to the club.

Treasurer - Scott Graupmann

-2018 marked Scott's 12th year, going on 20 as our Treasurer. He's maintains the club roster which recently became a little more tricky since the AMA "improved" (read that as "broke") their membership systems.

Webmaster - Tim Peterson

-Tim keeps our web pages current. Few good modelling clubs present their recent newsletters, calendars and photo albums as well as the Weedwackers. He publishes the many revisions we've seen in the rules and by-laws, and keeps the current news on the front page. Tim also helps manage the Facebook page (along with Vernon).

Newsletter Editor - Don Westergren

-As always, our lifetime member, historian, voice of reason and newsletter editor for 33 years, and a member of Board of Directors for 39 years! Don also is an anchorman for the Western Days Parade, having participated for as many years as I can remember!

Twelfth Man Awards and Variety Awards

Special Appreciation - John Weaver of Discount Hobby Warehouse

John supports our club month after month and year after year providing discounts to the prizes we

provide at various events.

Most Stitches - Ron Keith

2018 saw relatively infrequent prop strikes! Ironically, the "Mr. Sock" award goes to our Safety Officer, Ron Keith. Ron lost a battle with a tree trunk, and walked into a table bench, both of which left a few red dribbles behind. This gave Ron the opportunity to demonstrate Mr. Sock.

12th Man Award - Mark Huyser

Mark Huyser created our "Airplanes/Donkeys" sign (posted at the entrance gate), an event banner and a set of wheel chocks. He's been at just about every field clean-up event we've held and most recently has supplied a water tank during field-day events.

12th Man Award - Gary Rold

Gary Rold organizes and orchestrates each of our swap meets, publishes advertisements and flyers, collects the dough, and supervises the event traffic.

12th Man Award - Dick Milhausen, Steve Shepersky and Butch Weiser

These three gentlemen are mentors, instructors, and are always there when we need something odd done. If there's a meeting or task that requires weekday coordination, I can rely on one of these three to be on-site. Dick reliably posts those dreaded Red Flag Warning signs.

12th Man Award - Gary Lamb

Gary comes through again when it's time to lay some paint! No one understands paint sprayers, fan patterns, dispersion rates, and layout lines better!

12th Man Award - Rich and Ryan Crutchfield

Rich and Ryan have undoubtedly excited more of the public than anyone in the club. They participated in TedX Kids with flight demos and simulators, and Ryan also flew flight demonstrations at Maker Faire San Diego. It's one thing to "hold" an event, and entirely something else to provide that visual interaction that draws a crowd.

Most "Quality" Crashes - Tim Peterson

Tim lost his "big yellow" plane, and then his big red "Extra 300" in November when the wing separated. We were all hoping for one of those



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knife-edge one-wing landings that you can find on YouTube, but alas, it wasn't so. Had that been the case, his plaque would be "Most Amazing Recovery". In August, he lit up a T-28 which melted into a fiery foam goo following ground impact.

Rookie of the Year - Julian Sonderegger

Julian joined us in the Spring and has since become a fixture, not only at the field, but at meetings, luncheons and other events.

He's generously donated many raffle prizes and is best known for the wide variety of models that he (mostly successfully) flies.

For a while, his focus was on vectored thrust models for which that was the ONLY method of control. Then he progressed to larger models with actual control surfaces, and rumor has it that he'll have some nitro engines running soon!

Most Improved Pilot - Pete Pease

Our Safety Officer was initially concerned that Pete might need advice by the Field Marshals because of his erratic flying. He frequently talked to his airplanes, often resulting in one-sided arguments followed by landings somewhere other than the runway.

One morning he arrived with a partially built crop duster plane. He asked for advice from several members about building. He returned the next day with a finished plane and proceeded to his favorite white chair and sat down to fly. Pete has gained confidence and ability over the past year and is our Most Improved Pilot.

Builder of the Year - Ken Lawrence

For years our BOY has demonstrated his deep passion for building unique, antique, odd, usual and unusual model airplanes. In August he showed us his Pietenpol, and in September it was his "Old School".

Kens workmanship was mentioned in Aug 2018 issue of MA in the Sky's the Limit section.

Ken's Freedom 7 was also pictured in the magazine's "Focal Point" section. Ken's

Pietenpol was again covered in Dec 2018 MA Small Field Flying and again in Sky's the Limit.

This was Ken's 2nd consecutive award, 3rd in the past five years.

Annual Jim Baily Community Service Award - Larry Kosta Jr.

A little twist on this award this year in that Larry's not been able to actively fly as much as he'd like. He's been very busy at Advance Reprographics.

But in the sense of "community", Larry continues to support the modeling community and the club through contributions that have significantly benefited us. If you recall a couple of years ago Larry provided some representative club stickers, followed by the vinyl printed banner that we present at the parade and local events.

This year, Larry provided us with a complete reprint of the boundary and flying guidelines sign.

For these actions and contributions to the modeling community, we award Larry with the Annual Jim Baily Community Service Award.

Distinguished Service Award - Scott Graupmann

Scott has served under presidents such as Fred Miller, Glen Merritt, Ben Newkirk, Gary Rold and me.

He manages income and expenditures over \$12k annually.

He's both an Electric Aircraft Safety Technician and AMA Introductory Program Instructor.

Scott, now entering his 13th year as a club Officer, has demonstrated long term dedication to the club.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Award, the Board of Directors recognizes Scott's lifetime achievements presented him with a **Lifetime Membership**.

Weedwacker of the Year - Ron Keith

Each year we recognize a club member for significant contributions and accomplishments throughout the past year. In addition to his duties as Safety Officer, Ron was on site to coordinate the removal of the eucalyptus tree. He's well



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known for the implementation of Mr. Sock, provided the firehose used with the new heli boundaries, and most recently agreed to take on the duties of Raffle Chairman.

Ron routinely offers to do anything we need, which is truly appreciated!

Models of the Year

At each banquet, we bring our hangar queens for display on the show-room floor. This year, the winners are:

Best ARF - Scott McCurdy with his massive Ugly Stick

Best Sport Model - Ken Lawrence for his Dusty Crop-Hopper

Best Scale Model - Gary Rold's Dauntless

Peoples' Choice - Gary Rold's Dauntless!

The Raffle

Thanks to those who donated prizes for the raffle! We had some terrific prizes selected by Ron Keith and Jeff Coskey. Pete Pease donated FlightTest.com kit, Tom McCart provided a Saito FA-56, Jeff brought in a beautiful flight jacket, and Mark Huyser gave a brand new skateboard deck! I didn't happen to list out all of the awesome prizes that our Raffle Chairman provided, but check out the photos.

Attendance Raffle

Each time a member attends a regular club meeting, they place a ticket into a jar for our year-end Special Attendance Raffle. The more meetings you attend, the better your chances. Our Raffle Chairmen in 2018 (Jeff and Ron) collect proceeds from each of the regular meeting raffles to invest in these prizes, and they did an outstanding job, enabling prizes totaling \$800!

The winners are rewarded with gift certificates to Discount Hobby Warehouse.

This year's winners were:

Jeff Coskey	\$50
Ryan Crutchfield	\$50
Arnold Lipschutz	\$50
Warren Wood	\$50

Bill Simmons	\$100
Don Westergren	\$200
Steve Ellis	\$300!

Fun Fly in February

Attached is a flyer for a fun fly and BBQ planned for Feb 16th. It's been a while since our last event, and I'd like to churn up some interest again! Set aside the date and come out for some hilarious fun!

Estate Sale, Ben Newkirk

Keep an eye on your email for upcoming announcements as to when we'll hold an Estate Sale for our late President Ben Newkirk. His wife Pam has graciously donated Ben's entire collection to the club. The estate will be collected, stored and sorted in early February after which we'll announce a sale date.

New Members - Welcome to our most recent additions - Jeff Pease (son of Pete)!

As of this writing, our active membership is at 100, down 32 from December. We're working to get those last few renewals up to date.

See you soon!
Keith



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Awards Banquet Views Jan 4, 2019





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Awards Banquet Jan 4, 2019





Fun Fly & BBQ

Saturday Feb 16th,
2019

Possible Events:

- Taxi slalom
- "Poker Hand" Precision Touch-n-Go
- Jelly Bean Haul
- Bomb Drop
- Can-Can
- Climb 'n Glide
- 7-11 Craps!
- Micro Pylon Races
- Loops and Rolls (Flight Drill)

Classes: One class fits all

Prizes - The winner of each event as well as the overall points winner will take home some terrific prizes!!

Schedule:

9:15 Pilots Meeting and Safety Briefing

9:30 Warm-up and trim flights; Sound measurements

9:45 Start the events

11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

The field will be **closed to regular flying** from 9:45 until the event concludes, usually around 12:30.

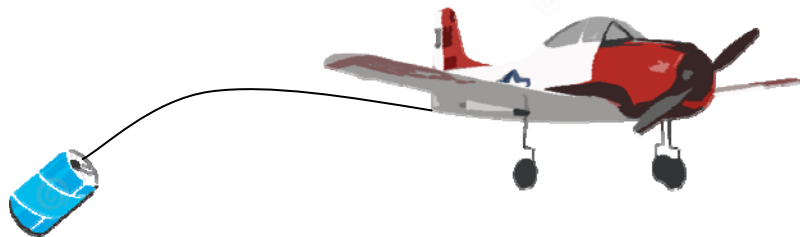
Pick your plane carefully!

Events may require both good ground and airborne handling.

\$10 Entry Fee

\$5 for Lunch [Burger or Dog with chips and a beverage]

Participating pilots get a **FREE LUNCH!!**



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

**Hours: 7:30 am – 11:30 am
\$5 Seller's Fee ----Buyers Free
Refreshments Available**

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