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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..

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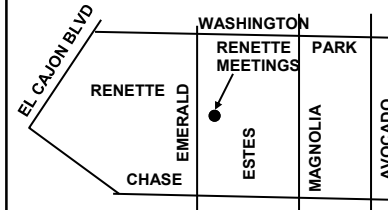
Feb 19	Sat	Fun Fly Cactus Park
Mar 5	Sat	Electric Pylon Race Cactus Park
Mar 12	Sat	Swap Meet Cactus Park 7 AM—11 AM

January Awards Banquet

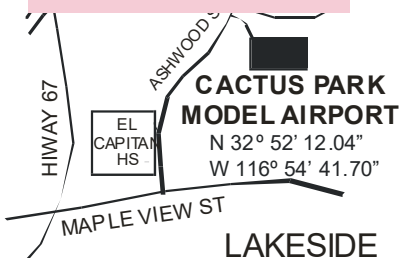
We had a very nice and successful Awards Banquet this year at a new location. Thanks to Bruce Allen for taking the many fine photographs to document the event.



**NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Feb 1, 7:00
PM at Renette Park,
El Cajon**



Field Is Opened





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President’s Message Feb 2022

Hi all –
Stand by for a rather long message, as is customary for the February issue of Hangar News. This month I’m bringing up a couple of rules revisions that we’ll vote on at the February meeting. I also cover the 2021 Awards Banquet and many other topics.

Thanks for following along!

Building and Flying: Lyle Black finished up restoration of a PT-17 Stearman he picked up at Joe Cullum’s estate. He completed the false scale engine cylinders and installed flying wires. The maiden flight was flawless and she looked beautiful!



Membership Renewals: Membership dues for 2022 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. Note that you’ll see Scott Graupmann’s name appear on the transaction, which is expected and a good thing.

Rules Review - Vaping vs Smoking – This question has come up several times and, well, I blew it off for a while. A little digging into San Diego County laws reveals that vaping is also prohibited.

Our current club Rule 20 states: "Smoking is strictly prohibited on the flight line and in the pit

area. Additionally, San Diego County Ordinance, 41.118 forbids smoking at Cactus Park.” **SEC 41.118 is Fire Hazards** is based upon sources of open flame or ignition.

Immediately following that section is **SEC. 41.118.5. SMOKING:** “It shall be unlawful for any person in a County Park to carry a lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette; to use an electronic smoking device or other smoking device, containing tobacco or any other substance; or to light, smoke, activate, or in any way use a pipe, cigar, cigarette, or electronic smoking device or other smoking device, containing tobacco or any other substance.”#

To that end, we’ll move (at the Feb meeting) to update the rule to reference the second ordinance as well.

Other “Rules” topics: Noise – Currently Rule 7 states “All model aircraft must measure less than or equal to 96 dBA at 3 meters (10 feet) taken as the highest of measurements measured from the front, rear and on each side of the model.”

The AMA revised their guidelines several years ago (i.e., more than 10 years ago!) to 96 dB at **20 feet** over soft field, and **98 dB at 20 feet** over hard pavement. (AMA Doc 927).

We’ll move this for a rule revision as well at the February meeting, recognizing that the weighted average noise level at the property line remains unchanged at 50 dBA over a one-hour average within 100 feet of the property line.

This Time Last Year – A catastrophic mid-air collision occurred during formation flying of scale warbirds; one landed with significant wing damage, the other met its spectacular demise into the protective pit fencing.

Recent Events

Field Day – Our Jan 22nd field cleanup saw a terrific turnout. We met all of the goals for the day except for spraying, which we can do in the upcoming weeks. Many thanks to all of you who participated!!!



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Lyle Black, Bobby Rink, Mark Huyser, Brad Lunde, Lester Moore, Kurt Meade, Pete Hampton, Mark Lukens, Dean Nickol, Higdon, "Mr. Bob" Frazier, Dick Milhausen, Steve Shepersky, George Sager, Butch Weiser and Pete Pease.

Arnold Lipschutz brought Subway and drinks for all!

In recent weeks, Craig Graham installed padding on the base of each of the bare-wire fence posts. Nice!!! That touch is truly appreciated!

Along the lines of field maintenance, you may soon (if not already) see a pile of gravel delivered to the field. Richard Brown, Art Flores and Jeff Coskey are teaming up to improve the parking area in order to limit dust and intrusion of dirt into the pit area.

A final note on field maintenance, we have two weed trimmers in need of tuning/repair. Volunteers are welcome!

Awards Banquet

The new venue, the Elks Lodge of El Cajon, was terrific! The meal was excellent and the staff were very friendly and attentive!

Recognition went to fellow members as follows:

12th Man Award

For continued attendance and hard work during Field Day Events and landscaping of the picnic area:

Dan Higdon
Kurt Mead
Mark Gray
Tim Peterson
Jeremy Miller
Mel Ashdown
Mark Huyser
Vernon Gilmore
Kevin Pothier
David Pothier
Scott Graupman
Paul Hogue

12th Man Award

In addition to participation in Field Day events, supported Toys for Tots drive by converting cash to toys and hand-delivering to a Marine Corps Reserves collection point.

Lester Moore
Gavin Taylor

12th Man Award

For contribution of time, effort and heavy

equipment to install the storage container and grade the picnic/berm area:

Art Flores

Most Crashes

Bruce Allen

I asked three different people and got the same answer. It's gotta be Bruce!

Most Demanding Recovery

Steve Shepersky

For recover of his P-51 following mid-air with Art Jan 2021; in addition, in 2020 his Global Ultimate lost half of his upper wing in a mid-air, following which he landed successfully, then made a flight with his upper wing removed!

Rookie of the Year

Cassandra Szakacs, an dear acquaintance of Steve Shepersky's, is still on a buddy box but is flying full aerobatic models on her own!

Most Improved Pilot

Bill Bryan joined the club just two years ago and has since significantly improved his skills. We all feel the despair of the bumps and crashes that come with the sport, and Bill's endured it all.

Builder of the Year

Ken Lawrence received his 4th award in six years! His builds of the year include an Old School Model Works "Comet", Lazy Bee (published in MA), Black Fin and Black Fin 2 and his Lazy Bee "Bat Plane"

Annual Jim Bailey Community Service Award with Lifetime Membership

Frank Gagliardi

The Jim Bailey Community Service Award was created to recognize an individual's efforts and achievements in the area of general service to our club over the past year.

For his dedication to the hobby within the community, being central to collaboration and execution of transfer of MRCF properties, leader of the Toys for Tots campaign for many years, and recognition throughout the County as a leader in Model Aviation, we take pleasure award this year's Jim Bailey Community Service Award to Frank.

Weedwacker of the Year – David Pothier

Each year we recognize a club member for significant contributions and accomplishments



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throughout the past year. David participated in every significant field day, movement of the storage container and the transition of the MRCF property to our site. He was the earthmover in all of the backbreaking landscaping improvements. He personally collected and transported the railroad ties that make up the new tiers in the picnic area and the safety steps between the lower and upper lots.

Distinguished Service Award – Ron Keith

This award recognizes members for *long term* dedication and service to the club.

Ron has served as Safety Officer for ten years, and had been our Raffle Czar for most of those, running monthly meeting raffles and major event raffles.

He participates in every field day, maintaining the pin box, First Aid Kit, fire extinguishers, emptying the battery cans (aka Black Widow dens).

He performs our firefighting training every year. With some encouragement, he made it to the top of the ladder to replace our eastern wind sock.

Ron's continuous and unrelenting support and participation in club activities, management and upkeep is significantly appreciated and hereby recognized.

Other recognition:

During the banquet, Kurt Mead presented the sign he and his wife put together. You'll see it at the entrance of the field as you drive towards the gate.

Our showing of model presentations was limited this year. The winners of **Model of the Year** are:

Best Sport – **Ken Lawrence**, Speedy Bee "Bat Plane" (Andy Clancy kit)



Best Scale – **Steve Shepersky**, SeaWind seaplane



Best ARF – **Bruce Allen**, Draco Sag-Wing



People's Choice – **David Pother**, Weatherman



Upcoming Events –

Fun Fly, Saturday 19th 9am – 11am

Pylon Racing, Saturday March 5th, start time TBD

Swap Meet, Saturday March 12th 7am-11am

New members: We have no new members in January. Membership is at 146 members!

Until next time -
Keith



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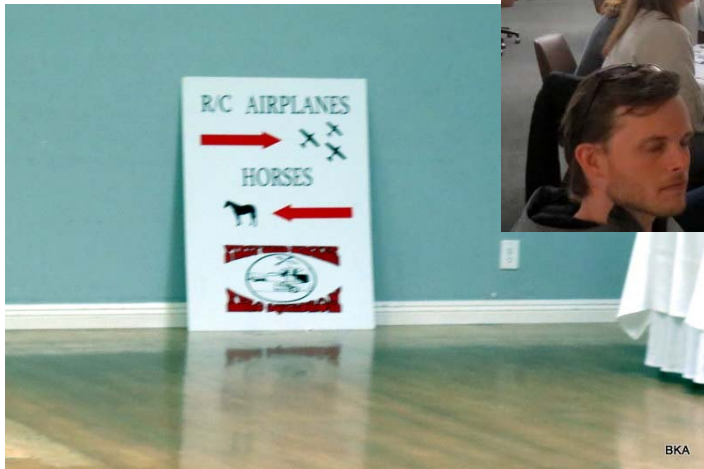


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Fun Fly— Feb 19th, 2022

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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SWAP MEET

Sat. Mar 12, 2022
Rain Date Mar 19, 2022

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

Hours: 7:00 am – 11:00 am
\$5 Seller's Fee
Buyers Free

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