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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

May 18 Sat Armed Forces Day Scale Flyin, Cactus Park

May 25 Sat Fire Extinguisher Training, Cactus Park

June 22 Sat FunFly / BBQ Cactus park

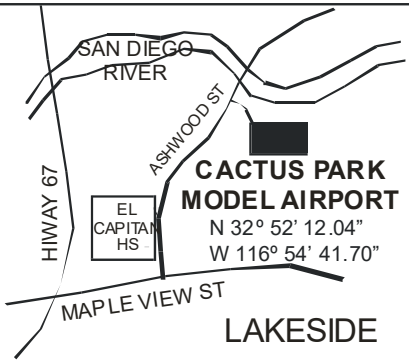
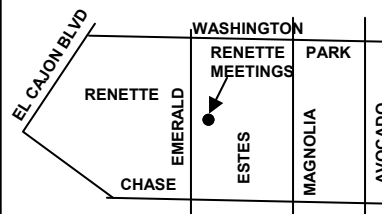
Our club put on a good show at the TEDx KIDS April 6.



Then we Had a great FLOAT in the Western Days Parade in Lakeside April 27.



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





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Meeting Minutes Apr 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present included the President, Vice President and Treasurer. The Secretary was called away on business. A total of 18 members were present.

New member Archie French joined us. Archie belonged to SD Drones and Chula Vista club back in the day.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved (moved by Ron Keith, seconded by Ken Lawrence).

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

Beg balance: \$6087.87
Income: \$1247
Expenses: \$683.44 (which was mostly from the \$500 scale fly-in raffle)
Balance: \$6651.43

Additional income brought in at the time of this meeting, to be reported next month:

Sales - Swap Meet / Newkirk Estate - \$1802
Sales - Gary Smith donations - \$240
Sales - Boehme diesel engines - \$100

The Treasurer's report was approved, moved by Ken Lawrence, seconded by Bill Simmons.

Safety Officer's report (Ron Keith)

LiPo batteries in transmitters; treat them like the batteries we charge for planes. Use fire-retardant containers or surfaces.

Even when charging NiMH or NiCd Tx batteries, chargers may not be smart enough and may lead to overheating.

Snakes are out in abundance - watch all areas. A hawk was seen carrying a snake around!

Mr. Sock was used on one member who's electric motor got away from him.

If you have any bad batteries that you'd like to get rid of, contact our Safety Officer. He can collect them and use them during our fire training sessions.

Upcoming Events

TEDx Kids (Apr 6th - Greenfield Middle School) - w/out any volunteers from with the club, Jeff will improvise as EC.

Warbirds Expo at Gillespie Field (April 13th, 8am-2pm). Reviewed the details of the short-notice event. No response to date from members wishing to participate, and no volunteers at the meeting. The event will likely not be attended.

Lakeside Western Days Parade (Apr 27th)

Reviewed the logistics that are in place, with a trailer arranged by Fred Miller Jr. Ron Keith will be the driver. Decoration and setup is planned for April 26th. Details to be sent out by email.

Scale Fly-In May 18th - Expected to be a big event, with a BBQ and silent auction. The field will be closed the prior Saturday May 11th for our annual field day.

Fire and Safty training is planned for Saturday May 4th from 9 am to 10a. Ron Keith was hoping to schedule a helicopter water-drop demonstration, but the horses next door reportedly don't like helicopters. So that idea was squashed. (Editor's note, this is changed to May 25).

Old Business:

The club recently re-sprayed our weeds. The following helped out: Tom Kenan, Julian Sonderegger, Mark Huyser, Jeff Coskey, Butch Weiser, Tom Gibson.

The plan is to go again in 2 weeks and possibly mow.

Keith got bit by an infamous stinging nettle, but it was light enough so that the nettle kit didn't need to be used. We learned that the stinging nettles are very receptive to weed killer, so we should be able to keep them under control.

Update on Ben Newkirk's estate

Keith took in all of the engines and has been selling them on eBay. Twenty are on eBay now, with another batch to go soon.

A K&O cast metal model boat motor (of a Johnson 25) proved to be a very valuable collector's item with bids going over \$175 within just 8 hours!



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Don Westergren mentioned that much of Ben's collection actually came from his father. So we're really working two estates. The drafting equipment also brought in a good price.

Rules Review

Keith reviewed Rule 17. "Inexperienced pilots should seek the help and be given help by experienced pilots or club instructors."

In fact we currently have several students who rely on the buddy box and we have at least ten members who are qualified instructors and adept at use of a buddy box with a student.

New Business

A member called Keith recently; he had left behind personal retention dowels (for workbenches) with his initials on them; contacted Butch who set them in cabinet, zip tied with the owners name. One was stolen and ties were found loose in the cabinet. He's already made new ones.

We encourage members to use the pin box as a safe lost and found area, but that hinges on our members having integrity too. If it's not yours, leave it alone.

The Board will occasionally clean out the lost-and-found items if they sit for a few weeks, so if you believe you've left something behind, or if we send out an email stating that there's property being store there, don't delay in retrieving it.

Drawing for free membership

Burt Crismore - sorry, must be present to win.

Model Sharing

Julian Sonderegger showed off his twin pusher MultiPlex Twin Jet. 4S 2200 is in there now, but can use the weight and power of a 4S 3300 mAh pack. It does pitch up and roll a little when the throttle is pumped.



It's considered the Holy Grail of pushers. Julian picked it up from DHW (used) and really enjoys it.

Good of the Order

-Ken Lawrence reminded us of the newly opened Hobby Town in Santee. They carry many varieties of modeling equipment, hobby materials and toys. They're at the corner of Cuyamaca and Mission Gorge next to BevMo. He carries E-Flite ARFs, Spectrum radio equipment, fuel, balsa, props and more.

-Keith mentioned the AMA's call for response to the FAA's ANPRM (Advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making). The FAA's proposal lays out a blanketing set of regulations. The AMA provides a good letter template for us to fill in and send directly to the FAA.

-Bill Simmons discussed a friends desire to part with a very large-scale B-29 project. The fuselage and tail are built, but not the wings. Bill will work with his friend to collect photographs and descriptions which will be passed to the club.

Raffle

Many of Ben's items were made available during the meeting offered to the attendees in exchange for appropriate donations.

Raffle winners (many of the winnings were missed as the minutes were post-processed from an audio recording which proved challenging..):

- Keith Miller- Gift certificate to Hobby Town
- Arnold Lipschutz - gal of Cool Power fuel
- Julian Sonderegger - missed
- Keith - engraving pen (for cats)
- Jeff Coskey - fuel pump
- Julian - Medium CA
- Missed - missed
- Bill Simmons -
- Julian - missed

Adjournment - Time not recorded



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President's Message May 2019

I gotta say - I finally got some bench and stick time in over the past couple of weeks and it feels good to enjoy the hobby again after tax season. Whew! Now if I can actually clear the bench and get to some kit-building, I'll be in heaven!

Estate Income in memory of Ben Newkirk

We continue to push through the vast collection that Ben and Pam provided to the club. In the past month, some of the smaller Cox engines and drafting equipment were sold.

Proceeds from sales in April - \$970.

Total to date: \$3302

More of Ben's estate will be made available during our Armed Forces Scale Fly-In as silent auction items. I'll publish a list of items before that event in on May 18th.

Upcoming events:

Ron Keith will conduct our **Annual Safety and Fire Extinguisher Training on Saturday May 4th** at 9:00 am. It should last about an hour.

While not mandatory, I encourage everyone to come and pay attention! Sure, ya'll may think you've heard it all, but I guarantee you that refresher training keeps safety in the forefront of your mind. It's also a chance for us to witness up close and personal what a LiPo looks like when it pops off!

On **Saturday May 11th**, the field will be closed in the morning for our annual **Field Day**. I invite each of you who utilize our field to assist in its maintenance. Tasks will include: sealing pavement cracks, running mowers and weed-eaters, repairing work and starting tables, cleaning out the shed, clearing the picnic area and preparing the grill for the Scale Fly-In. The field will likely be opened to flying after noon.

Materials and tools needed include water, pressure sprayer(s), rake, brooms, weedwackers (heh heh), shovels, nails, screws, drills and whatever else you can think of that will improve our grounds.

We then have the **Armed Forces Day Scale Fly-**

In on Saturday May 18th which will be an awesome event. Awards will be provided for Best Military, Best Civilian, People's Choice and Judges' Choice. Each participating pilot will have their name entered into a raffle for a brand new OS FS-52 four-stroke engine. The Event Coordinators Art Flores and Dick Milhausen are also bringing \$500 in raffle prizes for anyone who wishes to purchase tickets. The landing fee for pilots is \$10. We're asking \$5 donations to offset lunch, but participating pilots eat for free! Check-in is from 8-9a, with flying and judging going on through 1pm. Lunch will be around 11am, with Chef Bobby in charge! In addition, we'll have a Silent Auction of some of the Ben Newkirk estate. Photos and details to follow, but there are still many collectible models, kits and engines. Bring lots of cash! I take PayPal, and even checks from members in good standing J.

Past Events



TEDx Kids (Apr 6th - Greenfield Middle School)

- Many of our dedicated members participated in the event, garnering interest amongst kids and parents alike. I

estimate the crowd to have been in the low thousands, with at least a hundred kids checking out what we do. Both Jeff Cos-





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key and Glen Merritt flew several demonstration flights over the open grass field. Ron Keith, Mark Huyser and Vernon Gilmore answered questions about our many display models. We had two computer flight simulators running full time for nearly four hours as kids exercised their fingers on the transmitter sticks. The event hosts from TEDx and the school district did a terrific job in coordination and logistics. It was truly an awesome event! Thank you guys for everything you did! It was a LOT of work, but very rewarding!



Warbirds Expo at Gillespie Field (April 13th) - This one didn't happen. Sadly, our membership showed no interest in supporting it.

Lakeside Western Days Parade (Apr 27th)
The club's participation in the 2019 parade



went off without a hitch. Setup went fairly well the day before, with Scott McIntosh, Julian Sonderegger, Jeff Coskey, Ron Keith and myself. I must admit, I was a little disappointed in the bleak turnout, but things went smoothly. We had great participation on parade day, with Julian Sonderegger, Jeff



Coskey, Ron Keith (with co-pilot Mona), Fred Miller Jr., Bruce Allen, Mark Huyser, Don Westergren, Pete Pease and myself. Julian was on point as our safety observer, and on a few occasions was seen "flying" out in front of our float. Ron and Mona drove the tow vehicle and navigated the route for us. Thanks Ron and Mona! And the rest of us



as a t leisurely on the trailer, comparing waiving techniques and greeting the crowds as we passed in review.



Special thanks to Fred Miller Jr. who arranged use of the SDASM trailer! The weather was nice and the crowd was very receptive! We had many visitors stop by while we were still in the staging area to talk shop and reminisce of their days flying models.

I'd like to extend special thanks to Mona for the multitude of photographs. We'll figure out the best way to post them shortly.



New Members - Welcome to our latest additions: Brayden Moore, Wes Lunceford, Dominic Amato and Archie French! Membership stands at 115 fine pilots.

See you soon!
Keith

Armed Forces Day

Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Scale Fly-In & Silent Auction

Event Coordinators

Art Flores 619-715-1842

Dick Milhausen

(619) 561-5323

Schedule:

8:00-9:00 AM Check in

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying

11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

\$10 Landing Fee

\$5 for Lunch (participating pilots eat FREE!)

Scale and Semi-Scale models welcome—ARFs too!

Check our web site for auction details

Awards for:

Best Civilian

Best Military

Peoples Choice

Judges Choice

Rain Date: Sat, May
25th

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We'll have an **Open Raffle** for all attendees, and a **special raffle** for participating pilots for a brand new OS FS-52S 4-stroke engine!

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Fun Fly— Jun 22nd, 2019

FUN FLY & BBQ

Saturday June 22nd,
2019
9:00 AM to 12:30

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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