



**NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER
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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 2020

Nothing is scheduled due to Corona Virus

Next Club Meeting is a Virtual Meeting

Members receiving the PDF version can click CTRL + click on
the links here to join the meeting:

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:00 pm | Pacific Time

Meeting number (access code): 126 648 7436

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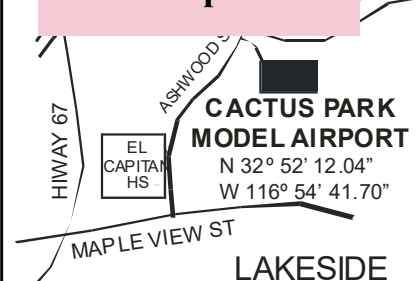
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NEXT Virtual MEETING:

**Tues. July 7, 7:00
Webex Computer**

Field Is Opened





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Meeting Minutes June 2nd, 2020

Bruce Allen

The meeting for June 2nd, 2020 (because of the Covid-19 restrictions) was carried out via Video Conference from members homes. These Minutes have been compiled from the Audio from the recording of the meeting plus notes.

Present on the call:

Keith Miller President & invigilator, Jeff Coskey VP, Scott Graupman Treasure & Bruce Allen Secretary, Ron Keith Safety Officer.

Other members who attended during the meeting: Don Westergren, Tim Peterson, Vernon Gilmore, Arnie Lipschutz, Jerry?, Frank Guthrie, Pete Larson, Brad Lunde, Ron Keith. (Apologies if I missed anyone)

Opening Comments

Attending Video members names will be added into the January Banquet Raffle 2021

Keith mentioned the Key Box we have in the Peg cabinet that we use for storing membership blank etc. (Board member Access only)

New Members

Mark Bradbury, Ed Williams, Mike Greco (return member) & Kurt Mead (Return Member)

Approval of Minutes in June 2020 Hangar News

After some discussion by those present the approval was given:

Proposed Bruce Allen, Seconded (Several) Unanimous.

Treasurers Report

May Expenses and Income	
Start Balance	\$12,806.37
Field Maintenance	-43.75
Internet Fees	-279.63
Waste Management	-82.86
United Site Services	-307.15
Total Expenses	-713.39

Balance 12,092.98

Keith - has 19 items to claim total expense \$1,765 he will provide the details to Scott.

Upcoming Events

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

Safety – Ron Keith made a point about checking the chairs at the Field for bugs etc.

Field is Open – Signs posted for Covid-19 Protocol, please follow!

****See Presidents Message in this Hanger News has the latest update from the County including Guidance for the use of Face Coverings.**

The Secretary spent some time talking about Face Covering as he was concerned that some members are not taking it seriously, but hopefully the above information will encourage them to conform to the rules.

As I am in the ‘at risk’ group, age, diabetes etc this is personal for me.

PS If you go into Restaurant (when open) Face Covering is a Requirement & you will be asked to leave if you don’t have one on. Also applies to local grocery stores like Stater Bros & Albertsons.**

Change to a Field Rule:

The Secretary had been asked by a member if the Field Opening time of 8:00am be changed to 7:00am (for Electric only), 9:00am stays the same for nitro/gas planes etc. Some of our older members like to get there early to fly.

(As you will see from the Presidents Message, this was acted on & approved!)

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

Raffle (Not tonight)

Adjourn: 7:52 (ish)



President's Message July 2020

RF Interference

This was a focus for the last couple of months. Since the two weeks in May that we observed many hits, I've only had a report of one in the later part of June.

Scanning the area of our field, I recalled that there are several cell repeater towers at the rodeo grounds along Maplevue St. Generally, our field is blocked from a direct line-of-site of those antennas, however mapping out the topography, it's possible that flying up around 130 ft above the runway, we may be open game for some mal-tuned cell tower. I'm not confident that this is a source of interference, but it's possible. The photos I've included are of the cell towers at the rodeo (there are two in the photo, one on each side of the red banner), and an image of the line of site between those antennas and our flying site just as the line crosses over the hill.



COVID-19 Protocol

The Supervising Park Ranger and I had a chat recently, and they've adopted a revised COVID-19 protocol that they've asked us to post. Oddly, the protocol template is a DAY CAMP SAFETY PROTOCOL geared towards youth sports. I guess it's the best they have for the new processes of opening up certain county facilities.

The guidance I was given is to simply tailor the protocol as it applies to our activities. That protocol is posted on our bulletin board, and was sent out by email recently.

Also posted at the field is the very latest California Department of Public Health GUIDANCE FOR THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS (dated 18 July 2020). That document was also recently sent out by email.

I believe we'll also have these posted on the club website Downloads area.

Ron Keith, our Safety Officer, stocked the field with disinfectant cleaners, paper towels, nitrile gloves and hand sanitizers. Members are encouraged to wipe down tables and chairs after use. If members are concerned that we're not keeping up with that practice, it's very easy to clean and disinfect the table and chairs you plan to use upon your arrival.

Please use the sanitization cleansers to wipe down the bathroom handle, soap dispenser and seat after you use it. It just takes a second. And if you're opening the safety cabinet in the morning, give the locks and handle a wipe.

As was before, the California Department of Public Health requires that we must wear face coverings "while outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible."

It's important that we observe this requirement. You must have a mask on your person, and if you approach someone to within six feet, put it on.



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If by chance you notice that someone doesn't have a mask on, and they are approaching you to within six feet, you may step back from them and remind them that they shouldn't approach another person within six feet without a mask.

Rules Change Thank you to all who voted on the recent proposal. The proposal was to revise Rule 6 to shift the early-start time for electric powered planes and gliders from 8:00 AM to 7:00 AM. The revision was approved 51 in favor, 2 opposed. Engine propelled models still start no earlier than 9am. The rule change will be posted on the web site. The rules posted at the field on the large 4'x8' sign will likely have a pen/ink change for now. No sense in spending \$15 for a new vinyl print for a single digit, right?

For Sale

We have several recent sources of "stuff" – maybe I'll keep a running list each month
Jack Scanlon 619-390-1437: Reminder - Jack is selling quite a large collection of his kits and models. Here's a link to his gallery.
<https://weedwackers.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c3f86720b75fc0da83a0f225d&id=9f26e53607&e=2ec8062867>

Glen McClintic donations: Sold so far: 4*40 kit with FP40 engine (\$80), Moki Twin 360 engine (\$200). All proceeds go directly to the club. Thanks Glenn for you contributions! Still available – another 4 Star 40 kit, Ryobi 31cc gas engine, Magnum 36 RC engine, Chip Hyde Jekyll 60 pattern kit. The Ben Newkirk Estate still has a couple of vintage O&R and OK Cub engines. The Bob Boehme Estate still has a scale Thulin Type 'K' kit.

All of the items we have can be viewed at <https://keithmiller.smugmug.com/Short-Term-Sharing/WeedwackerEstate/>. Call me if you're interested in anything.

Virtual Club Meetings

Plan on joining us for one more Virtual Club Meeting this coming Tuesday July 7th at 7pm.

This one will be slightly different from the previous in that WebEx has placed a limit on free accounts. Meeting times are now limited to 50 minutes, and only VOIP (voice over internet protocol, or 'computer audio') can be used (no more call-in toll dialing). We'll have to see how this goes; most of us have computers/laptops with built-in cameras and microphones. But for those who don't have a microphone on your PC, you can only listen. Kind of a bummer.

I may change my mind in the next week or two and go with Zoom or Google Meet. In any case, keep your eyes open for last-minute club-wide emails on the status of our July 7th meeting.

New members

Welcome to our new members: Mike Greco (a returning member), Ed Mullen, Bard Bradbury, Tony Moore, Ken Dunlap and Dan Higdon. Welcome, guys!!

I hope to have more to report next month! Until then - *Remember - "The road of life is paved with flattened squirrels that couldn't make a decision."*
Keith

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