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CLUB FIELD: Cactus Park (East), Ashwood St. (1/4 mile N-E of  
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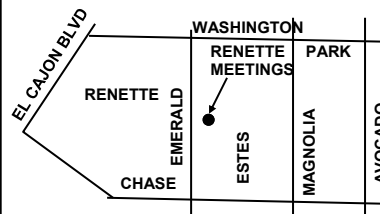
## R/C Schedule 2021

Jan TBD Awards Banquet

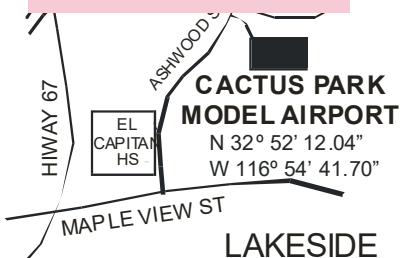
Here is a view of some of the Toys for Tots you gave this year.  
Thank You All



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Tues. Dec 7, 7:00**  
**PM**



**Field Is Opened**





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## **Meeting Minutes Nov 2nd, 2021**

Bruce Allen November 2nd, 2021, held at Renette. These Minutes have been compiled from my notes.

### Attendees:

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

Other members who attended during the meeting:

Bobby Rink Don Westergren  
Ken Lawrence Fred Miller Sr  
Frank Gagliardi Art Flores  
David Pothier Richard Brown  
Arnold Lipschutz Mark Lukens  
Anthony Moore John Irwin

(This list maybe incorrect, let me know if I have missed anyone)

### **Opening Comments**

Be sure to add your name ticket to the attendance raffle tub! (See secretary)

### **Previous Minutes**

Any comments?

Propose, Ron Keith, Second, Tony Moore

Unanimous

### **Treasurers Report October/November**

<b>October Expenses and Income</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
10/5/2021	Balance		\$11,495.35
10/5/2021	Newsletter	(51.82)	\$11,443.53
10/23/2021	Raffle Prizes	(747.45)	\$10,696.08
10/27/2021	United Site Services	(354.07)	\$10,342.01
11/2/2021	Waste Management	(68.23)	\$10,273.78
11/2/2021	PayPal	70.00	\$10,343.78
	Net	(1,151.57)	
	Income	70.00	
	Expenses	(1,221.57)	

Proposed Richard Brown  
Seconded Frank Gagliardi  
Unanimous

**Ron Keith** – Safety Officer we now have an AED device but before you use it, in an emergency: **Call 911 First!**

“When is an AED needed? AEDs are used to **revive someone from sudden cardiac arrest**. This usually occurs when a disruption in the heart's electrical activity causes a dangerously fast heartbeat (ventricular tachycardia) or a fast and irregular heartbeat (ventricular fibrillation). Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED)”

Our AED kit is the real thing & has all the items you need to use it. There are 2 towels supplied 1, in case the patient vomits & the other to wipe the chest. Follow the instructions with the AED, if you can't find a pulse don't worry as the AED will not apply a shock in this case. Plastic gloves supplied for use if you are working on the patient.

### **The following are the steps for an AED recommended by the Red Cross:**

1. Turn on the AED and follow the visual and/or audio prompts.
2. Open the person's shirt and wipe his or her bare chest dry. If the person is wearing any medication patches, you should use a gloved (if possible) hand to remove the patches before wiping the person's chest.
3. Attach the AED pads and plug in the connector (if necessary).
4. Make sure no one is, including you, is touching the person. Tell everyone to "stand clear."
5. Push the "analyze" button (if necessary) and allow the AED to analyze the person's heart rhythm.
6. If the AED recommends that you deliver a shock to the person, make sure that no one, including you, is touching the person – and tell everyone to "stand clear." Once clear, press the "shock" button.

Begin [CPR](#) after delivering the shock. Or, if no shock is advised, begin CPR. Perform 2 minutes (about 5 cycles) of CPR and continue to follow the AED's prompts. If you notice obvious signs of life, discontinue CPR and monitor breathing for any



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changes in condition.#

There is a cushion in the kit for you to use to protect your knees! There is also water in the kit.

If you are the last one to leave the airfield please make sure the “Crash kit is locked up!”

**Spiders-** Watch out for them on the tables etc, Ron has sprayed the furniture but take care!

### **Tabled Business**

Runway Extension to the West? TBD

### **Events**

Swap Meet – 7:00am 11/6/2021

See Presidents Message

Veterans Day Fly in- 11/13/2021

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Racing, one event at the fly in.

Bruce Allen will take care of model registration.

“Toys for Tots” drive – Frank Gagliardi. Lester Moore will collect monies & buy toys

### **Field Maintenance**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Cleanup for Veterans Day?

### **Old Business**

*Storage Unit Roof – No project Manager yet. Proposed to put a tarp over it temporary.*

**Field Marshal Meeting** – Not forgotten, TBD.

### **Planning for Awards Banquet**

Please refer to the Presidents Message. The board would welcome possible venues.

### **Field Rules**

“10. Pilots must stand behind the fence in one of the five flight stations for takeoff, flight & landings (5 planes maximum at any time).”

### **Drawing for Free Membership (Has to be present)**

Rhett Harding

### **Raffle**

(Apologies in advance the Names & Prizes got confused so Ron will make a list with who gets what in future!)

Speed Up Don Westergren

Gorilla Glue, Extension - Arnold Schultz

Picks(?) - John Irwin

Screwdrivers – Fred Miller Sr.

## President’s Message Dec 2021

### Building and Flying:

Steve Shepersky sent in these shots from Lake Poway on November 8<sup>th</sup>.



The delta is a Hobby King “Skipper”, and the float plane is the UMX Turbo Timber (which was rebuilt from a damaged Timber that Kurt Mead



previously mid-aired).

This comes from Bobby Rink. Share this info with any fellow flyers you may know.....

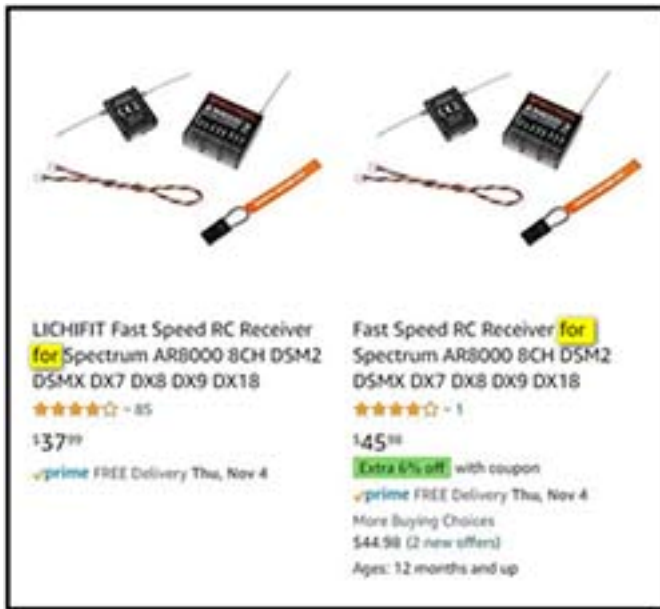
“FRAUD ALERT !!!! I purchased (what I thought to be) some Spectrum AR8000 receivers for my planes from AMAZON. These receivers are COUNTERFEIT and BAD NEWS (ask my poor airplanes, oh you can't.... they're DEAD).

If you have purchased them, DO NOT fly with them RETURN to AMAZON immediately and file a complaint about this merchant trying to pass these receivers off to unsuspecting shoppers.”

Editors Note: Notice the use of the word “for” injected into the product name. “Fast Speed RC Receiver for Spectrum...”



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**Membership Renewals:** The books are open for our 2022 membership renewal season. Renewals are due by the February club meeting. Dues can be paid to any club Officer in the amount of \$75 in cash, check or by PayPal. If by check, make it payable to FWAS or First Weedwacker Aero Squadron. Checks can be handed to us at the field, or mailed directly to our Treasurer, Scott, whose address is on the cover of this Hangar News. PayPal payments go to [paypal.weedwackers@gmail.com](mailto:paypal.weedwackers@gmail.com). Note that you'll see Scott Graupmann's name appear on the transaction, which is expected and a good thing.

**Safety Item** Rules require calling out takeoff and landing, which implies that one must be able to hear takeoff and landing. No earbuds.

**Club Officer Nominations** The November elections are closed. By acclamation, the sitting club officers will continue our tenure. Here's to another year!

**This Time Last Year** –In Nov of 2020, there wasn't a lot going on other than struggling with COVID masks.

## Recent Events

**Swap Meet and Toys for Tots Drive Nov 6<sup>th</sup>:** We had a pretty good turnout with 32 sellers. The Toys for Tots drive almost filled a box, quite a bit shy from last year with nearly two full boxes. The cash donations totaled \$322 between the day of

the swap meet and the following week's collection at the Veterans' Day Fly In. All credit goes to Frank Gagliardi for keeping the drive alive! And thank you to Lester Moore for turning the cash donations into toys in following weeks.

**Field Maintenance Nov 7<sup>th</sup>:** Some members gathered (a few of us anyway) to trim back some brush and clean up before our Veterans' Day Fly In. Jeff and Art climbed up on top of the CONEX and installed a temporary tarp and some basic structures to divert rainwater from running in. I had 9-1-1 dialed in and ready to mash "send". Thanks guys! Other workers included Bobby Rink, Kurt Mead, Butch Weiser, Ron Keith and Mark Gray. I appreciate the work guys!

It seems... no – it's a fact, that we have the same small group of hard-working individuals who contribute a few hours for the benefit of all. I get that not all of our members are physically capable; but a 5% turnout is a little disappointing. I hope that those who can't or choose not to participate at least give a heartfelt thanks to those that do.





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**Veterans' Day Fly-In** The Nov 13<sup>th</sup> event was very well attended! Our veterans (current and past) were called to the centerline for us to give our thanks and appreciation for their service. Their contribution, and the contribution of their families, is why we are free to enjoy this hobby, and everything else we enjoy! Thank you, Veterans!

We were joined by the Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego and many other local San Diego modelers. SEFSD ran several race heats with FMS T-28s that really built the interest in a lot of the Weedwacker members. Be prepared to see some race events scheduled in 2022! Details will follow in a couple of weeks.

Chef Bobby (Rink) catered the event and put out an awesome spread of carne and pollo asada, accented by salsa made by Art's wife.

A full photo profile will be published soon. Larry Houghton and the Pacific Photography Society" joined us, as well as Frank Sutton from SEFSD. Between them and our own photographers, we have well over 500 pictures and video clips to share!

Thank you to Jeff Coskey for picking up raffle prizes, and to Richard Brown for running the raffle for us!

Bruce Allen administered pilot registration and food tickets – thanks chap!

Aerial photography/videography:

Bobby Rink

Randy Wynant, Aerial Traffic

Photographers/videographers:

Dan Higdon

Bruce Allen

Don Westergren

"Pacific Photography Society" and "Late Apex Pho-

to" (Larry Houghton, David B, Chi N, Robert M)

"HobieSuttonStudios" (Frank and Alex Sutton)

Event Winners were:

Best Military - Jeramy Miller's P-61 "Black Widow"

Best Civilian/Sport - Wayne Amar's Pitts 12 "The Beast"

Best Flight Performance - Steve Shepersky with his P-51 "Mustang"

Judges Choice - Brad Bender's "Turbo Bush Master"





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**Upcoming Events** – To view our calendar of events for 2021, visit (<http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/events/>).

**Annual Awards Banquet – Friday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** (maybe) – While we have a date set, we do NOT have a venue. As brought up in our last club meeting, Carton Oaks Country Club have essentially priced themselves out of our business. So, for now, we're looking for alternatives. We reached out to the Elks' Club in El Cajon. They've hosted several banquets for Fire and Police Departments in San Diego. But alas, they're completely unresponsive to several phone calls and emails.

Alternatives that have been recommended include the Wrangler or the Brigantine in El Cajon, or a catered afternoon event at the flying field. Given my availability to call and visit these options, we may be looking at a February awards event.

The banquet is our opportunity to extend thanks to those in the club who've served to various extents, and to recognize special accomplishments and skills. Some award categories include:

*Weedwacker of the Year, Lifetime Membership, Distinguished Service Award, Annual Jim Bailey Community Service Award, Builder of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Pilot, Most Stitches, Most Demanding Recovery, Most Crash<sup>es</sup>, 12th Man Awards*

Please let the Board know of any nominations you have!

**Model Aviation article on FAA Remote ID:** I encourage you to pick up your December copy of Model Aviation and read the article on page 64. Better yet, open Brennan's opening brief at <https://bit.ly/318440Q>. It was an eye-opener for me!

**New members:** Welcome to Joel Failla, a new Junior member (under 19). Joel flies electrics in the open areas near his home in Ramona and wished to start growing into engine-powered models. I had a chance to share my Senior Kadet with him for a couple of flights and he's not only a very proficient RC pilot, but he also just completed his Private Pilot cross-country solo flight! He's a very pleasant and gracious young man! Joel, I hope we see a lot more of you at the field!

Membership is at 143 members. We'll see how the 2022 renewal season treats us.

THE DEAL WITH DRONES

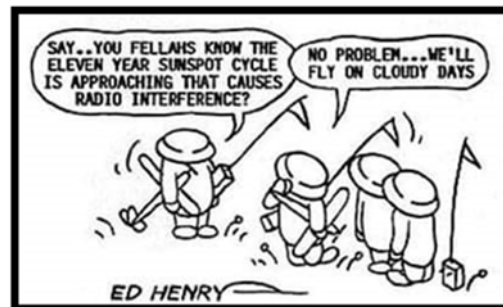


## FIRST SHOTS FIRED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST REMOTE ID

THE FAA'S REMOTE ID RULE has been passed, and within a few years, everyone who flies an RC aircraft that weighs more than .55 pounds in the US National Airspace System (NAS) will be expected to comply. The final rule had some improvements compared with the proposed rule, but many people still feel it goes too far. I interviewed Kamal Singhania and Vic Stone, both members of the FAA Drone Advisory Committee, and Dave Messina, of the FPV Freedom Coalition, about the implications of the final rule. The link is in "Sources."

One of the people who feels that Remote ID goes too far is Tyler Brennan, owner of Backfly/Quads (BQ2). He's suing the FAA. In August 2020, BQ2 filed a brief containing its legal arguments against the FAA's implementation of Remote ID. The complete brief is 78 pages long, but the "Summary of the Argument" section is worth quoting here:

"FAA flagrantly disregarded mandates from Congress, ignored material comments, including failures to provide any actual safety justification or



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## Views of the scale Fly-In Nov 13, 2021

