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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 2019

July 11 Sat Summer Luncheon 11AM Golden Corral El Cajon
Bring \$13.00 cash each + Tip money
Aug 17 Sat National Aviation Day

Larry Kosta, 3/13/1930—6/18/2019

Greetings Weedwackers -

With a sad heart I'm passing this sad news to you all. Larry Sr. will
truly be missed! This message comes from Deanna Kosta. Larry
passed away just this last Tuesday, June 18th.

Keith

"Hello Loved Ones & Friends,

I'm writing to let you know that our beloved husband and father
Larry Kosta has passed away.

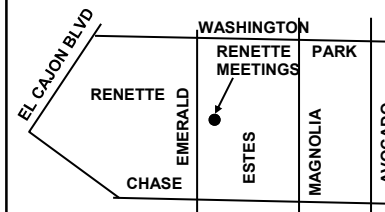
A service will be held at Featheringill
Mortuary College Chapel
6322 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego
On Friday, June 28, 2019 at 1:00pm

If you wish to sign the online
guestbook and leave your condolences
please follow this: [https://
featheringillmortuary.com/.../3.../](https://featheringillmortuary.com/.../3.../)
Kosta-Larry/index.php.

Sincerely,
The Kosta Family"



NEXT MEETING:
Tues. July 2, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes May 7th 2019

Meeting Minutes June 4th, 2019

Bruce Allen

The meeting on June 4th, 2019, 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 17, including board members, Vice President Jeff Coskey, Treasurer Scott Graupmann & Secretary Bruce Allen.

Opening Comments

(Be sure to add your attendance raffle ticket to the tub for the drawing at the January banquet)

Approval of Minutes in last month's Hangar News

Proposed: Ron Keith, Second: Dick Crutchfield, Unanimous.

New Members

Jim Donohue – Fly fixed wing electric. Welcome Jim!

Treasurers Report

Correction to April Report:

Opening Balance: \$6,651.43
Income: \$2,598.25
Expenses: \$(972.94)
Ending Balance: \$8,276.74

Report for May:

Opening Balance: \$8,276.74
Income: \$1,088
Expenses: \$(685.62)
Ending Balance: \$8,679.12

Proposed: Ron Keith, Seconded: Fred Miller – Unanimous

There was some discussion of a cash award to Ben Kirk's widow for all she has done for the club. The award would cover her plus a friend. An amount of \$250 was suggested

Proposed: Bruce Allen, Seconded: Fred

Miller – Unanimous

Safety Report

(Lesson Learned!)

6/1/19 - Two pilots binding at the same time; Member 1's Rx bound to member 2's Tx w/out either knowing. Member 2 didn't get a response from his plane and cycled the throttle, which put member 1's motor at full power. Member 1's model was only loosely restrained during the bind, and without a wing installed. The motor torque rolled it out of restraints and hit member 1, but without cuts. No one was injured.

Crash Bag was used at the end of May; no fire, but the trash bag came in handy (Jeremy/Pete mid-air, 2 sets of LiPos going down at once.

Safety Note: Always make sure your model is Securely Held when adjusting etc!

Upcoming Events

Calendar of events are on our Website <http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/events/>

	August 17		National Model Aviation day
Sat	July 13th	11am	Summer Luncheon at Golden Corral, El Cajon

Keith proposed \$500 for Raffle Prizes for luncheon. Seconded: Arnold Lipschutz, Unanimous

Ron Keith to buy...

See Presidents Message for further info!

Rules Review

Postponed due to other business...

Drawing for Free Membership (must be present)

Brian Moore

Old Business

Make sure you lock the gates securely by rolling the combination & pulling the lock to ensure it doesn't come open. If the lock is getting rough let us know for replacement.



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New Business

Max Meredith- son of Max contacted Keith with regards to them donating their Max's models to the Weedwackers. See Presidents Message.

FAA & AMA Letter of Agreement (LOA) etc...

See Presidents Letter for more info.

Raffle

Keith Miller- Flashlite
Arnold Lipschutz - \$10, P47 Kit
Fred Miller – Nitro
Rich Crutchfield – \$10
Cedric Martin -Head Light
Bruce Allen – Small Speaker

Adjourn: 20:23

Welcome to:

Café CALIFORNIA
67

*Breakfast
& Lunch*

67 CALIFORNIA
Deli

Take Home
MONDAY - SUNDAY
6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
12381 Mapleview
(Corner of Hwy 67 & Mapleview)
Lakeside, CA 92040
619-443-4100

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President's Message July 2019

Recent donations to the club

A local rubber-powered free-flight enthusiast, Mike Jester, also donated a collection of some vintage engines that he'd gathered from a friend. Between the Armed Forces Day Fly-in auction and eBay sales, the club's total benefit was \$390 from Mike Jester.

Estate contributions 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, the small Cox engines went out on Ebay bringing in greater than \$900.

Total to date: \$5200

Estate contributions in memory of Max Meredith

Rich Meredith, son of Max, contacted the club in June. Max was a member of the Weedwackers in the 1980's and passed away in 1994. The Meredith family had to vacate and sell the family home, and offered the collection to the club. We thank them for their generosity!

As of this writing, planes that are available include: Gentle Lady glider; Spirit 100 glider; Sati-ga 900 glider; Klingberg Flying Wing; Corsair 1/5 Scale; Corsair 1/5.3 Scale "project"; Piel Emeraude 1/4 scale with ASP .91 2-stroke; Piel Emeraude 1/5 scale; Sport Flyer 40 with OS 40 engine; Sr. Falcon; P-51B Razorback; Aeronca Champ; Super Aeromaster with OS 91 Surpass; Waco YMF with OS FX .61; Ultimate (Goldberg) with ST .61; Eagle 40 (Goldberg) with OS 40 engine.

The collection will be published to the club over the next month or two with lots of photos.

Total to date: \$45 (projected - \$2,700)

Upcoming events:

Mid-Summer Luncheon - Golden Corral Buffet - Sat Jul 13th

This coming **July 13th (Saturday)** is our Mid-Summer Luncheon, **11 am** a Golden Corral in El Cajon. See the attached flyer. Yes, it was originally on the 6th, but that's on the long 4th of July weekend.

We'll include a raffle of both new and donated items. Members are invited to bring prizes as a donation. The raffle isn't limited to modeling

items, so bring along any quality and useful items that you just don't use. The key word there is "useful"; Those 1985 Ace DC-DC chargers may have been quality in their time, but generally aren't useful anymore. Bring some COOL stuff!

The per-person price is \$13 (as of my last meeting with the manager), which is discounted from their regular price as long as we pay on one tab. So *bring cash*, and one of the club Officers will throw down their credit card.

National Model Aviation Day - Sat Aug 17th

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.

The event will be held at our own Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field. We're hosting a BBQ & Pot-Luck Lunch, Silent Auction and Fun-Fly from 9am through noon.

\$5 donation is requested to offset the BBQ, and we'll have a \$5 Fun-Fly entry fee (to offset prize cost).

Auctions include many estate items that benefit both the families and the club!

Recent Events:

Our Fun-Fly and BBQ on Saturday June 22nd was fun and fairly well attended. We had seven participants in all, and no carnage!!

In the Jelly Bean Haul, Glen Merritt, Jeff Coskey and I retained all 10 beans after a loop and landing, leading to a 3-way tie. In the tie-breaker which added a barrel roll to the loop, I was able to come back with 1 bean for the win. In the Can-Can, our scores were higher than they had been in the past, but Jeramy Miller hit the bullseye once and the 8-point ring twice for the win. Glen took control of the Dixie Death (3-rolls, 3 loops, touch-and-go, 3 rolls and 3 loops all on the clock). The 7-11 Craps saw some of the shortest times in a *long* time, but Jeramy took that event with me as his roller. I'm goin' to Vega, baby! Tim Peterson, Scott McCurdy and Dominic Amato also came out and did a superb job!

Thank you to Bobby Rink for cooking burgers, Bruce for being our photographer and Ron Keith for the potato salad and covering all of the utility work!



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Given the entry fees, cost of food and prizes, and moneys collected for lunch, the net cost to the club was only \$37.23.

FAA and AMA working again...

Continuing from last month, our Letter of Agreement (LOA) with Gillespie Field is still under review through the Air Traffic Controller and his supervisory chain.

While there won't be any added restrictions to our flying envelope, the agreement does carry a requirement that **each pilot register with the FAA and attach a small label with our FAA registration number somewhere on the outside of all models.** The verbiage in the LOA was agreed upon by the AMA and FAA and can't be negotiated out of our LOA.

Failure (by any single member) to follow this requirement could lead to club suspension and loss of flying privileges for the entire club. While the risk of an on-site inspection (FAA or Sherriff) is very remote, there is a risk. It happened to a control line club in California, and they were shut down for a brief period. Control line - you know - go round and round with your model tethered - tethered to 60 foot steel lines! The ATC/FAA in that region took issue with planes that were literally limited to 60' tethered altitude. Cripes - kite's fly higher than that! Granted, that case wasn't due to lack of registration numbers, but that they'd not complied with the FAA regulations by having an LOA in place.

We have local neighbors who have threatened to shut us down, whether it was due to noise or flying over people/property. Those same neigh-

bors, potentially armed with the knowledge of the new FAA regulations, could very easily initiate FAA/Sherriff activity that might catch us with our pants down. So I'm asking each of you now to **register NOW with the FAA and affix your number** somewhere on your models.

The Board will be meeting in the very near future to evaluate if/how/when the club will need to ensure our compliance.

The appropriate links are:

FAA Registration

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/>

For our club - we fly under the The Exception for Recreational Flyers:

[The Exception for Recreational Flyers.](#)

New Members - We've had no new members since our last report, but have been visited by several interested candidates. I applaud all of you for greeting guests and visitors with a smile and a handshake -thanks! Membership stands at 118!

See you soon!

Keith

Name	Jelly Bean Haul		Can-Can		Dixie Death		7-11 Craps!		Overall	
	Score	Points	Score	Points	Time	Points	Time	Points	Score	Rank
Jeremy	1	4	26	7	00:56.4	5	00:18.4	7	23	1
Keith	11	7	12	4	00:44.7	6	01:25.3	1	18	3
Glen	10	5	16	6	00:42.0	7	00:38.6	2	20	2
Tim P	0	0	5	1	00:57.4	4	00:20.2	6	11	6
Jeff	10	5	9	2	01:03.5	3	00:38.6	2	12	4
Scott	0	0	15	5	01:18.0	2	00:22.3	5	12	4
Dominic	0	0	10	3	00:00.0	1	00:25.5	4	8	7

Mid-Summer Luncheon

Saturday July 13th, 2019
Golden Corral

11:00 AM



390 W Main Street
El Cajon

Join our Summertime gathering for lunch, camaraderie and prizes.

This is not a subsidized event—we'll all cover our own bill. Bring cash—we'll put the tab on ONE credit card to receive a discount: Cost is \$13/person (includes drinks).

Contact Keith Miller with questions—619-409-0192



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**Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field
BBQ & Pot-Luck Lunch, Silent Auction and
Fun-Fly**

**Saturday, Aug 17th, 2019
9:00 am until 12:00 pm**



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- \$5 donation requested to offset BBQ
- \$5 Fun-Fly entry fee (to offset prize cost)
- Auctions include many estate items that benefit both the families and the club!



**Auction bidding closes at
10:30 AM**

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

Contact: Keith Miller: 619-405-0192



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