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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 2021

Nothing is scheduled due to Corona Virus

No Meeting n January!

Next Club Meeting Tuesday Feb 2

Membership Renewals

You need to renew your membership in the club by Feb 1, 2021.

We'll accept checks (directly to Scott's home address on the cover page), cash at the field, or the use of the PayPal button on the web page. Or you can go to the PayPal web page for the club at:

paypal.weedwackers@gmail.com

Or click on this link:

PayPal costs \$2.50, so sending a check to Scott Graupmann is preferred.

PayPal Club Membership

Scott's address is above

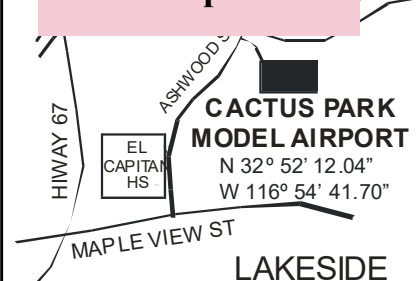
left (as the Treasurer). Send a self addressed stamped envelop to Scott for your membership card for 2021.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NEXT Virtual MEETING:

**Tues. Feb 2, 7:00
Google Meets**

Field Is Opened





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Meeting Minutes December 1st, 2020

Bruce Allen

The meeting for December 1st, 2020 (because of the Covid-19 restrictions) was carried out via Video Conference from members homes. These Minutes have been compiled from my notes. (No Audio transcript available)

Present on the call:

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

Other members who attended during the meeting: Julian Sonderegger, Bill Simmons, John Boruff

Opening Comments

Attending Video members names will be added into the January Banquet Raffle 2022(?) (Apologies if I missed anyone, please email me so I can make an addendum)

Approval of Minutes in September Hangar News (Sorry didn't get names)

Treasurers Report September

Proposed? Seconded? Unanimous (Sorry didn't get the names!)

October Expenses and Income

Date	Item	Amount	Total
11/3/2020	Balance		\$13,334.83
12/4/2020	United Site Services	(326.65)	\$13,008.18
12/4/2020	Newsletter	(192.18)	\$12,816.00
12/4/2020	Field Supplies/Maint	(449.29)	\$12,366.71
12/4/2020	Deposit	150.00	\$12,516.71
12/4/2020	PayPal	169.95	\$12,686.66
	Net	(648.17)	
	Income	319.95	
	Expenses	(968.12)	

Stop Press!

We will be replacing the Windsocks soon as they have worn out, its only been 5 years!

Ron Keith – Safety Officer.

Are you having a Heart Attack? Silent Myocardial Infarction (SMI) Check these symptoms:

SMI warning signs

SMI symptoms are often mild and brief. Seek immediate medical attention if you experience one or more of the following:

- Discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts several minutes or goes away and comes back. It can feel like an uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, or pain.
- Discomfort in other upper-body areas, such as one or both arms, the back, the neck, the jaw, or the stomach.
- Shortness of breath before or during chest discomfort.

Breaking out in a cold sweat or feeling nauseated or lightheaded.

SMI is usually detected from an electrocardiogram (EKG) or echocardiogram, which can highlight heart muscle damage. Another method is a blood test for the molecular footprints of troponin T, a protein released by injured heart cells. That test is often used in emergency departments for patients with heart attack symptoms.

When in doubt call 911!

Consideration for small turbine operation

Current rule states – no turbine operations.

- Basis was fire prevention
- Butch requested re-consideration
 - o Fires in turbine operations are nearly always caused by on-board propane systems bursting.
 - o Propane is used for start-up only
 - o Most current models either don't use it, or the tank is external and removed after engine start.
 - o Noise is generally not an issue with turbines
 - o Bruce offered to do a demonstration at the field, if anyone is interested
 - o Open for discussion

Per Julian, Dan Metz (Coachella club) is turbine savvy – might be a good reference.

Lester is selling:

Hangar 9 Ultra Stick, BNF with OS 65 AX, Spectrum AR8000 Rx, Hitec 5625 digital servos (control surfaces), 2100 mAh LiFe flight pack
Valued - \$768
Price - \$275



Renette Park credits

Renette credited us with the months that we didn't hold meetings in 2019.

Runway Extension to the West

Tabled pending turn of the year; don't know how COVID will impact future membership re-



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President's Message January 2021

Monthly Meeting

**** No meeting in January ****. Traditionally, our annual awards banquet in January takes the place of our January club meeting. With the cancellation of the banquet, we'll also forgo a meeting. Resuming in February, we'll continue our series of virtual monthly club meetings using Google Meet on Tuesday **February 2nd**. The link is <https://meet.google.com/shd-sesj-mzs>, and it starts at 7pm. We're usually done in less than an hour. If you have anything you'd like to bring up or recommendations for club operations, please consider joining us! If you can bring a show-and tell model or item in front of your computer camera, that would be nice!

This Time Last Year – The FAA shut down the Chula Vista field due to non-compliance with requirements to hold a Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the local control towers.

We (the Weedwackers) recently renewed our agreement with Gillespie Field ("SEE"), which is posted on the bulletin board, with a copy in the binder inside the pin box. You'll recall that our field lies within 5 nautical miles (and within 5 statute miles, as it happens) of Gillespie field. The FAA requires we enter into an LOA with their Air Traffic Manager.

Membership Renewals

Dues for your 2021 renewals are due and payable **on or before the February meeting**. Renewals can be paid in many methods including cash, gold, check and PayPal. Cash and checks can be collected by any club Officer in person (at the field or otherwise). Checks can also be mailed directly to Scott Graupmann at his *home* address 10938 Vivaracho Way, San Diego, CA 92124 (shown on the front of the newsletter). Mailing dues to the club P.O. Box will delay processing.

For PayPal, you have two options.

The "easy button" is on our website under the "**Renew Your Membership**" tab which has a "Donate" button. However, due to the way PayPal buttons work on websites, you'll have to pay the associated fees which comes out to \$2.50. To avoid the fee, you can also log in to your PayPal account and send your dues "as a friend" directly to our account at paypal.weedwackers@gmail.com. You may see Scott Graupmann's name come up which is fine, as he's the treasurer holding the PayPal account open. In either case, please be sure to add either your full name or AMA number to the PayPal payment note. If we see only your PayPal login as "Im_a_catlover", we'll have no way of processing your dues.

**** Note that the new badges for 2021 actually stay "2020" on the front. Please feel free to do a pen-change yourself. We apologize for the error. The pretty red-violet color of the new badge will be a pretty good indicator of your 2021 membership.**

County Lease – We now have a fully executed lease

agreement with the County of San Diego which goes into effect on January 1st. The lease replaces the Maintenance and Use Agreement that we've held for a couple of decades. To recap, the prior agreement was no-cost, but the County agenda was to eliminate all such agreements and use leases for uniformity. The only impact is that we now pay \$500 per year. Sucks for us, but there was no way out. This effort has actually been working for the last three years and we tried over and over to convince the County that we were just fine with the way it was. No joy. Other than that, we still get to fly!

A copy of the Lease will be posted in the DOWNLOADS section of our website (<http://www.weedwackers.org/>).

I can't take credit for this. I found it on a social media site. But it's all so true!

TOOLS EXPLAINED

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh*t'

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

Arnold is at it again – Arnold Lipschutz cranked out his third (at least) model of the year. The first two are spin-offs of the Carl Goldberg Falcon 56 and Sr. Falcon, kit-bashed to appear like the Topsy Nipper homebuilt. His latest is this Lou Andrews Aeromaster Too which, a kit that Bill Simmons contributed to the club. Arnold bought the kit from Bill's donations on October 18th, and on December 12th, Jeff Coskey took it up for its maiden flight.

Nicely done guys! It's so great to see the builders staying active!

New members

We have no new members in December (yet), but I do believe I saw an application float by. We'll call you out next month.

Current membership sits at 136, ranging in age from 9 to 92, and averaging at 56.26 years old.

Until next time -

"I saw an ad for burial plots and thought to myself, this is the last thing I need."

Keith

