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**NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER
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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 2

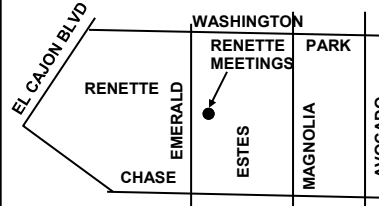
Mar 12	Sat	Swap Meet Cactus Park 7 AM—11 AM
April 7	Sat	Electric Pylon Race Cactus Park

Tom Kenan 5/22/1941—1/26/2022

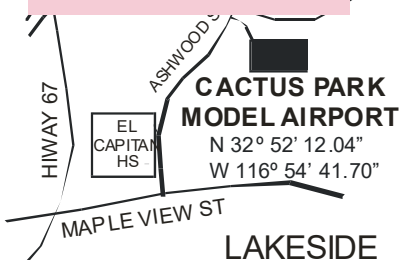
Tom joined the club in October 2006. Tom was a good guy with a great sense of humor, he will be missed down the field on week days! Tom had mentioned to members, and to his wife, that he'd planned on taking his hobby items to the field to "give to the boys". That will happen sometime soon. So far we have not heard of any memorial service, we will post it here when it is announced.



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



Field Is Opened





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Meeting Minutes February 1st 2022

Bruce Allen

First meeting at Renette 2022!

The meeting on February 1st 2022, was called to order by the club President, Keith Miller at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were 10, including board members, Secretary Bruce Allen, Treasurer Scott Graupmann, Vice President Jeff Coskey unable to attend,

Opening Comments

(Be sure to add your attendance raffle ticket to the tub for the drawing at the January banquet include your name)

New Member – John Gruber(?) Considering joining. Interested in Apprentice or Timber.

Ron's Tips! (NEW) If you have a useful tip let Ron know & you could get a valuable Raffle ticket!

Approval of Minutes in last month's Hangar News

Proposed: Ken Lawrence, Second: Ron Keith Unanimous

Treasurers Report

Beginning	\$12,082.46
Income	\$5,432
Expenses	\$7,225
Balance	\$10,708.81

Proposed: Frank Gagliardi. Seconded Fred Miller Unanimous.

Safety Report

Ron Keith- Always take Crash Bag out when going to a crash!

Racing—Events

Check the Calendar at our Website.

www.weedwackers.org

Fun Fly, Sat Feb 19, 9am

BBQ planning – burgers Hot Dogs, Potato Salad

Pylon Races, Sat Mar 5th

Time TBD T28's (FMS 800)

For information check Silent Flyers website

Swap Meet, Sat Mar 12th, 7am-11am

TEDx- No response, Bruce will follow up.

(Information may be changed as needed)

Membership Fees etc

Keith discussed the way Field Marshals & Board Members can collect fees at the field & put the money and forms into the secure box in the Peg Cabinet.

Storage Roof

Awaiting word on recycled siding (Dave Pothier)

Gravel For Parking Area- Richard Brown purchased & it was delivered to the field. Art will provide the equipment for the grading. (Many thanks Richard!)

(PS I was at the field for another reason on Thursday 17th, Art was doing a great job with a group of members doing the grading! Many thanks guys ! Bruce Allen)

Banquet Comments: The venue was great, lots of room, good food. Sound & Video worked well.

Lessons:

Plan out Model of the Year voting better

Advertise to bring models (had very few)

Prepare slide show a bit earlier to identify software issues

Ensure people know which entry to come into.

Field Rules

Smoking: Rule 20 was there to prevent fire from smoking, cigarettes, cigars & open flame. It did not cover Vaping, there is a new County Ordinance SEC. 41.118.5. SMOKING which prohibits all types of smoking including Vaping. We need to add to our Rules:

Proposed Keith Miller, Seconded Bruce Allen, Unanimous.

Sound: 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, 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.

Don Westergren – Talked about the original sound measurements that were done to comply with the existing measurements & we have had minimal complaints & he is concerned we may raise an unnecessary control.

Keith will carry out a Sound study to see what the



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current levels can be. As he says its not an easy task when the sound of a car can upset the readings....

Keith Miller as President received a couple of telephone calls from other San Diego clubs in response to a rumor, asking me if my field was shut down by the FAA. Nope, it's not. (Whew!).

Estate Sale

On **February 26th between, 2pm & 5pm**, Frank Gagliardi will be holding a modeling estate sale. The models include Gas, Glow and Electric, along with some more to be added as we get closer to the 26th...There is **NO JUNK** here.... Please feel free to call Frank (619-723-1422) if you have any questions or concerns.

Frank will be adding more items that need to find a new home.

The sale will take place at Frank's home: **8116 Columbus St, San Diego Show & Tell**

Ken Lawrence – His latest is a Flying Wing old school Model Works (unfortunately no pictures is available)

Drawing for Free membership

Jan Mitchel

TIP from Frank G.

Air conditioning ducting tape for covering. (Sorry lost the information!)

Raffle

Jeff Coskey – Files, Lamp +?

Bruce Allen – Books

Arnie-?

Meeting finished 20:00hrs

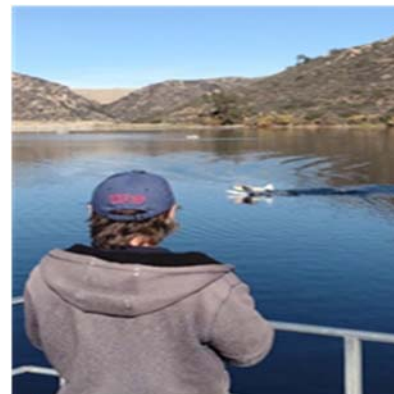
President's Message Mar 2022

This month has been busy all around! We got some fresh gravel in the parking area, and had a super Fun-Fly!

Building and Flying: Steve Shepersky mentored young Danny throughout the month to the point of making full 360 turns on his own.



Lake Poway Flying: Steve Shepersky, David Roche and Frank Gagliardi were spotted flying off of water back in January. Steve also shared evidence of Mr. Bob and Kurt Meade hitting the lake this month. I encourage club members to forward this copy of





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Hangar News to all of your friends north of the 42nd parallel, just to brag that we're in flip-flop weather!!! (That's the upper half of these fine United States.)

Membership Renewals: Membership renewals for 2022 are now. While more than 90 of you are current, there are still about 50 stragglers. 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 – The proposed revision passed at the February meeting which simply clarifies that vaping, in addition to smoking, is prohibited at County Parks. Posted and published copies are forthcoming.

Other “Rules” topics: Noise – The proposal to increase the noise limit from 96 to 98 dBA was withdrawn at the Feb meeting after some terrific discussions. Concurrence was reached that 1) if it's not broke, don't fix it and 2) increasing the limit would likely encourage those who know they have loud models to fly them rather than take steps to quiet them. Case closed.

This Time Last Year – Miramar Radio Control Flyers (MRCF) were shut down permanently. The potential nursery business to our east was dissolved. And the Weedwackers reached a milestone, recognized as an AMA Gold Leader Club for 20 years!

Recent Events

Equipment Repair - Steve Shepersky repaired one of our weed trimmers – thanks!! We have one trimmer still in need of repair, and our riding mower is in dire need of a good servicing. Call me!



Parking Area Gravel – Richard Brown, Art Flores and Jeff Coskey came together to add



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gravel to the parking area behind the pits. Richard managed the gravel procurement and delivery, and coordinated with Art who brought the big guns. Kurt Meade, Ron Keith, Steve Shepersky and Butch Weiser also took time from their day to provide the needed manual labor. Richard kicked off this project to mitigate dust accumulation in the pits from vehicle traffic.



went into the grass, as his plane took a nose-down bow, it barfed up all 10 beans. Aawwww.

Lastly was the Can-Can, towing an empty soda can around on a string and touching it to the bullseye for points. Eric Byrd had three 8-point hits, winning that round.

Max Merritt, while not winning any one round, scored well enough to match Eric for total points and a tie for first place. That required a 7-11 Craps tie-breaker. Eric's son Wyatt was his roller and, well – let's just say that rolling an 11 took quite a bit of time. Glen rolled for his son Max, and took home the First Place prize, selecting a roll of Velcro tape. Eric was 2nd, selecting a nifty digital caliper. Jeff ranked 3rd, but since he also had the "Best Crash", he opted for

Fun Fly: This last Saturday Feb 19th, we had nine participants and a good handful of heckling spectators come out on an absolutely beautiful Sothern California day. Ron Keith put on an excellent burger/weenie BBQ with his famous potato salad. Vernon Gilmore was our flightline official and spotter. David Roche helped out with the balloon placement during the slalom. Thanks guys!!!

We ran three events. First was the taxi slalom during which the pilot must pop a balloon at the turnaround point. Funny thing – poor Wyatt had a perfect run at the balloon and that sucker just wouldn't pop! Time to sharpen those prop tips, eh? His Dad Eric Byrd won that event with a time of 23.3 seconds, just barely beating out yours truly.

We next did the Jelly Bean Haul, starting with 10 candies in a small cup on our planes. Everyone successfully took off, flew a circuit and landed with at least 8 beans, most with 10. Those who kept all the treats flew a 2nd heat, adding a loop. Five of *those* pilots kept all 10 jelly beans, so we had them do a barrel roll *and* a loop, and Jeramy Miller was the only one to keep his candies – all 10, winning that round. Mark Huyser had a perfect third round until his landing

Name	Can-Can (Bulls-eye)		Taxi Slalom		Jelly Bean Haul		Overall		Tie-Break 7-11 Craps	
	Score	Points	Time	Points	Score	Points	Score	Rank	Score	Rank
Eric Byrd	24	9	00:23.3	9	9	2	20	1	01:17.9	1
Max Merritt	16	8	00:28.3	7	20	5	20	1	00:31.4	2
Jeff Coskey	14	7	00:33.8	4	20	5	16	3		
Jeramy Miller	0	0	00:28.8	6	30	9	15	4		
Keith Miller	7	3	00:26.0	8	10	3	14	5		
Glenn Merritt	12	6	00:52.8	1	20	5	12	6		
Tim Peterson	7	3	00:32.0	5	18	4	12	6		
Mark Huyser	7	3	00:40.8	3	20	5	11	8		
Wyatt Byrd	3	2	00:52.5	2	8	1	5	9		
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that prize (5-min epoxy) and relinquished 3rd to Jeramy Miller for a pack of zip-ties.. Jeff Coskey won the Best Crash award after folding his landing gear on the Can-Can. Hey Jeff – "Fly the Can, not the plane!" Heh Heh.

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Life Membership Award – Art Flores: In recognition for his significant contributions of both labor and heavy machinery spanning at least this past decade, Steve Shepersky nominated, and the Board of Directors approved, a Lifetime Membership for Art. Art was presented the award at a gathering of his buddies peers at our Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field this last Sunday Feb 20th. Art, we sincerely thank you for your dedication and hard work. Our field is truly better because of you!



Pin Box Lost and Found, “Free” table: Often, members may forget to pack everything up before going home, or we may find stray parts out in the field (canopies, bits of scale ordinance, wheels, etc). It’s common practice and courtesy that those items be left in the safety cabinet for the rightful owner to collect next time they’re out. Note that I say “rightful owner”. The safety cabinet isn’t used for free-grabs – it’s our best solution for secure Lost and Found cabinet. That said, Ron Keith maintains the cabinet and if he sees spare parts in there for more than a couple of weeks, they’ll be removed. So grab *your* items if you see them there. **Your items!**



Secondly, the table directly across from the safety cabinet and under the bulletin board is often used for giveaways. If you leave something on that table, consider it free game. But please don’t move those items into the safety cabinet; just leave ‘em out. Eventually they’ll go away.

Upcoming Events –

Swap Meet, **Saturday March 12th 7am-11am**
Pylon Racing, **MOVED to Saturday April 2nd**, start time TBD

Stand by for details on configurations. We’re learning that the stock 20A ESCs aren’t sufficient.

New members: Dustin and Randy Bennett join us this month; Welcome guys!

Until next time -
Keith





First Weedwacker Aerosquadron
Lakeside, CA

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

Information:
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