



# HANGAR NEWS

**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

July 5 Tue Club Meetin CANCELLED  
 Aug 2 Tue Regular Club Meeting Renette Park 7:00 pm  
 Aug 13 Sat National Model Aviation Day Pot Luck + Flyin  
 Aug 27 Sat Electric Pylon Racing 9AM to Noon  
 Sept 6 Tue Club Meeting CANCELLED  
 Sept 9 Sat Fun Fly 9AM to Noon  
 Oct 4 Tue Regular Club Meeting Renette Park 7:00 pm  
 Nov 1 Tue Regular Club Meeting Renette Park 7:00 pm  
 Dec 6 Tue Club Meeting CANCELLED

## August Meeting @ Renette Park August 2

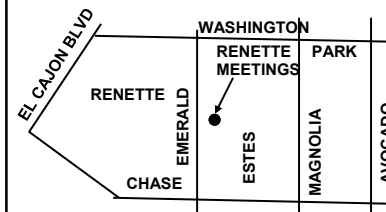
We will have a regular meeting at Renette Park. Please come. This meeting will be voting on changes to the Club Bylaws (as described in the President's Message).

## Pylon Race Results

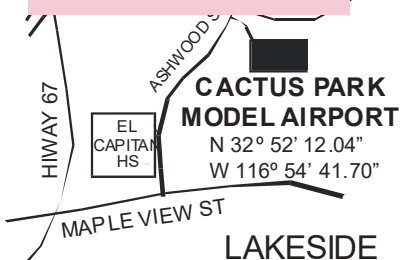
Our pylon racing event on July 9th had an unfortunate scheduling conflict with our friends at the Silent Flyers club. Both clubs had scheduled raving event at the same time. But, even with the conflict we still had 7 pilots to make the event memorable. 7 planes started the event but only 5 were able to complete all 3 heats. One pilot had a losing argument with terra firma and another pilot had a conflict with the dreaded fence and lost. Glen and Tim tied for first and a close second place finish by Ken. A big thanks to all our participants Glen, Tim, Eric, David, Kurt, Ken, and Julian!

Our next race is scheduled for August 27th so get your planes ready. Go fast! Turn Left!

**NEXT MEETING:  
Tues. August 2,  
7:00 PM at Renette  
Park,**



**Field Is Opened**





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## President’s Message August 2022

I’ve been out of the loop for much of July on business, and will likely be away until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August, missing yet another regular meeting. My current adventure has me in Oahu supporting my company’s participation in RIMPAC 2022. We’re demonstrating our MQ-9 SeaGuardian’s Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) capabilities. There are 27 participating countries in this monumental event.



**Meetings:** As we put out over email, we’re reducing our meeting intervals, but we DO have one planned for Tues August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Renette park (still 7pm). I encourage your attendance, as there will be a vote on some bylaws revisions that I’ll go over shortly.

**Corrections to the Hangar News, July 2022:** While it was the July newsletter, the cover page said “June”. And in the Scale Fly-In report, the Best Civilian Award went to Dave Roche (not Paul) with a P-51 Dago Red (vice a Strega). Dave, thanks for pointing that out!

**Revisions to Bylaws:** One of the items we’ll discuss and vote on during the August meeting is a few changes to the bylaws.

Here are the proposed changes, approved by the Board, and presented for your review prior to a vote.

Currently the **Safety Officer** is appointed by the President and has no vote as a member of the Board. Given the scope and breadth of his duties and responsibilities, we want him to be a voting member of the Board.

Article 3, Section A. (5) is added to create a fifth Club Officer position as the Safety Officer:

*The Safety Officer shall be responsible for training and oversight of all activities conducted by the membership within the boundaries of the field. He shall maintain postings of the AMA Safety Code upon club bulletin boards. He shall perform annual training events to include, at a minimum, basic firefighting training as it applies to the operations and hazards that members may face at the flying field. He shall maintain firefighting and first aid equipment to the greatest extent practicable within the club’s operational scope and funding available.*

Secondly, during a regular review of the bylaws, we discovered that the paragraph that **waives dues** for the Webmaster was inadvertently deleted in 2012. The Webmaster’s dues were



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waived in a 2009 revision to the bylaws, but it disappeared in 2012. We'll reinstate that waiver. Additionally, in consideration for the work that the Newsletter Editor puts in every month, we'll also waive his annual dues. We'd not considered this recently since Don Westergren has been a Life Member for several years. But at some point, probably in the year 2062, Don might decide to hang up his newsletter duties. At that point, the Editor will have his/her dues waived.

Article 5, Section C has two new sections:

*(7) The Newsletter Editor is exempt from dues during the period of his or her service. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for creating, editing and publishing a monthly newsletter to include minutes of recent club meetings, summaries of events and any articles appropriate for sharing with the membership.*

*(8) If the club has an active web site, the Webmaster is exempt from dues during the period of his or her service. The webmaster is responsible for posting monthly newsletters, publishing calendar events, urgent bulletins and photo galleries of club events.*

Finally, it was brought to our attention that the club Officers aren't formally appointed or recognized as **Field Marshals**. To that end, Article 6, Section C paragraph (4) a. is revised to clarify:

*(4) a. Field Marshals are appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors. Club Officers are, by definition, Field Marshals.*

These additions and revisions are hereby presented in accordance with Article 4 and will be voted upon at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**National Model Aviation Day (NMAD)**: On Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> we'll observe NMAD with a pot luck luncheon with some fun-fly events. We will also have a large raffle!

This will be a **POT LUCK** luncheon, so get your thinking caps on and bring some yummys! Anything and everything are welcome: chicken, burritos, salads, cookies, pastries, sodas, water, watermelon, pizza – whatever! I'll put out a reminder a couple of days beforehand.

**Polo Field Incursions** – I've had fewer calls and notifications of possible overflight incidents. "Fewer", not "none". Between my many recent travels, I had the pleasure of flying a couple of days over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and was very pleased to observe everyone doing their best to fly LEFT and shorten their landing approaches. I truly appreciated what I saw. That doesn't mean there's not been a few continued occasions of folks approaching the eastern end. As a reminder, I'm asking you all to 1) keep your aircraft visually to the LEFT of the two power line towers on the mountain across from us and 2) when coming in for landing, try to make your turn to base at the white pump house.

For reference, please see the large 4'x8' sign we have at Station 1.







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**Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field  
Pot-Luck Lunch and Fun-Fly  
Saturday, Aug 13th, 2022  
9:00 am until 12:00 pm**



Join us and the Academy of Model Aeronautics Foundation in celebrating model aviation for the **tenth** annual National Model Aviation Day.



**Prizes for each Fun-Fly event!  
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