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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

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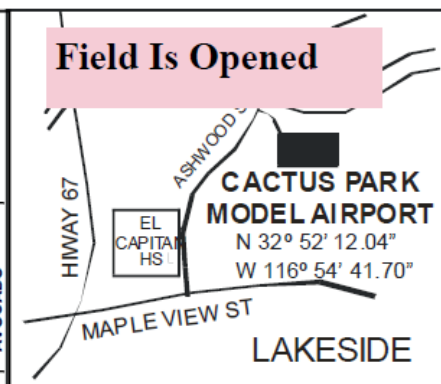
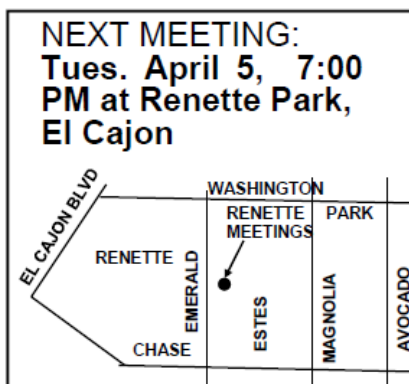
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the field

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This issue of the Hangar News was cobbled together by Keith while our
Newsletter Editor Don Westergren recovers from devastating computer
loss! Please forgive formatting issues or oddities in pagination.

Note that the Scale Fly-In is moved to Saturday the 21st of May to align
with Armed Forces Day.





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Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2022

Bruce Allen

The meeting on the 5th of April 2022, was called to order by the club Vice President at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were 11, including board members, Secretary Bruce Allen, Vice President Jeff Coskey, Treasurer Scott Graupmann. The President Keith Miller was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes in last month's Hangar News

Proposed: Frank Gagliardi, Second: Ron Keith
Unanimous

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance:	\$10,288.81
Income:	\$2470.79
Expenses:	\$2003.50
Final Balance:	\$10756.10

Proposed: Ron Keith Second Mark Lukens

Safety Report

Watch out for Nettles! Sting can last for some time...

Watch out for rocks in the ground that could trip you up (Especially us Old Folks!)

Also be careful of running aircraft, make sure they are secured.

Don't reach for Glow Igniter from behind the prop!
Paint Prop Tips white. (Advice from the President)

Tabled Business

Work was done at the West Extension at the Field to repair cracks & a Pothole.

There is much work to be done & could cost approx. \$6K from a professional company TBD

Pylon Racing Took place on April the 2nd Photos of participants emailed out. This was a very enjoyable event & I'm sure there will be more competitions!

Upcoming Events

Check the Calendar at our Website
<http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/>

Lakeside Western Days Parade: Saturday April the 23rd.
Bruce is sourcing the Trailer from SDASM, it's at

Gillespie Field & looks serviceable. Arrangements are being made to tow it to the field.

We'd appreciate your help!

To prepare the float, we'll meet at **4pm on Friday April 22nd at the club field** where we'll prepare the trailer/float with support frames and some bling.

Then at **7:30 am on Saturday April 23rd we'll meet the float at our staging area** (yet to be assigned) to stage our models on the float.

Bring your model to show - If you have a model of any size or type that you'd like to show off, bring it to the staging area and we'll nail it to the float. Well, we'll attach it safely.

Scale Fly on May 14th changed to May 21st Armed Forces Day. Information is on our website & an email has been sent out. Art Flores +? Is the coordinator. Ron has volunteered to be the Chef of the day, Hamburgers, Hot-Dogs etc. Anne (Secretary's wife) will make some deserts.

Budget: Food \$200, Raffle Prizes \$750, Plaques \$100 – Total Cost \$1050.

Proposed: Jeff Coskey, Seconded Fred Miller (Snr)
Unanimous

Storage Roof

Dave Pothier has 22 Sheets of siding, needs to be cut down to size. Believed to be in 12 Ft lengths. Mark volunteered to do some woodwork to construct a Lean-to roof etc.

Also Charging System needs some work, Mark Lukens also volunteered, Bruce Allen also said he could help.

Field Rules

11.d All aircraft will yield to aircraft landing & taking off. Pilots shall announce intentions to Take Off & or Land.

Runway cracks.

Magic Crack Filler is in Pin box. Fill crack with product & fill with water which activates it to fill the crack. Expensive stuff. Jeff spoke to Keith to OK spending \$200 for special tools to make the job easier. There is a V Shaped squeegee tool on a pole that can prevent the need to kneel. There is





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also an Asphalt Melt machine that uses Propane to melt rubberized crack filler & apply it, an example below:

There are lots of this type of machine out there, this just one example. \$1,299 from Amazon!

Mark Lukens – Said he would check in the old MRCF shed as he believes there may be tools in there that could be useful.

Weeds – There is RoundUp in the MRCF shed; someone please spray the Picnic area.

- Ron did 2 weeks ago
- Mow day Saturday the 9th.

Riding Mower – belt came off in February but worked it back on. Needs TLC

Good of the Order

Poway Skimmers

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/club/lake-poway-skimmers>

This club specializes on Float Plane flying, several of our members go there. I went & observed it looked like fun, in my case in stead of crashing I would just sink! Check the link above for more information.

Field hours are Mondays 1pm to 4pm on Poway Lake.

Drawing for Free membership

Fred L Miller! Was present and Won!

Raffle

No Raffle today

Meeting finished 20:00hrs

President's Message May 2022

Snakes are out and about, so keep your eyes open. Our most recently reported sighting was near the entrance gate – a brown snake (not venomous). If you need to transit out in the riverbed, grab one of the broomsticks we have staged there at the chain link fence gate. Use it to disrupt any tall grasses you may need to step through.

Also be wary of black widow spiders that frequent our pit area. They like the trash cans and work benches.

The TRUST exams Reminder – we're all required to be registered with the FAA as a recreational pilot and carry with us both our registration number and our TRUST completion certificate. This is "The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)" exam



that's been the focus of the AMA's blogs and emails. I took the test. On the two questions that I guessed wrong; the system simply let me keep clicking until I got them right! It costs nothing. But as you're aware, the TRUST completion certificate is federally required. Oddly, and to our advantage, it isn't tied to our AMA membership, or the FAA Recreational Pilot registration. It's just another card that we get to keep with us at the field to show any potential FAA or law enforcement official that might happen by the field. Also, please be sure your FAA registration number is on each of your models, visible from the outside.

Building and Flying:

A year ago, Arnold Lipschutz brought out his kit-built Bingo 20. It's flown a few times was heavy. To remedy the high wing loading, he added a second wing!

Steve Shepersky performed the maiden flight, and Jeff had her up for a few



more this last weekend. She looks purty in the air. Nice job Arnold!!





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Safety: As mentioned in the minutes – be wary of reaching towards a running engine 1) when tired and 2) from in front of the engine.

Also, paint your prop tips white to give a visible indication of the prop arc. I got thirteen stitches about a month ago (out now) and very fortunately have only very minor nerve damage. Duh



This Time Last Year – We were still holding virtual meetings, but opened up our outdoor activities to host one of the biggest swap meets in our history.

Recent Events

Pylon Racing, On Saturday April 2nd Tim Peterson held our first pylon race series in many, many years. We had twelve entrants in all, with one scratch early on. Several pilots joined us from SEFSD who proved that



experience pays off. Steve Neu won the day, with Alex Sutton earning second position. Ken Dunlop and Jeramy Miller tied for third. Our next race day is Saturday July 9th. The FMS 800mm T-28's are still on the market. C'mon out! Pictures of our April event can be viewed here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qWbQTHPrMXFgoJ3wJ2fuMcK6Cb3URsMw?usp=sharing>

Frank Sutton of the SEFSD club also created an awesome SmugMug library

(<https://sefsd.smugmug.com/SEFSD-T28-Racing-April-2022/>).

Lakeside Western Days Parade – Unfortunately we had no interest amongst the general membership, so we withdrew our entry. This was a bit disappointing and, in a small way, diminishes the imprint we have in the local community.

Field Day – In contrast to our poor showing for the parade, we had a very good and much appreciated turnout for our Field Day on April 9th. Many thanks go to Jeff, MR. Bob, Butch, Ron, Richard Brown, Dick, Mark Huyser, Vernon, Mark Gray, Erik and Wyatt. Keep an eye out for emails for maintenance and cleanup days planned before our Scale Fly-In.

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New members: We didn't have any new joins in April. Our membership consists of 112 regular paying members, 13 Juniors (under the age of 19), and five lifetime members totaling 130 strong. There are 23 holdouts from 2021 that haven't renewed yet, a few of which I'm confident will return when the bug bites. We're 11 to 91 years old, averaging 58.69.

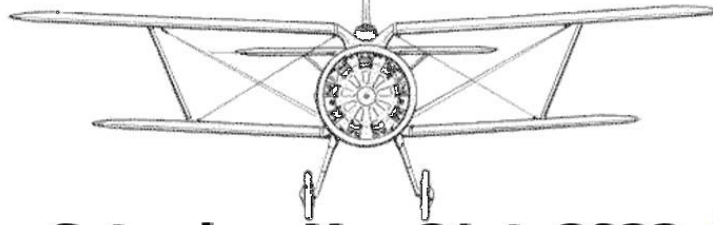
See you at the field -
Keith





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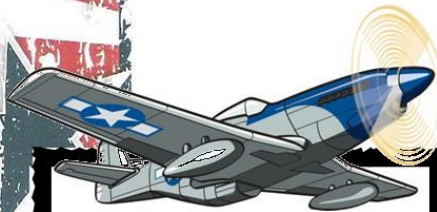
Armed Forces Day



Saturday, May 21st, 2022



Scale Fly-In



Awards for:
Best Civilian
Best Military
People's Choice
Judges' Choice

Schedule:

8:00-9:00 AM Check in
9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying
11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

\$10 Landing Fee

\$5 for Lunch (participating pilots eat FREE!)

Scale and Semi-Scale models welcome—ARFs too!

Event Coordinators

Art Flores 619-715-1842

Dick Milhausen

(619) 561-5323

Rain Date: Sat, May 22nd



Event site: Weedwackers are located at:
10295 Ashwood Street
Lakeside, CA
Across from the BMX track

www.weedwackers.org