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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

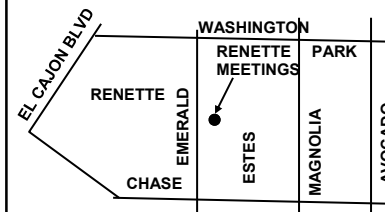
Jun 1 Tue Normal Club Meeting at Renette Park

Jun 19 Sat Fun Fly / Barbeque Cactus Park

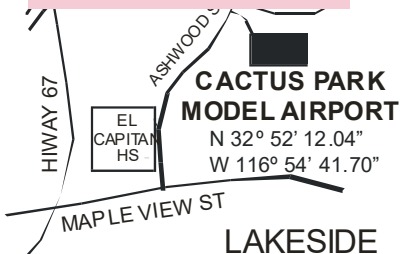
Next Club Meeting Tuesday June 1 is a Real Meeting at Renette Park at 7:00 PM

There are no restrictions for coming to the meeting other than a limit of 22 members. The club is not enforcing any covid rules—just use your own discretion.

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



Field Is Opened





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Meeting Minutes May 4th, 2021

Bruce Allen

The meeting for May 4th 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. Don Westergren

(Other members attended the meeting intermittently)

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

2/05/2021	Balance		\$17,220.78
3/28/2021	Site Svc	(326.65)	\$16,894.13
4/19/2021	Site Svc	(367.53)	\$16,526.60
5/4/2021	Waste Mgmt	(87.83)	\$16,438.77
3/9/2021	Deposit	75.00	\$16,513.77
3/16/2021	Deposit	75.00	\$16,588.77
3/30/2021	Deposit	56.25	\$16,645.02
3/10/2021	PayPal Debit	(45.14)	\$16,599.88
5/9/2021	Deposit	131.25	\$16,731.13
Net	(489.65)		
Income	337.50		
Expenses	(827.15)		

Tabled Business

Runway Extension – On Hold.

Old Business

Ron Keith – Safety Officer.

CHARGING OF BATTRIES IN CARS IS FORBIDDEN!! Charge you LiPo's at home & bring them in a Safety bag or container (EG Ammo Can with small holes drilled in it to allow venting!

A commercial Safety Storage Device

This version is around \$60, you can safely carry your LiPo batteries in your car, preferably in



the trunk. Check the link below for more info & what can happen if your LiPo explodes in your Car, house etc!

<https://www.bat-safe.com/>

Upcoming Events

MRCS equipment

Jeff: met w/Frank MRCS – offered up Conex box, and as many tables as we want.

Tables are 4x8'

Jeff spoke for 5 tables.

Jeff spoke w/towing company \$125 / hr, 2 hr minimum.

6 hours would be \$750.

Vote: approved in March meeting

Worked with Art to prep an area.

Will need RR ties for base.

Plan is to put it in place of our current shed

Likely mid-late April

Watch for more details as this is ongoing!!

Field Rules:

From the CEAP (Certified Electric Aircraft Pilot) syllabus:

“4. Power Source connections shall be secure & properly insulated.

CHARGING OF BATTRIES FROM AN AUTOMOTIVE BATTERY INSTALLED IN A VEHICLE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.”

New Business

Plan Runway Sealing last done May 2018?

Estimate total \$6500

Sealing ~\$5700

Paint ~ \$500

Keith FORAC – obtain current quote from TBD contractor

Keith Proposed allocating \$6500 for the project

Ed Mullen Seconded

Unanimous

Meeting finished 19:30hrs



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President's Message June 2021

Monthly Meeting – In-Person again!

Renette Park called and is opening their doors again for in-person meetings! This coming **Tuesday June 1st**, we'll gather once again at the meeting hall at the Renette Park Recreation Center in El Cajon. Maybe we'll see you there! We'll once again be able to entertain a monthly raffle! (Ron – get ready!). Meeting starts at 7pm.

Scale Fly-In results

We had an excellent turnout on May 15th, with 27 entries!

This was the first flight event since the nasty C-thing disrupted reality, and it was apparent that we all really needed it!

We'll push out a library of photos for public viewing, with a link coming out by email hopefully by the time you read this.

I really wish to thank the Event Coordinators Dick Milhausen and Art Flores for their overall coordination and planning! To help them along, Bruce Allen ran administrative duties of enrollment and was the announcer. Gotta love that sexy British accent over the PA system at a War Birds event, right? Glenn and Max Merritt handled the auction valued at \$750 in terrific prizes. Chef Bobby Rink cooked up the burgers and Ron Keith brough his highly demanded potato salad. Photographers included Don Westergren, Bruce with Bobby catching the aerals.

The winners of the selected categories are:

Best Civilian - Frank Gagliardi Klemm L-20 B

Best Scale - Elmer Gonzalez's P-40

People's Choice - Trent Alford's Fokker D7

Judges' Choice - Gary Rold's Spad XIII

On the financial end, the entire event came very close to breaking even!

Fire at the Field

We recently had an electric plane go down followed by a small grass fire. The model started smoking in flight. The pilot started an immediate approach pattern and, just before turn onto final, the controls



	in	out	net
Plaques	\$ -	\$ 120.64	\$ (120.64)
Landing Fees	\$ 270.00	\$ -	\$ 270.00
Lunch	\$ 135.00	\$ 147.00	\$ (12.00)
Raffle	\$ 505.00	\$ 745.00	\$ (240.00)
Total	\$ 910.00	\$ 1,012.64	\$ (102.64)

went dead. The plane crashed just on the other side of the bare-wire fence and the fire slowly spread. All of the required immediate actions that we train for were properly taken: 911 was called, two fire extinguishers and a shovel were brought to the scene and the spread was partially contained. Our member did a great job and worked feverishly to shovel dirt onto the grass when his extinguishers ran out. Fortunately, our friends at (and owner of) the River Valley Equestrian Center were driving by and responded with an extinguisher of their own. They hit the flames from the east, keeping it from going any further and into the adjoining vacant property. The only unfortunate piece of this story is that it took the fire department twenty minutes to show up! Apparently, they went to "Cactus Park" proper, across the street. Normally we'd have other members go down to the driveway (with our new orange flags – thanks Craig!). In this case, the only other people on site were the member's family.

All in all, this was a success story. Ron (our Safety Officer) and I were de-briefed and I thanked the member for taking all of the appropriate actions. Good job sir! I also called Daren Bankhead (owner of the equestrian center) who was very cool and understanding! We are very fortunate to have him as a neighbor. One follow-up action is that Ron will visit the station to be sure the understand that an emergency at the model airplane field at Cactus Park is on the other side of the street from the baseball fields and BMX track.



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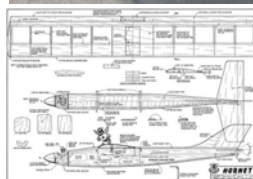
CONEX box – We now have the storage container on-site along with a dozen or more tables. Over the course of the next week or three, the container will be moved to its final resting place, and the tables will slowly be swapped in to replace some of the older tables we have in the pit area. The starting tables will also be swapped out. I'm sure my frequent emails may be wearing out your in-box, but stand by for more. Over the next few weeks, we'll continue to ask for materials or assistance to settle in the new material.

My heart-felt thanks go out to those who joined us at the MRCF field on 5/16 to collect the tables and equipment, and to clean out and prepare the container for movement.

Most importantly, Jeff Coskey led the project and was the driving force behind this huge effort. Joining us were David Pothier, Vernon Gilmore, Kevin Pothier, Ron Keith, Dan Higdon and Rich (Vernon's nephew).

We also had a crew on Monday 5/17 to prepare the landing zone for the container – Art Flores, Jon (? shoot), Dick Milhausen, Glenn and Max Merritt, Craig Graham, Lester Moore, Butch Weiser and maybe more I missed.

Steve Shepersky's "Pissed Off" Hornet: Steve maiden'd his scratch-built Hornet that he built from blown up plans (Noel Rozelle's Hornet from RCM magazine issue 10-77). That's a Cox TeeDee .049 engine in the front. Without a throttle, it screams around for about 4 minutes at full throttle then settles to a really nice glide. Its two channels are aileron and elevator only, which is common for these 1970's era Half-A models. Steve added a light landing gear using round servo arms as wheels. To keep the Cox engine cool during its first few break-in flights, Steve is using a head heat sink common to the Cox cars and buggies we used to play with as kids. The TeeDee runs on 30% nitro, 25% castor. Interested builders should down-



load the plans for the Hornet on OuterZone.co.uk. I did!

Members in Model Aviation Magazine - Last month, we saw Ken Lawrence' Calvin and Hobbes characters as they appeared in the May issue of Hangar News.

Ken's creations were also published just last week in the June issue of the AMA magazine, Model Aviation. It's great to see members submitting their projects for publication!

This Time Last Year –In May of 2020, we started our on-line virtual meetings and to COVID build started. The field was closed, so not much else was going on.

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: **Fun-Fly on Saturday June 19th:** We'll hold a small series of skill-testing tasks that most of you are aware of.

Please see the attached flyer. I'll push out an email later this month detailing the event objectives and rules. It'll be a blast!!! We'll do another BBQ – maybe dogs and watermelon?

New members

Welcome to Peter Hampton, Max Brouard, Tony Mirador and Mark Lukens! Great to have you!

Current statistic: 131 members, from 10 to 90 years of age, averaging 58.4, geometric mean is 53.2 years.

Until next time -
Keith

SKY'S THE LIMIT



Reader Ken Lawrence graciously shared the Calvin and Hobbes characters that he put in his Lazy Bee. He wrote, "Calvin (of course) is the pilot, with Hobbes, Mom, Dad, Susie Derkins, and Miss Wormwood (the teacher) in the windows." Lawrence photo.



Lazy Bee

Ken Lawrence (El Cajon, California; email: mkaway@cox.net) submitted photos of his Andy Clancy Lazy Bee that made its maiden flight on October 20, 2020 ("quite successfully"). The Lazy Bee spans 48 inches, weighs 35 ounces, and is powered by a RmFare 10 motor turning a 10 x 4.7 slow-flyer propeller. Ken used a Galecta Creations Thunderbird SS ESC with a Venom 2,200 mAh LiPo battery and a Safe Start from Dave's R/C Electronics for safety. The radio is Airtronics with Hitec servos. The yellow covering is transparent UltraCote, while the green is transparent MonoKote. "Now that she has flown, I'll be adding some Calvin and Hobbes cartoon figures to the windows," Ken wrote. "The kit was an absolute joy to build."





Fun Fly— Jun 19th, 2021

Fun Fly & BBQ

Possible Events:

- Taxi slalom
- Jelly Bean Haul
- Bomb Drop
- Can-Can
- 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

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.

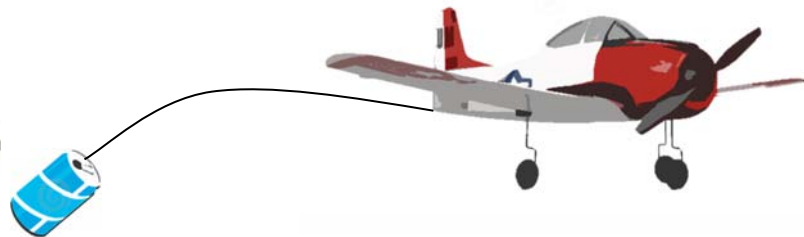
Pick your plane carefully!

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!!**



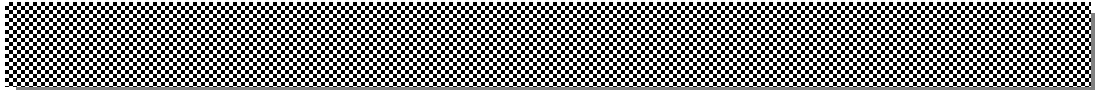
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Views of the Scale Fly-In May 15, 2021

