



# 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 2021

Swap Meet Sat 4/10/2021 7:30 am , Cactus Park

## Next Club Meeting Tuesday April 6 is a Virtual Meeting

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

[meet.google.com/shd-sesj-mzs](https://meet.google.com/shd-sesj-mzs)

## Joseph H Cullum March 15 1944—March 2021

Joe joined the club in December 1985. I was President then, and the club had to move from Hahn Field, Santee to Cactus Park. Joe instantly became totally involved, bringing tractor and equipment to set up Cactus Park. Through the years he was always available and helping out with club projects, but also he was “There” as a friend and fellow modeler. His service led to the club awarding him a free Lifetime membership in the club. His wife Tanya was also helping and attending club functions, contests and banquets.

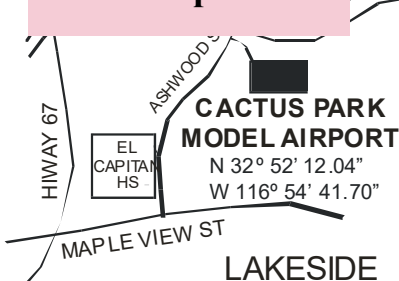
We do not have any information yet on possible services for Joe. With the Covig virus, that is understandable. Any new information will be published to the club.

— Don Westergren

NEXT Virtual MEETING:

**Tues. April 6, 7:00  
Google Meets**

## Field Is Opened





### Meeting Minutes March 2nd, 2021

*Bruce Allen*

The meeting for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 (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
- Scott MCurdy
- Don Westergren
- Gerry Conklin

(This list maybe incorrect, sorry)

### **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)

### **Treasurers Report September**

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

March Expenses and Income			
Date	Item	Amount	Total
1/21/2021	Balance		\$16,090.70
3/2/2021	United Site Services	(326.65)	\$15,764.05
3/2/2021	Waste Management	(87.83)	\$15,676.22
3/2/2021	Paypal	636.80	\$16,313.02
3/2/2021	Deposit	400.00	\$16,713.02
2/3/2021	Deposit	550.00	\$17,263.02
2/19/2021	Deposit	\$125.00	\$17,388.02
2/5/2021	Field Supplies	-\$167.24	\$17,220.78
	Net	\$1,130.08	
	Income	\$1,711.80	\$17,220.78
	Expenses	-581.72	

### **Tabled Business**

Runway Extension to the West

The Nursery Business has pulled out of the area so it is unlikely we will need the extension.

### **Old Business**

Club AMA Charter Applied for.

Model Turbine Aircraft - After due documentation investigation & consulting with an experienced model turbine flyer it was decided that our field was not suitable for the hobby.

Membership Application form edited to reflect the renewal dues issue: \$75/year period except for new members.

**Ron Keith** – Safety Officer.

Just a reminder, if you have an Emergency on the Field & have to call an Ambulance, make sure someone is posted at the entrance to our Field so they can watch for it & flag them down.

**“Time is an illusion, lunchtimes doubly so!”- The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy: A Trilogy in Five Parts by Douglas Adams (Deceased)**





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## President's Message April 2021

### Monthly Meeting

We'll continue our series of virtual monthly club meetings using Google Meet on Tuesday **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. The link is <https://meet.google.com/shd-sesj-mzs>, and it starts at 7pm. Even with San Diego County going from the "purple" to the "red" tier, we're not ready to go back to regular indoor meetings. As such, the virtual meetings will continue. 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!

### Swap Meet

We're back! This coming **Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>** we'll continue with our twice-annual swap meets,

Gates open at 7:30 am.

The one difference this time around will be the COVID precautions: 1) All entrants must have a mask on their person at entry 2) All sellers and buyers must wear mask in the upper lot during the meet 3) Modelers flying must wear masks w/in 6' of other while in the pits or flightline.

Bring out your cash and your wares!

**Sad news of Joe Cullum's passing** – Joe was an active flyer before my time, but was an active member up until the end. We often enjoyed his visits to the field. Joe was responsible for much of the construction weldments you see at the field which include much if the shade structure (if I recall correctly) and the welded security measures on the shed. Joe was a Life Member and will be missed.



### Potential acquisition of MRCF CONEX box

– With the unfortunate news that the Miramar club field has been closed, the club may soon pass their CONEX box to the Weedwackers. Jeff Coskey has been in contact with MRCF and it's possible that we'll receive their storage container in April. It will likely take the place of our current storage shed.

Needless to say, that will take a LOT of work and help from membership. Keep an eye out for emails. We do have



access to some heavy lifting/moving machinery to wiggle the trailer out and slide the new container in. But it will also take a lot of manual work. I fully expect that members who use our facilities come out and help when the time comes. We'll put the word out.

**And just like that, he's at it again...** The Mini Bell was produced by Peck Polymers starting back in the late 1970s. It's a 25" version of the "Liberty Bell" which was a Carl Goldberg Senior Falcon that flew across the continental United States in 1975 (in many hops, of course).

A few weeks ago, I had my pair of Mini Bell's at the field. Our recently -awarded 2020 Builder of the Year, Arnold Lipschutz, fell in love with them right away and had to build one! I sent him the plans and my build notes, and two weeks later we maiden'd his!



Arnold made his into a tail-dragger and included a pilot figure. With a click of this trim and a few clicks of that trim, she was cruising around happily! Nicely done Arnold!





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Plans for the Mini-Bell are available on [outerzone.co.uk](http://outerzone.co.uk) (as are hundreds of other plans). Originally designed for single channel with a Cox .020 engine or CO2 motor, they're easily converted to full-house 4-channel using an E-flite Park 180 motor.

**Rules Revision Passed** - Rule 11.a revision passed with 41 virtual votes cast through March 11<sup>th</sup>, all in favor, none opposed. The new rule is posted in our Safety Cabinet binder and on the websites. This latest revision modifies the SAFETY LINE to break to the south at the ramp going up to the western plateau. You can read the proposal in last month's newsletter if you missed it.

**This Time Last Year** -In March of 2020, of course the pandemic kicked off, but we were open to flying, at least going into April. The Board had completed our first review of our new County Lease which took a full year to execute! And we had our last Fun-Fly. Those will be back very soon!

**Upcoming Events** - We DO have a calendar of events for 2021, viewable on the Events section of our web site

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

In the immediate future, we have:

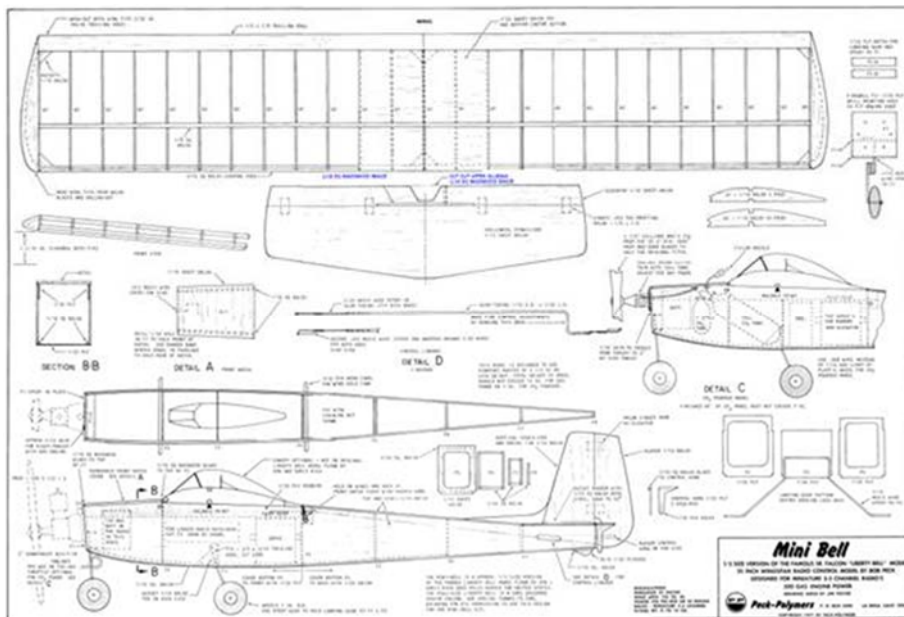
Swap Meet Sat 4/10/2021 7:30 am (as I said above - we're ON!)

Other than the Swap Meet, the rest are currently placeholders should the world suddenly become a better place and COVID restrictions are lifted.

**New members**

Welcome to Paul-Eric Paumard! Great to have you!

Until next time - Keith





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

COVID Precautions: 1) All entrants must have a mask on their person at entry 2) All sellers and buyers must wear mask in the upper lot during the meet 3) Modelers flying must wear masks w/in 6' of other while in the pits or flightline.

**Hours: 7:30 am – 11:30 am**  
**\$5 Seller's Fee**  
**Buyers Free**

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