



# HANGAR NEWS

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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 2020

Feb 22 Sat Fun Fly & BBQ 9:15 AM, Cactus Park  
Mar 14 Sat Swap Meet 7:30—11:30 AM, Cactus Park

## Awards Banquet A Great Success

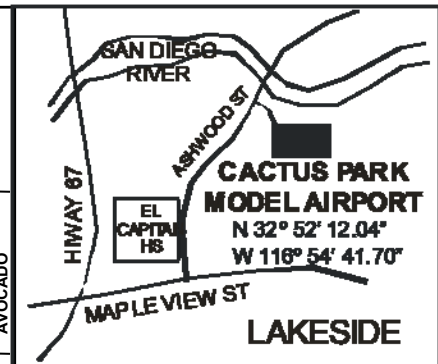
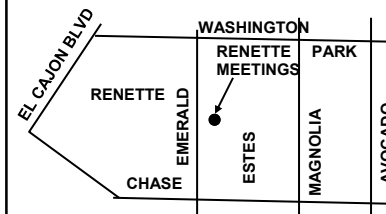
Each January we hold our Awards Banquet to honor the many achievements, dedicated service to the club, model craftsmanship, and club fellowship. We dispense with club business, so there are no Club Minutes and reports. Our President, Keith Miller has described the banquet and awards in his monthly report.

We had a special feature at this banquet with a Magic Show put on by Dana Law (The Amazing Dana Magic). It truly was an amazing show. Your editor was right up front watching and has no idea how Dana did his Magic. A really good show.

## Note This Schedule Change

Note next month our club meeting in March will be delayed one week to the second Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

NEXT MEETING:  
Tues. Feb 4, 7:00  
Renette Park





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## President's Message Feb 2020

**Attention!! Attention !!** Mark your calendars!

Our **MARCH** meeting will be **on the 10<sup>th</sup>** (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Registrar of Voters had the room reserved before I could get my foot in the door.

### Member's Corner:

Steve Shepersky sent these photos of some of his recent glider activity. Steve often flies off of a ridge to the east where we often see parasailing activity.



In

August of 2018, Jeff Coskey procured this "Little Tony" Cosmic Wind racer from the Philip Pierce estate. Jeff found parts for the

K&B 40 of the same vintage and polished it up! It should be a screamer!

### Upcoming Events:

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fun-Fly and BBQ** - see the attached flyer. This will be the first of the year. If you haven't tried it yet, come out and play!

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - Swap Meet** - at our field, the Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field. Come one, come all!

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - TEDx Kids @ El Cajon** - a chance for us to share our youth with youth.

### Recent Events:

#### 2019 Awards Banquet!

This year's event was the best ever with a great show by the Amazing Dana, courtesy of Bruce Allen.

Dana's show was "amazing"! He performed some pretty cool up-close comedic magic that I think everyone enjoyed! One sign of his professionalism was that he paid attention to the makeup of the audience - the fact that we all had a common interest, but that our ages were very diverse. While he gave the adult show, he saw that we had many children in the crowd and molded his performance perfectly. His use of individual "assistants" was a lot of fun! We'll surely plan on having him at future events.

We were very fortunate that John Weaver and his wife Julie were able to join us as our special guests. John is the owner/proprietor of Discount Hobby Warehouse. We thanked and presented him with a special certificate of appreciation for his many generous contributions to the club.

We reward members who participate in our regular monthly meetings by putting a ticket in the tumbler for every meeting they attend. The prizes are gift certificates to Discount Hobby Warehouse. This year's winners of the "Attendance Raffle" were Arnold Lipschutz and Ken Lawrence (both winning a cleaning bottle kit with \$25 certificates), Mark Huyser won a \$100 certificate, and Fred Miller Sr. won \$200! It pays to come to our meetings!



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The very pretty center pieces provide by Anne Allen (thanks Annie!) were awarded to those at each table who held a numbered ticket matching Ron Keith's random selection. We had one more spare \$25 certificate that Ron Keith presented to a random table and seat selection, which John Weaver won! So John will go buy something from himself..... Actually we did a re-draw and found another winner at his table; I apologize for missing the name.

We recognized the following for their service, efforts, contributions or otherwise notable accomplishments:

## **Service Awards:**

### Safety Officer - Ron Keith

Ron keeps our pin box clean, the first aid kit full (despite our attempts to use up all the goodies), and our extinguishers up to par. He also keeps up apprised of natural risks at the field (those stinging nettles, snakes and the like).

### Secretary - Bruce Allen

Our secretary maintains our record of minutes and administers our AMA charter. He's also our central coordinator for TEDx Kids. As one of our key photographers, Bruce is responsible for a good portion of the images you see on the slide presentation that was projected during the event.

### Vice President - Jeff Coskey

Jeff is our hands-on representative who's personally responsible for a good portion of the new membership this year. His positive greeting and willingness to help others builds strong relationships with our newbies.

### Treasurer - Scott Graupmann

Scott is our most recent inductee as a lifetime member. 2019 marked Scott's 13th year as our Treasurer. He pays our bills, collects our dues and keeps us afloat!

### Webmaster - Tim Peterson

Tim lurks behind the scene, keeping our site the most current of all of the clubs in San Diego County. Our web site is one of the key portals for the general public to see what we do and reach out for first contact.

### Newsletter Editor - Don Westergren

Each month we enjoy Don's publication "Hangar News". Most recently, he's included several very interesting articles covering topics

such as the P-61 Black Widow, F-106 Delta Dart, the Colditz Cock Prison Escape Glider, the Alcor Duo-6 and the P-47D. This year, Don gave an excellent presentation of his experience as a test pilot for the Rohr 71X Fanjet experimental aircraft.

## **Achievement Awards:**

### Most Dedication: Pete Larson

Pete represents true dedication to the hobby and modeling community, gracing us with his presence and camaraderie at the field despite many lifetime events that would keep most people at home. For this, we thank you!

### Most Spectacular Demolition: Bobby Rink

If you recall our most recent January issue of Hangar News, you'll remember the photo of 43% of an engine. That's what happens when a model hits rock dead-on. Bobby's radio (yes, an Orange receiver) lost link and his Right Flyer 40 plowed into the rocks on the hill, obliterating his plane and shattering the engine. It wasn't... yes - it WAS pretty!

### 12th Man Award: Mark Huysen

While many members participate in some of our events or field days, Mark attended ALL of our events in 2019. He brought some delicious chili to one of our BBQs, groomed the picnic area, pulled weeds, helped at fun-fly events and even found time to fly.

### 12th Man Award: Ron Keith

In addition to his duties as our Safety Officer, Ron is our Raffle Czar. Think about the amount of time and effort it takes to select and pick up prizes, take them home and store them, bring them to events and track the funds. That's a lot, and we truly appreciate it.

Ron is one who calls me every few weeks just to see if there's anything that needs to be done, and he's done everything from cakes, shirts, estate sales, towing the parade float - you name it!

### 12th Man Award: Dick Milhausen

Dick is still one of the recognized member-support representatives who contribute to the overall success of the club. Dick is there to help anybody and everybody who need it. Did you ever wonder who empties those trash cans - that's Dick.

### 12th Man Award: Butch Weiser

While we don't normally see Butch fly (at least



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I don't on the weekends), he's at the field with a grin, tools and parts to share. I also wish to recognize him for his dedication as Field Marshal and his enforcement of club and FAA regulations. He recently asked me for a new Field Marshal badge - "Dick Weiser". And that support is truly critical and appreciated!

## Most Crashes: Bruce Allen

T-28's - let me count the ways... 1, 2, 3...

Bruce, have you opened up your own foam repair facility yet?

## Rookie of the Year: Steve Jones

Steve jumped onto the buddy box and within just a few flights was flying on his own! Steve now has that dreaded condition - "collectimus infestimus" showing signs of uncontrolled expansion of plane population growth in his home.

He's started his first build project from a kit which we hope to see at the field soon.

## Most Improved Pilot: Julian Sonderegger

Julian came to us and, for a bit, struggled to get a plane beyond the edge of the runway. We often would hear "Taking Off - smack - Landing". Now he's piloting some of the most unique creations we've seen in a long time. His fun-loving demeanor makes our weekends a blast! I wish we'd see more of him!

## Innovator of the Year: Bill Simons

Bill presented several very innovative projects in 2019, most notably his conversion of several vintage single-stick transmitters for use in 2.4 GHz systems. At our club meetings, we often enjoy member's latest kit or scratch builds. But Bill shows us the other side of the hobby - the tinkering side.

He's brought back the days of old when a transmitter was cradled in one arm, with the three-axis stick in the other hand.

## Builder of the Year: Gary Rold

Gary's been assembling scale models for many years and is known for his attention to detail. Not only does Gary build from kits and scratch, but he has the fortitude to pick up on some half-started project that's missing pieces and turn it into something beautiful!

Gary's builds over the last year: Dauntless SBD-3, Hellcat, Giant Stick, and currently In work: Giant Spitfire

And finally -

## Weedwacker of the Year - Jeff Coskey

Each year we recognize a club member for significant contributions and accomplishments throughout the past year.

In addition to his duties as Vice President, Jeff:

- provides carpool services for some of our less able members to meetings and the field
- helps members build / fix planes
- gets new pilots in the air
- Manages a significant portion of the estates and donated goods, bringing in several thousand dollars at swap meets.

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

## Models of the Year

The floor display at this year's banquet was well attended!

Best Sport - Steve Shepersky (plane name?)

Best Scale - Gary - Rold - Spitfire

Best ARF - Mark Huyser - YF-23 Gray Ghost

People's Choice - Jeff Coskey - Cosmic Wind "Little Tony"

## New Members

- Tim Scarbrough joined us just recently. Welcome to the gang, Tim! With the turn of the year, current membership dropped way down to 83, however I'll be on the bandwagon going into March to pull in those who are simply just putting off their renewal.

*"The road of life is paved with flattened squirrels that couldn't make a decision."*

Keith



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## Awards Banquet Jan 17, 2020





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## Awards Banquet Jan 17, 2020 Club Awards





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## Awards Banquet Jan 17, 2020 Models on Display





# Fun Fly & BBO

Saturday Feb 22nd,  
2020

**Possible Events:**

- 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.

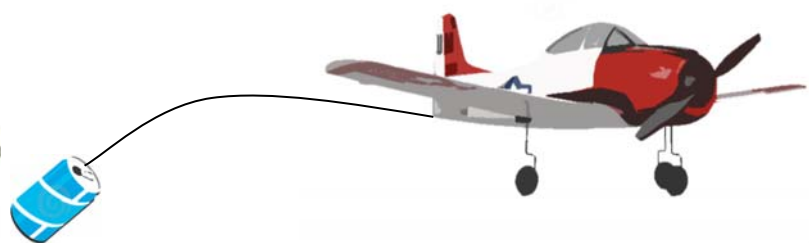
*Pick your plane carefully!*

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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**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**

**Information:**

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