



HANGAR NEWS

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER
AEROSQUADRON
AMA CHARTER # 1651
October 2022**

First Weedwacker Aero Squadron
P.O. Box 2044
Lakeside, CA 92040

Sign up for Email Delivery of
Newsletter :

news.weedwackers@gmail.com

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

Club Officers Email:

info.weedwackers@gmail.com

President: Keith Miller 619-405-0192

V-P: Jeffrey Coskey 619-913-1455

Sec: Bruce Allen 760-789-3745

Treas: Scott Graupmann 858-945-6969

10938 Vivaracho Way

San Diego, CA 92124

Fun Fly Chairman Keith Miller

Race Chairman

Safety Officer Ron Keith

Field Marshals:

Vernon Gilmore Ron Keith

Dick Milhausen Gary Rold

Tim Peterson Richard Brown

Wings Over Gillespie Liason:

TBD

Raffle Chairman

Ron Keith 619-312-0968

Editor: Don Westergren 619-660-1137

3942 Calavo Dr

La Mesa CA 91941

Webmaster: Tim Peterson

webmaster@weedwackers.org

Instructors:

Scott Graupmann* 858-945-6969

Keith Miller* 619-405-0192

Richard Crutchfield* Jeff Coskey*

Butch Weiser* Dean Nickol*

Dick Mulhausen

*AMA Introductory Pilot Program Instructors

Electrical Aircraft Safety Technicians:

Scott Graupmann, Glenn Merritt,

Jeff Coskey, Butch Weiser,

Bruce Allan, Larry Bagalini and Keith Miller

HANGAR NEWS is printed for the members of the FIRST WEED WACKER AEROSQUADRON and its contents do not necessarily reflect the policies of the club. Editorial deadline is the 15th of each month. Articles, news items and classified ads should be sent to Don Westergren, 3942 Calavo Dr., La Mesa, CA 91941.

Articles originally published in this newsletter may be reprinted and published by modelers and club newsletters. We ask that credit to the author and this newsletter be acknowledged in the reprint. We will do the same.

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

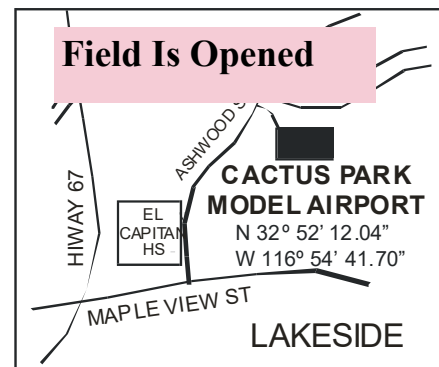
Oct 1 Sat Regular Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 am
 Oct 1 Sat Electric Pylon Races Cactus Park 9:30 am
 Nov 1 Tue Regular Club Meeting Renette Park 7:00 pm
 Nov 5 Sat Swap Meet Toys for Tots, Cactus Park
 Nov 12 Sat Vets Day Scale Fly-In + Pot Luck BBQ
 Dec 6 Tue Club Meeting CANCELLED

October Meeting @ Cactus Park October 1, 9:00 AM

The October meeting is special, since this is the meeting where we nominate Club Officers for the next year

So This is special. A short business meeting will be held October 1, 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 Oct 1, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakesdie, CA**





Hangar News

Meeting Minutes September 3rd, 2022

Bruce Allen

This was the first meeting held on the concrete tables at the field!

The meeting was held on the 3rd of September 2022, & was called to order by the club President, Keith Miller at 09:00. In attendance were 15, including board members, Secretary Bruce Allen, Vice President Jeff Coskey,
(Treasurer Scott Graupmann Absent)

Opening Comments

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

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: Steve Shepersky, Seconded Glenn Merritt, Unanimous

Treasurers Report

(Not available)

Old Business

Proposed Bylaws amendments brought forward from the last meeting where we did not have a quorum to allow us to enact a vote.

We had 15 members present which gave us the number we needed; we would have liked more but.....

Outhouse Cost: While Scott was absent, Keith reminded the club that we're reviewing options to reduce cost. We'd noted a previous meetings that an option could be to go with a non-wheelchair accessible unit, but a member advised that we have on occasion had wheelchair-bound members use the facility. Going forward, we'll keep that option.

Proposed Bylaws Revision

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.

Proposed by Keith Miller, Seconded by Bruce Allen: Unanimous.

Secondly, during a regular review of the bylaws, we discovered 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



Hangar News

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.

Proposed: Keith Miller Seconded: Ron Keith: Unanimous.

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 next meeting.

Proposed: Keith Miller, Seconded Bill Simmons, Unanimous

Copies of the new Bylaws will be put in the Field Notes Folder

Storage unit roof

POC now is Mark Lukens; holding off until we have cooler weather.

Storage unit charging system

Also awaiting cooler weather.

West-end charging system

Solar panels are up.

POC is Kurt Mead; needs only cabling to be connected.

Runway cracks – (On hold) Wait for Cooler weather.

Magic Crack Filler experiment started (needs to be checked)

Alternative/additional: filler from Mark Lukens

G Scott Paving offered sealer at cost in 5 gal cans

Racing

Jeff working on Poles for racing flags & White flags.

Glen Merritt urged that we (Race Chairman) ensure we deconflict our race schedule with SEFSD.

Raffle

No Raffle today

Meeting finished 9:30 hrs



Hangar News

President's Message October 2022

Meetings: As a reminder, our October club meeting will be held **at the field at 9:00 am, Saturday October 1st** followed immediately by our pylon races.

Agenda will cover event plans for November (Veterans' Day Fly-In, Swap Meet), banquet planning (in Jan 2023), and nominations for the November club Officer ballot.

Club Officer Elections in November: Elections for club officer positions are coming up at the November meeting. Running for their current offices are Jeff Coskey for VP, Bruce Allen for Secretary and Scott Graupman for Treasurer. The office of Club President is open for nominations. I'll not be running again. I've been an Officer since 2009 as Safety Officer, Secretary or President. I was President first in 2012 and 2013 and have had it again since 2016. It's time that I spend some time in the man-cave building!

Those interested and willing are asked to step up and have at it!

And new this year, the position of Safety Officer is an elected post (note bylaws revision approved at the September meeting). I nominate Ron Keith!

FAA and Remote ID – If you get the regular emails from the AMA, you may recall a series of the subject of Remote ID. I love their dramatization – “the deadline draws near!”. Actually, it doesn't. It's still at *least* a full year away. And it won't impact us at the Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field. At least not dramatically. There's this thing called a FRIA: “FAA-Recognized Identification Areas”. The Weedwackers are already identified through and registered with the FAA as a recreational flying site with a Letter of Agreement in place with Gillespie field. Once the FAA releases their final documentation (AC 91-57C, which establishes a process to recognize Community-Based Organizations), then we (the club) will apply for FRIA status which will be renewable four years after that. Modelers flying within a FRIA need not install any Remote ID hardware or transmitters. Many of you may think the AMA has no real value, but I'm of the strong opinion that their representation in front of the AMA is helping to protect our interests.

Building and Flying: For those still running, maintaining and repairing internal combustion engines, consider this source for gaskets: ICBIMProducts.com. I recently picked up backplate gaskets for an OS LA 46 and Fox 35 Stunt. The gaskets are *very precise* and fit perfectly. The prices are very reasonable for those who may not want to manually cut a gasket.

This Time Last Year – We resumed monthly in-person meetings at Renette Park following COVID. We were recognized by the AMA as a 20-year Gold Leader Club.

Recent Events - Due to heat and rain, our most recent events were cancelled or postponed.










Upcoming Events – I'm asking you all to consider volunteering to help with these events. The salty event veterans can use a hand and a break!

Pylon Races, Saturday October 1st starting immediately **after the 9am club meeting**. Details are on our club website.

Tim Peterson, the Event Coordinator, needs some helpers on the flight line.



Hangar News

 <p>\$6.99 \$9.99 Add to Cart</p>	 <p>\$6.99 \$9.99 Add to Cart</p>	 <p>\$5.99 \$7.99 Add to Cart</p>
<p>DA-50 & DA-100-200119 DA-50 & DA-100 Muffler Gasket 2 Pack</p>	<p>DLE-130 Twin-500578 DLE-130 Twin Muffler Gasket 2 Pack</p>	<p>Fox 45 & 50-200096 Fox 45 & 50 Muffler Gasket 2 Pack</p>
 <p>\$6.99 \$8.99 Add to Cart</p>	 <p>\$5.99 \$7.99 Add to Cart</p>	 <p>\$6.99 \$9.99 Add to Cart</p>
<p>Irvine 1.50-200546 Irvine 1.50 Muffler Gasket 2 Pack</p>	<p>MVVS 3.5-194913 MVVS 3.5 Muffler Gasket 2 Pack</p>	<p>Moki G 180 & G 360 Twin-400144 Moki G 180 & G 360 Twin Muffler Gasket 2 Pack</p>
 <p>\$5.99 \$7.99 Add to Cart</p>	 <p>\$6.99 \$8.99 Add to Cart</p>	 <p>\$7.99 \$9.99 Add to Cart</p>
<p>OS MAX-S 35R/C Crankcase-510393 OS MAX-S 35R/C Crankcase Gasket 2 Pack</p>	<p>OS FS-120 Surpass 1, 2, and 3 Crankcase-510850 OS FS-120 Surpass 1, 2, and 3 Crankcase Gasket 2 Pack</p>	<p>Saito FA-72 and FA-82 (Series'A')-505061 Saito FA-72 and FA-82 (Series'A') 4pc Gasket Set</p>

Swap Meet and Toys-4-Tots drive, Saturday November 5th 7:30 am.

Looking for an individual to coordinate collection bins and transportation of donated gifts to the local Toys For Tots organization.

We also need a few "safety observers" to watch for those who may have "fast fingers".

Coffee and donuts might be nice too!

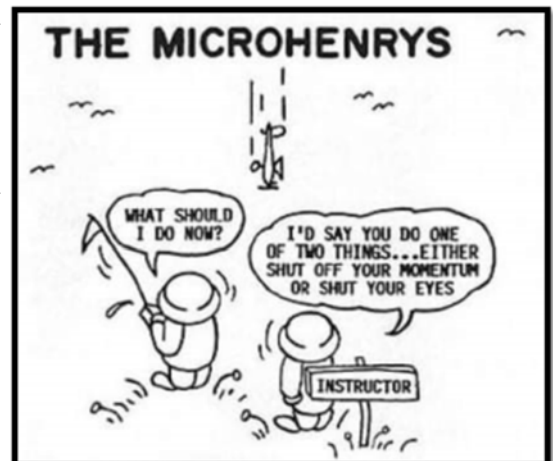
Veterans' Day Fly-In and Pot Luck / BBQ, Saturday November 12th.

Those interested in supporting, please stand up! We always need volunteers for food procurement and preparation, event organization and morning setup.

Planning for the **2023 Annual Awards Banquet** begins now. I've reached out to the Elks' Lodge in El Cajon to schedule the 6th of January.

New members: Welcome to George Pearsol who joined us in September! Welcome to the club, George!

Keith



Pylon Races

Saturday Oct 1st, 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: October 1st 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

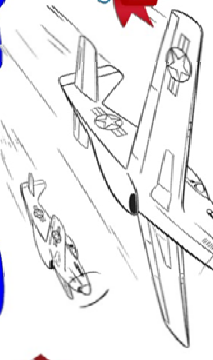
- 3 heats of 6 laps each. (Plan your battery size accordingly)
- Starts will be from the air.
- Left turns around the pylons. No cutting! Pylon judges will deduct your score if you turn prior to the pylon.
- Take off will commence 30 seconds prior to race start
- Each pilot will have his/her own spotter 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.weedwackers@gmail.com

CD
Tim Peterson
Email webmaster.weedwackers@gmail.com
Phone: (858) 663-1384



Veteran's Day



Boys-Inn

Saturday, Nov 12th, 2022



BBQ and Pot Luck

Events include:
 Open Scale Presentation and Flying
Awards For:
 Best Sport/Civilian
 Best Military
 Judges' Choice
 Best Flight
 Best Flight
FUN Flying!
HUGE Raffle!

Schedule:
 8:00-9:00 AM Check in
 9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying
 Fun Events—TBA
 11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH: Carne/Polla Asada with rice and beans!
 Raffle—after lunch :)
NO Landing Fee
 \$5 for Lunch (waived for those who bring a dish, drinks or treats)
All flavors of models are welcome—ARFs too!



Rain Date: Sun, Nov 13th

www.weedwackers.org

Event Coordinator
 Keith Miller 619 405-0192



First Weedwacker Aerosquadron
Lakeside, CA

SWAP MEET Toys for Tots Drive



Sat. Nov 05, 2022

Rain Date Nov 06, 2022

Site: Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field
Home of the Weedwackers

Hours: 7:00 am – 11:00 am

\$5 Seller's Fee --- Buyers Free

Information:
 Buyers and sellers are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift appropriate for boys and/or girls from ages 6 to 16 valued at \$10 or more. Cash gifts will also be accepted. Seller fees are waived with a gift.

Event Coordinator: Keith Miller (619) 405-0192
 10295 Ashwood Street
 Lakeside CA 92040
 1/4 mile N-E of El Capitan High School in Lakeside

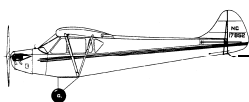
L

L

Don Westgren
3942 Calavo Dr.
La Mesa, CA



AMA Charter # 1651
AMA Leader Club



NEXT MEETING: Saturday Oct 1, 9:00 AM at
Cactus Park