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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.

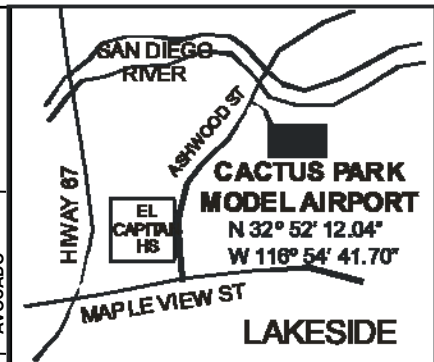
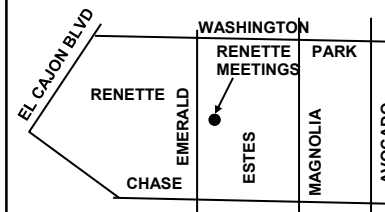
R/C Schedule 2019

Sept 27-29 Miramar Airshow
Oct 5 Sat Ramona Air Fair and Fly-In
Nov 16 Sat Swap Meet—Toys for Tots Cactus Park

Club Elections

Nominations for next year's officers will continue in October and into November. Elections will be held at the November meeting, with officers taking their positions at the December meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Oct 1, 7:00
Renette Park**





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Meeting Minutes Sep 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 19:00 hours, precisely. 19 members were present including Pres, VP and Treasurer; Our Secretary was on vacation.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Correction to minutes from Aug;
Rule 25 (regarding registration with the FAA and placement of numbers) wasn't recorded as having been passed.
The minutes were moved, seconded and approved unanimously. (missed the movers...)

Treasurer's Report

Major expenses were the Mid-Summer Luncheon raffle (\$687.17, and the poop-house \$290.29)

Income	1,015.78
Expenses	(1,342.00)
Net	(326.22)
Bal	\$10,522.45

Moved: Ron Keith
Seconded: Richard Murphy
Approved

Ben's estate brought in an additional \$163.96 in August.

Safety Officer Report

Ron re-addressed discussion from last month to reiterate that any restrictive bands placed upstream of a snake bite be just that - restrictive, but to allow some blood flow. The intention is to slow the movement of venom without collecting it all in one spot which might severely damage the tissue local to the site.

Bee or wasp stings; First, move to a safe location away from the hive or nest. Don't squeeze the stinger. Use a credit or business card to carefully brush the stinger out. Then use a soda/water mixture on the sting site.

Other safety items from the members:

Dick Milhausen asked to remind us all to slow down entering the field! High speeds entering the pit area kick up dust and often throw rocks. Limit speed to 5 mph.

Upcoming Events

Fun Fly Sat 14th Sep

BBQ - need a cook - Ron Keith will bring Mexican; Mark will bring Chili!
BBQ funds of \$100; moved by Bobby, 2nd by

Fred Miller, approved
Keith/Glen to run
400' Challenge may be included as a training event.

Swap Meet, Alpine, Sat 21 Sep 7am Directions were published to the club via email.

Miramar Air Show, 27-29 Sep; Jeff and Art will represent the FWAS and will bring a DHW banner to promote John's shop.

Ramona Air Fair and Fly-In, 5 Oct, 9a-4p 2450 Montecito Rd, Ramona, California

Swap Meet and Toys for Tots Drive, Sat Nov 16th At our Weedwackers field; information to follow

Other events not confirmed:

Maker Faire 5-6 Oct?

Palomar Annual Fall Sailplane Event appears to no longer be on their calendar, but Palomar hosts many very interesting events.

Old Business:

Brush trimmer repair (no takers yet)

We need a volunteer to repair and maintain the brush trimmer. The carb is fouled - the engine fires but won't run. The carb needs to be cleaned and/or overhauled. Also the pull-cord needs attention and the clutch bar needs to be adjusted. Any takers can contact a Board member and we'll pull it out of the shed.

Pot-holes, paving at entrance from Ashwood (outside of gate)

County Parks and Public Works both contacted; under review. Parks determined that the area is outside of Parks property; they've reached out to County DPW.

Gift for Pam Newkirk - While shopping for a gift watch for Pam Newkirk (in thanks for Ben's estate, previously approved at \$200), Ron was focused on finding a watch with a nice blank backing that would be good for engraving. He found a Boliva gold and silver watch for \$250. This is \$50 more than originally approved as a gift.

Keith moved to approve the total expense of \$250, Bobby 2nd, approved. Ron will pick up the watch and have a nice engraving on the back - "Thank you, Weedwackers 2019" or something similar.

Mid-Summer Luncheons - an idea was floated that, instead of a luncheon at a restaurant (which was poorly attended and had a pricey raffle), the club should hold a Member Appreciation Day to



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include open flying, potluck, nice BBQ.

New Business Club Officer nominations

Nominations will be accepted from Sep through Oct. Voting occurs at the November meeting, with Officers taking position at the December meeting

Leader Club Activities

One of the electives that qualifies us as a Gold Leader Club is the donation of books or magazines to donate to local school or library; specifically magazines associated with modeling such as Model Aviation.

Archie was at the meeting and let us know that he donates MA magazines to the Potrero library regularly, and Ron Keith will drop off a collection of MA at the Santee library

Drawing for free membership

Casey Buggeln, who's no longer a junior, was drawn; Sorry - must be present to win!

Raffle

Lots and lots of books were included from Ben's estate; each winner selected a prize and a book, or three books.

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| Jeff Coskey | Mustang ARF |
| Julian | Cessna Kit (vintage! - thanks Archie!), Quadcopter |
| Steve Jones | Box O Balsa |
| Jeff | Edge / Trim iron |
| Bill Simmons | tape (missed what kind..., popsicle sticks) |
| Julian | headlamp |
| Steve Jones | Storage bin set |
| Mark Huyser | model rockets x 2 |
| Fred Miller | books and more books |
| Jeff | even more books! |
- Jeff wins the grand prize - The Super Starduster



Adjournment
Adjourned at 20:05

Welcome to:

Café CALIFORNIA 67

Breakfast & Lunch

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

All sandwiches include a side dish: your choice of fruit, potato salad, chips, cottage cheese, applesauce, soup, or salad.

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President's Message Oct 2019

Thanks to Johanna Salamon, our County Parks [Region Manager](#), the county filled the huge holes in our driveway entry. Hopefully it will stay flat through at least the next few rain seasons.

If you ever wondered where those little E-flite UMX GeeBee planes come from - Steve Shepersky recently assisted Tim Peterson during a critical Cesarean birth of a set of GeeBee octuplets.



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! For now, the current Officers plan on running for their current positions. Contenders are welcome!

Per the club bylaws:

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.

Recent Events:

Fun Fly and BBQ

This past Sat Sep 14th we held our final Fun-Fly planned for the year.

We had six contestants, all of whom went home with airplanes intact (or pretty darn near).

For each event, winners received points based on their ranking for that event, with their total earned points determining their placement for the overall Fun-Fly.

Event winners were as follows,:

Slalom - Jeff Coskey, Can-Can - Jeramy Miller; 7-11 Craps - Tim Peterson; Bomb Drop - Glen Merritt; 2-min Touch and Go - Glen Merritt.

With consistently high scores throughout, Jeff was overall winner taking home a \$25 gift cert for DHW and a cool F-15 Eagle model airplane



(ARF); As always, the Craps event was the equalizer; Glen's dice-roller... well - let's just say he's not going to Vegas anytime soon.

Jeramy took 2nd for a \$15 gift certificate and an F-15, and Glen took 3rd for \$10 and an F-15.



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Only one wreck - a pilot to be left nameless (Julian) had his first attempt at the bomb drop; his roll to release the bomb (a nut on a dowel) was more like half of a barrel roll, from low altitude, at full power. It will live!

Upcoming Events:

Miramar Air Show 27-29 Sep- Bout Jeff Coskey and Art Flores will represent the Weedwackers at this upcoming event. They'll be supporting the Miramar Radio Control Flyers (MRCF) as well as promoting the Weedwackers and the hobby in general. These gentlemen will be putting in very long days at the event - thanks!

Annual Fall Swap Meet and Toys for Tots Drive - On Saturday November 16th we'll again coordinate with the Miramar Radio Control Flyers to host a joint Swap Meet and toy drive supporting the US Marine Corps Reserve Center. Buyers and sellers alike are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy of \$10 or more in value that would be appropriate for kids 6 to 16. The collection will be distributed to the US Marine Corps Reserve as part of their annual event. We've had HUGE success in past years and I look forward to another great contribution!

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

Red Flag Warnings - I expect we'll soon start seeing our first **Red Flag Warnings** for 2019. 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:

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CAZ250 is outlined in this picture, for reference.

New Members - Welcome to our newest



members, Mel Ashdown and Chad Karaginides! Membership is at 121, with ages ranging from 8 to 89 (averaging at 55.4)!

See you soon!
Keith



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

**A cooperative event between the MRCF and
Weedwackers**

Hours: 7:30 am – 11:30 am

\$5 Seller's Fee --- Buyers Free

Refreshments Available

Information:

Buyers and sellers are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift appropriate for boys and/or girls from ages 6 to 16 valued at \$10 or more. Cash gifts will also be accepted. Seller fees are waived with a gift.

Gary Rold (619) 504-9936

Keith Miller (619) 405-0192

10295 Ashwood Street

Lakeside CA 92040

1/4 mile N-E of El Capitan High School in Lakeside



The Colditz Cock Prison Escape Glider

Toward the end of WW.II there were some English prisoners of War kept in the **Colditz** castle. They designed and built a glider hidden in the attic of one of the buildings in the castle. The idea was to fly two men across the town and land on the other side of a nearby river This was supposed to give the two enough of a lead to avoid the prison guards.

The war was winding down and Allied command told all prisoners to stop trying to escape as they were being summarily shot when re-captured. It was obvious who was going to win the war by then so it was only a matter of time before the prisoners would be rescued.

The “Colditz Cock” never saw its maiden flight, not because it was unfit to fly, but because the American Army liberated the camp on 16 April 1945.

In more recent years, British television Channel 4 decided to test the glider and commissioned a full-scale replica. The Colditz glider managed to fly off successfully on its first attempt.



Leslie (Bill) Goldfinch—one of the designers of the glider

The original Glider in the Castle Attic.

