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**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 2019

Sept 14 Sat Fun Fly & BBQ, Cactus Park
Sept 27-29 Miramar Airshow

Our Club Status is Very Good

We started this year with concerns for our ability to set aside funds for upkeep of our runway—sealing and protecting the runway from deterioration from sunlight and weather. The runway needs expensive maintenance every couple years. This year several club members passed away, and their families have donated model supplies for the club to sell. We were very fortunate to have these contributions, which total now over \$7265. This isn't an accurate tally, there are still some models and equipment that will add to the total.

In addition, this year we have had to meet Federal Government requirements for establishing arrangements with Gillespie Field because our flying field is inside their airspace. Clubs all over the USA had to make formal arrangements with airports nearby, an effort substantially helped by AMA. We are in good stead with Gillespie Field and the FAA. Your club officers have handled all of this, mostly behind the scenes. In addition we have to contend with federal hysteria about drones. Our club officers are handling all of this. Thank them.

Charlie McCracken, 6/6/1921—7/28/2019

We just heard about Charlie passing, details of services will be published when released.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Sept 3, 7:00
Renette Park

**CACTUS PARK
MODEL AIRPORT**
N 32° 52' 12.04"
W 118° 54' 41.70"



Meeting Minutes August 6th, 2019

Bruce Allen

The meeting on August 6th, 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 21, including board members, Vice President Jeff Coskey, Secretary Bruce Allen & Treasurer Scott Graupmann.

Opening Comments

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

Keith mentioned that Don Westergren will give a presentation on the Rohr 2-175 Fan Jet.

Approval of Minutes in last month's Hangar News

Proposed: Vernon Gilmore Second: Richard Murphy Unanimous.

Treasurers Report

Opening Balance: \$10,067.47

Income: \$1,129

Expenses: \$(347.80)

Ending Balance: \$10,848.67

Proposed: Vernon Gilmore, Seconded: Richard Murphy – Unanimous

Safety Report

Ron- Was asked about tourniquet use for Snakebites? As I didn't hear Ron's answer very well, I did some research:

“Snakebite First Aid: Wrong and Right

Until the past few years, the recommended first aid for a snakebite was to tourniquet the area above the bite, cut the skin open, suck out the venom and then spit it out. The reasoning behind this was that you could remove much of the venom before it had a chance to enter the victim's bloodstream. However, a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2002 officially refuted this method [source: [O'Connor](#)]. Venom enters the bloodstream extremely quickly, and trying to suck it out is ineffective. The best way for a bite victim to prevent venom from quickly moving through the bloodstream is to remain calm, keep the

wound below the [heart](#), and avoid running or doing anything that would increase the heart rate.

Many first aid and snakebite kits contain a suction device for removing venom from a snakebite wound. These devices provide way more suction than your mouth ever could and don't require an incision (which is dangerous and could cause infection). Tip: If your snakebite kit contains instructions for making an incision on the wound, throw it away and buy a more current kit.

Also note that the Annals of Emergency Medicine reported in 2004 that these commercially available extractors remove virtually no venom, just [blood](#) and other fluids [source: [Alberts](#)].

Using a tourniquet can damage nerves and blood flow. True story: In Tennessee, a well-meaning passerby used a tourniquet to help a farmer who'd been bitten by a [snake](#). When the farmer arrived at the hospital, his blood pressure was so low from the tourniquet around his arm that he was only minutes from death [source: [UPI](#)]. Another treatment that's fallen out of favor is icing the bite area. Doctors advise against this, as it may cause the venom to stay in one place, which creates worse tissue damage than if the venom had spread out a bit. Now, here's what you SHOULD do if a snake strike:

1. Keep the snakebite victim calm. Restrict movement and keep the affected area below the heart level to reduce the flow of venom.
 2. If you have a pump suction device, follow the manufacturer's directions.
 3. Remove any rings or constricting items from the affected area in case it swells. Create a loose splint to help restrict movement of the area.
 4. If the bite area begins to swell and change color, the snake was probably venomous.
 5. Monitor the person's vital signs. If there are signs of shock, lay the person flat, raise the feet about a foot, and cover the person with a blanket.
 6. Get medical help right away.
- Bring the dead snake to the hospital only if it's safe to do so. Don't waste time hunting for the



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snake, and don't risk another bite if it's not easy to kill the snake. Be careful -- due to reflex, a snake can actually bite for up to an hour after it's dead.

[source: [US NLM](#)]"

Shrimp Farm- Is No More!

Upcoming Events

Calendar of events are on our Website

<http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/events/>

Aug 10 8:00 AM CraCK Sealing Runway

Aug 17 National Model Aviation Day FunFly

Aug 24 7:00 AM Chula Vista Swap Meet

*NMAD- Keith proposed \$50 for the BBQ, Seconded Ron Keith Unanimous.
Fun Fly fee \$5, Lunch \$5

Field Stuff - Need volunteer to repair and maintain the brush trimmer

- Carb is fouled - needs to be cleaned and/or overhauled
- Pull-cord needs repair
- clutch bar adjusted

Club Rules revision for dogs **In accordance with our bylaws, the following rule revisions are hereby published and will be put to vote at the Aug 6th regular club meeting. **

While digging into the rules, we looked at #23 again and propose that the rule be revised to strike the restriction against dogs in the pits. Bottom line: we don't enforce it and have had no history of issues. The rule will still require that dogs be on a leash.

~~"23. Dogs are not allowed in the pits, and~~ All dogs must be on a leash not exceeding six feet in length (San Diego County Ordinance, 41.123)".

Proposed -Keith Miller Seconded, Cedric Martin Unanimous

Other New Business from members

Request from Richard Milhausen that the club to purchase 2 "Tail Anchors" for large aircraft security at the stands 4 & 5 to replace the rope which is awkward & possibly dangerous?

Cost for 2 units \$57

Proposed: Richard Milhausen, Seconded Bruce Allen, Unanimous

Driveway potholes! Keith contacted County Parks & Public Works TBD

Rohr 2-175 (71X)

On behalf of the Membership I would just like to thank Don Westergren for his very interesting presentation on the Rohr Fanjet pity politics killed it!

Draw for free Membership (Must be present to get it!)

Richard Milhausen!!!

Raffle

Fred Miller	Glider, Nitro
Don Westerham	Level, Headlamp
Arnold Lipschutz	Car Care kit
Mark Huyser	Electric Screwdriver
Bill Simmons	Tape, Stir sticks
Jeff Coskey	Birds Kite?

Adjourn: 21:00



President's Message Sep 2019

Club Officer Nominations

We're approaching yet another electoral cycle! Nominations for the club officer positions will be accepted between now and the October meeting with a vote at the November meeting. Officer positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. All other positions are by appointment. Self-nominations will be accepted! If you're interested or wish to nominate a fellow member, please speak up!

C. Elections:

(1) Officer Qualifications

a. All officers shall be a Regular Member

b. A candidate for President must be a member in good standing for a least one year. Candidates for the other offices must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of six months prior to the election.

c. An officer may serve more than one year consecutively in one office.

d. A member may be nominated for only one office since a single secret ballot will be cast for all offices simultaneously.

FAA compliance

Thank you to all who made a dedicated effort to comply with the new FAA regulations. The intra-member conversations and reminders that I've witnessed are indicative that, for the most part, we're on the right path.

Estate contributions in memory of Ben Newkirk

I'm almost done with Ben's engine collection, with a couple being sold during our National Model Aviation Day (NMAD)

event (\$50 to the club), two more on eBay as I type, and four final antiques in the box. Total to date: \$5525

Estate contributions in memory of Max Meredith

Much of this estate was offered on NMAD, with all but three being sold (club benefit - \$480). Remaining are the Piel Emeraude 1/4 scale with ASP .91 2-stroke and the Piel Emeraude 1/5 scale

Total to date: \$1302

Bob Boehme's family donated some last-minute items found as they prepared his house for sale. In August through brought us - \$80 for a total of \$438 to date.

Recent Events:

Runway Maintenance Day

Thank you VERY MUCH to Kevin Pothier and Steve Jones who spent an hour bent over while preserving the runway, sealing some early crack formation. This is part of a repetitive maintenance process that we need to stay on top of. If you use the runway, pull these two aside and pat their back (gently J)!

Gary Rold reinforced a few of our starting tables, and we had Lester Moore and grandson Gavin completely wiping out the growth at the eucalyptus stump. Mark Huyser whacked a ton of weeds, and Jeramy Miller helped prep the grill for the upcoming BBQ. Another fine gentleman ran the leaf blower, and another completely cleaned up the picnic area - I'm just sick that I'm not pulling names out of my head. Please forgive me if I missed thanking you by name! Your work is truly appreciated, ALL of you!

National Model Aviation Day

What a great day for flying! We had nine participants in the Fun-Fly events, and Bobby put out some great burgers and dogs. Don't forget Ron's Firehouse Potato Salad!

Glen Merritt ran the Fun-Fly despite his with twisted back. Of the nine contestants, seven went home with airplanes intact. The others, well, a little glue will get those noses back on.

Vernon Gilmore sponsored a 400 ft challenge event which proved to be an excellent way to



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help us gauge altitude. Vernon flew his Apprentice which is outfitted with a barometric altimeter and live telemetry back to his transmitter. Using his wireless buddy system, each contestant passed the buddy box around and established what we thought to be 400' altitude. The pilot who was closest to 400' without going over won that event. Most were close - we were anywhere from 300 to about 520 (I think). Hopefully we can repeat this event in the future! If you have a similarly outfitted plane/altimeter system and are willing to contribute, let me know. If nothing else, it's a great training aid to simply put a plane at 400' and have people stare at it to calibrate their depth perception.

Winners of the Fun-Fly received AMA medals and some simple prizes. First Place: Jeff Coskey, Second Place: Keith Miller, and Third Place: Julian Sonderegger. Congrats! Expenses were \$20 for food; collections include \$45 from fun-fly entrants (prizes were no-cost; contributed from estates), and food donations were \$66 lunch; in all, a profitable event!

As mentioned above, many of the estate items from both Max Meredith and Ben Newkirk were won in a silent auction. From my vantage point, those winners got some GREAT DEALS! And the club treasury also benefited greatly.

Upcoming Events:

Swap Meet, Alpine Aero Squadron

Projected to be Sep 7, but nothing on their website at the time of this writing. I'll follow up with them soon and put out information by email.

Fun Fly and BBQ

Sat Sep 14th 9am-noon; This is the 3rd and final Fun-Fly planned for the year. For those who've participated in or witnessed the events, you'll know that they're a lot of fun! Between now and then, we'll determine the type of lunch to be had, so stay tuned! We'd

sure love for some new volunteers to step up and put on the apron!

Miramar Air Show 27-29 Sep- Those interested in participating alongside the Miramar Radio Control Flyers (MRCF) need to contact Jeff Coskey or Frank Gagliardi per the recently published emails.

Please check our Events listing on the club website for additional events.

New Members - We have no new members this month, but I understand there are two in the wings, so to speak. Membership is 119!

See you soon!
Keith



Fun Fly & BBO

Saturday Sep 14th, 2019
9:00 AM to 12:30

Possible Events:

- **"NEW" 400' Challenge!**
 - Taxi slalom
 - Jelly Bean Haul
 - Bomb Drop
 - Can-Can
 - Climb 'n Glide
 - 7-11 Craps!
- Loops and Rolls (Flight Drill)

Classes: One class fits all

Prizes - The top three scoring pilots 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.

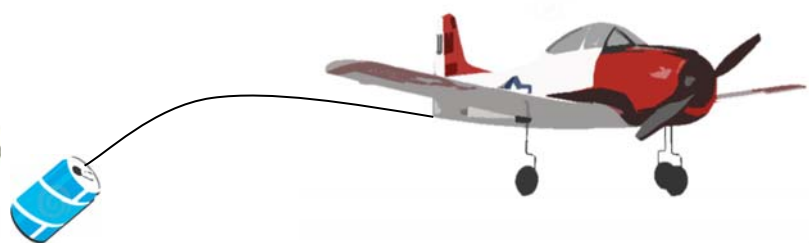
Pick your plane carefully!

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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Pictures from the August 17 National Aviation Day Fun Fly. Photos taken by Bruce Allen.

