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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

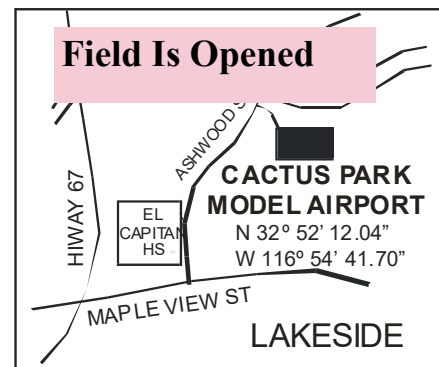
Sept 3 Sat Club Meeting 9:00 AM at Cactus Park
Sept 3 Sat T-28 Electric Pylon Races 9:30 Cactus Park
Sept 9 Sat Fun Fly 9AM to Noon
Oct 4 Tue Regular Club Meeting Renette Park 7:00 pm
Nov 1 Tue Regular Club Meeting Renette Park 7:00 pm
Dec 6 Tue Club Meeting CANCELLED

September Meeting @ Cactus Park Sept 3, 9:00 AM

We announced that there would be no meeting this month,
However due to low turnout at the August meeting, we could
not do all the business needed.

So This is special. A short business meeting will be held
September 3 Saturday before the T-28 Races. Bring a chair if
you want, or stand for a few minutes. Keith assured us it will
be quick.

**NEXT MEETING:
Sat Sept 3, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
El Cajon
Renette Park**





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Meeting Minutes August 2nd, 2022

Bruce Allen

The meeting on the August 2nd, 2022, was called to order by the President at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were **8**, including board members, Secretary Bruce Allen, Vice President Jeff Coskey, Treasurer Scott Graupmann.

Keith has checked our Bylaws to see if we had a quorum of enough members, so we could vote on issues etc, as we only had 8 (increased to 9 as a member showed up later) We need 10% for a quorum we didn't have enough.

Opening Comments

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

No Raffle tonight low attendance!!

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: Frank Gagliardi, Second: Ron Keith Unanimous

Treasurers Report

September Expenses and Income			
Date	Item	Amount	Total
06/07/2022	Balance		\$9,899.35
6/7/2022	BBQ	(280.00)	\$9,619.35
6/7/2022	Field Supplies	(205.02)	\$9,414.33
6/9/2022	United Site Services	(411.82)	\$9,002.51
6/15/2022	Ron Keith	(178.00)	\$8,824.51
7/9/2022	United Site Services	(411.82)	\$8,412.69
7/9/2022	Waste Management	(110.09)	\$8,302.60
7/5/2022	Deposit	399.00	\$8,701.60
7/5/2022	Field Expenses	(527.07)	\$8,174.53
8/2/2022	Deposit	162.00	\$8,336.53
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	Net	(1,562.82)	
	Income	0.00	
	Expenses	(1,074.84)	



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Review expenses to see if we can reduce the amount in cost.

Proposed: Ron Keith, Second Fred Miller Unanimous.

Safety Report

Ron intends to conduct a First Aid, Fire & AED instruction at the field date TBD.

Upcoming Events

Frank Gagliardi – 27th August 2022 Massive Model Airplane Sale. Kits, Engines, small planes etc!

You should have received a ‘Prospectus’ from the Weedwackers, via Frank, let Bruce Allen know if you didn’t he will email you a copy! (18 pages)

Check the Calendar at our Website

<http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/>

New Business

Race Planning

Race Chairman?

Classes? (Goblin, T-28, EFX, Micro)

Swooper Flag cost \$150 per flag (ground spike 12’ Flag)

Custom Club Logo could be done at an extra cost.

Ron Keith- Brought up the idea that we should have another Flag on the flagpole in addition to the Marine one. The flag would have our Logo on it! Ron will investigate it & we can discuss at the next meeting.

Keith mentioned that a few of us Ron Keith, Julian Sonderegger, Bruce Allen & Noah (a young member) took our life in our hands to get the Windsock pole down, to refurbish the Wooden Plane as it was looking dull! After a lottery Julian ‘volunteered’ to climb the ladder. In due course we got the Plane to a point where we (Julian) could scrape the wood apply White paint followed by Yellow, problem solved.

Last Word: Keith mentioned that in the last 3 weeks we have not any complaints from the Polo chaps!

Frank Gagliardi showed off a beautiful electric model he built from an old kit (sorry lost the namez)

Raffle

No Raffle today





President's Message September 2022

Meetings: We'll change things up yet again. Last month, I'd put out that we'd cancel the September meeting and carry forward with Oct and November. That was before our August meeting had such poor attendance that we couldn't conduct a vote on bylaws revisions. So, this coming Saturday, September 3rd at 9am, we'll hold a club meeting at the field (Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field) before the start of the pylon races. The agenda for the meeting will be:

Presentation and approval of the Treasurer's Report and the prior months meeting minutes.

Words from the Safety Officer

Review upcoming events

Plan field upgrades (secondary solar system, storage unit roof, runway cracks)

Vote on bylaws revisions (see below)

Revisions to Bylaws: Since we didn't have an opportunity to vote on a set of bylaws revisions at the August meeting, here's a reminder of what's on the table for this upcoming September meeting:

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 formally 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.

3. Finally, it was brought to our attention that the club Officers aren't formally



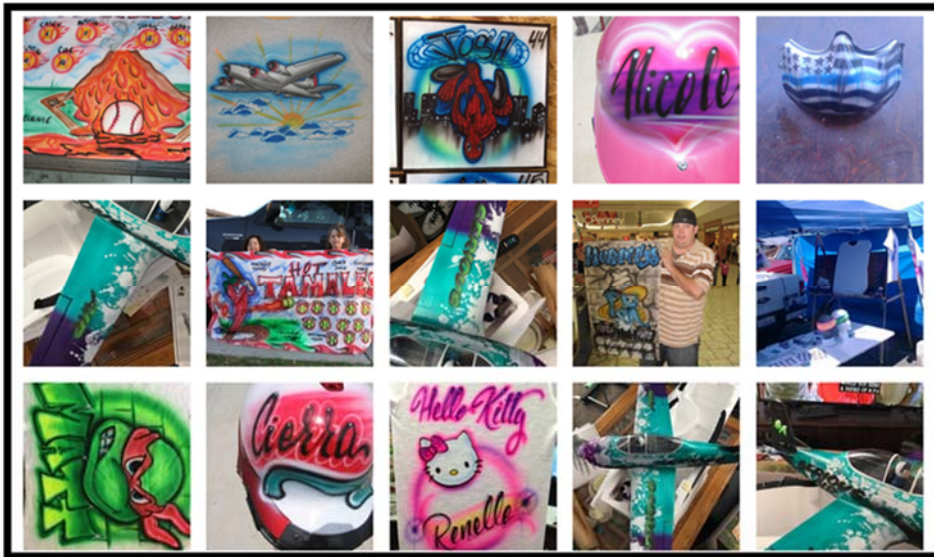
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appointed or recognized as **Field Marshals**. To that end, Article 6, Section C paragraph (4) a. is revised to clarify:

(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 September 3rd meeting.

Building and Flying: George Pearsol showed off this absolutely gorgeous FMS T-28! George specializes in custom paint schemes and is found on Yelp.com as Serious Air Custom Airbrushing. Here is just a small sample of the hundreds of projects he's done. If you want your plane to really POP out, give him a call!



This Time Last Year – We received a fresh seal coat and striping job on the runway and the steps from the lower to upper sides of the parking lot were installed. Tana Armitage saw benefits of more than \$4,500 from the modeling estate of her late husband and fellow



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Weedwacker Joe Cullum. And Arnold Lipschutz started building a Top Flite Holy Smoke for Jeff. Hopefully we'll see that one fly soon.

Recent Events

Working Party – A Working Party gathered with Jeff back on July 30th to take care of some field maintenance. The primary focus was to re-organize our storage units. Participants included the venerable Ron Keith, Noah and his grandfather, Lester and his grandson Gavin, Dean Nickol, Scott Graupmann, Richard Brown, David Roach, Mark Huyser, Vernon Gilmore, Julian Sonderegger and couple more Jeff couldn't recall. The silhouette model on the wind sock pole was rejuvenated.

Thank you ALL very much for your participation!

NMAD – On August 13th we celebrated (to some extent) National Model Aviation Day. For the most part, it was just a day to socialize and fly our models. The pot-luck was well-supported with sammiches from Arnold accompanied by salads, cream cheese peppers, cookies and pastries. One of our newest members Cassie brought a terrific macaroni salad, and someone prepared some cream-cheese filled peppers that were awesome! Thanks to Ron Keith for bringing chips and drinks.

We held a couple of simple events just for fun. Jeff won the Jelly Bean Haul with a perfect score of 10 beans after a loop and landing.

Rookie Noah Rights held on to 7 beans (after 3 loops!), and Lyle and Fred kept one each. Other participants included Mark, Eric, Wyatt, Frank and Scott.

A few of us also tried the Can-Can; I won with 14 closely followed by Eric with 13, Jeff with 9 and Noah and Scott hit 4 and 3 respectively.

Unfortunately, the planned raffle didn't happen due to some logistics issues.

Upcoming Events –

10 Sep: 9 – 12pm Fun Fly

23-25 Sep: Miramar Air Show

5 Nov: Swap Meet and Toys-4-Tots Drive

12 Nov: Veteran's Day Fly-In

New members: Welcome to Mason Richardson and Craig Woodard who joined us in August! Our membership consists of 121 regular paying members, now up to 14 Juniors (under the age of 19), and five lifetime members totaling 140 strong. We're 11 to 92 years old, averaging 58.21167883.

“A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.”

Keith



Pylon Races

Saturday Sept 3rd, 2022

Class: FMS 800mm T-28 Trojan

Schedule:

- 7a-9a Practice and warm-up flying followed by a club meeting
- 9:30 Pilots Meeting and Safety Briefing
- 9:40 Start the events

The field will be closed to regular flying from 9:30 until the event concludes, usually around 12:30.

WHEN: September 3rd at 9:00am

WHERE: Ron Smith Memorial RC Park

Here are the details:

Plane Details:

The ONLY plane we will be racing is the **FMS T28 v2 (the 800mm version)**. In later races we will probably open up to additional classes once we see how the first race goes. You can purchase one at [Horizon Hobby](#) or any hobby store that has them in stock.



- ESC:** This plane comes stock with a 20A speed controller which in our testing, rides the edge of safety. For this reason we are allowing any ESC you wish to install in your plane but you must stick with the stock motor.
- Prop:** We will allow the stock prop or an APC 7x6E.
- Gyro:** The stock plane comes with an orange gyro and a bunch of servo / receiver wires. Feel free to pull out that dead weight if you want.
- Battery:** The only limitation on the battery we have is that it must be a 3 cell battery. Pilots have had success with 800mAh to 1100mAh in size.
- Markings:** Each plane will be expected to have a **unique marking so spotters and pylon judges will be able to identify your plane. It can either be a color scheme (paint job) or a VERY visible decal with a number. Be creative!**

Race Details

- 3 heats of 6 laps each. (Plan your battery size accordingly)
- Starts will be from the air.
- Left turns around the pylons. No cutting! Pylon judges will deduct your score if you turn prior to the pylon.
- Take off will commence 30 seconds prior to race start
- Each pilot will have his/her own spotter to call out when they cross the lap / finish line. Spotters can be anyone at the field not currently flying in the race.
- We will have up to 5 planes running in a single heat. Fly safe!

If you have any questions about the plane or the races feel free to send an email to webmaster.weedvackers@gmail.com

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FUN FLY

Saturday September 10th, 2022
 9:00 AM to 12:30

Possible Events:

- Taxi slalom
- Jelly Bean Haul
- Bomb Drop
- Climb 'n Glide
- 7-11 Craps!
- Loops and Rolls (Flight Drill)



Classes: One class fits all
Prizes - The winner of each event as well as the overall points winner will take home some terrific prizes!

Schedule:
 9:00 Pilots Meeting and Safety Briefing

9:15 Start the events

The field will be closed to regular flying from 9:15 until the event concludes, usually around 11:30.

Pick your plane carefully!

Events may require both good ground and airborne handling.

\$5 Entry Fee



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