



# HANGAR NEWS

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER  
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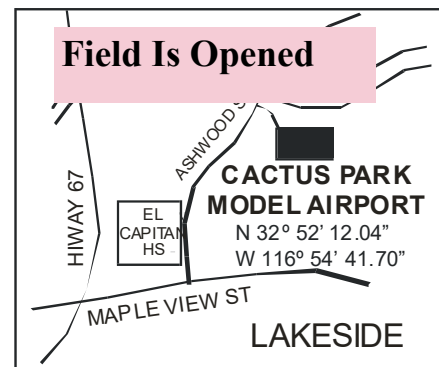
## R/C Schedule

Dec 10	Sat	Club Meeting	Cactus Park 9:00 AM
Jan 6	Fri	Awards Banquet	6:00 PM El Cajon Elks Lodge
Jan 14	Sat	SEFSD Pylon Race	Mission Bay
Jan 21	Sat	Field Clean-up	8:00AM-10:00AM
Jan 28	Sat	Pylon Race	Cactus Park

## We Start A New Year in January.

Plan to attend the Club Awards Banquet Jan 6, Friday at 6:00  
PM. It will be held at the Elks Lodge, 1400 East Washington  
Ave, El Cajon. Bring models to share and enjoy the meal.  
The charge is \$25 per person. Note that the cost for dinner  
has gone up, but thanks to an anonymous doner, we are able to  
keep the cost at the same level as past years.

**NEXT MEETING:  
Sat Dec 10, 9:00  
AM at Cactus Park  
Lakeside, CA**





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## My time as the minute man.....

Back in 1994 my lovely wife Annie & I emigrated (?), from the United Kingdom, to the USA, to San Diego. I was to take up my new job with Anacomp as a Field Specialist in Electronics. I had worked for them in the UK for several years. The company had several European Subsidiaries as well as Distributors. I was the Technical Specialist & spent a lot of time traveling around Europe, my Menu languages were excellent....

Eventually they realised what an asset I would be working in San Diego to look after our European chaps & approached me about a position here the rest is history, I wont bore you with the paperwork etc we went through to finally become citizens, safe to say we have lived here 29 years, I have retired (or retarded?). Anne still works as a Certified Nurse Midwife (clever person).

As an ex Royal Air Force (RAF) avionics chap I have always been fascinated with Aircraft & the nice people at the 'Weedwackers' allowed me to join & taught me how to crash my own kites....

Then in 2014 I was persuaded to join the illustrious Board of FWWAS as the Secretary, apparently, I had the legs for it. So, for the next 8 years I looked after the AMA stuff & attended the meetings & wrote the Minutes which Don Westergren kindly used in the "Hanger News."

Now a word about minutes, I am partly deaf (working on Jet aircraft didn't help) I tried various recording methods using my iPod/iPad to capture the verbiage with various success, the result being variable. I also took my own notes, which were also variable because someone would be speaking & someone else would chime in for example & confusion for me would result. Plus, I couldn't always read my own writing! Should have been a doctor.

I was advised to type up the notes as soon as possible which would help. WRONG!

I had to generate the final version for Don from that mish mash of written and spoken word, not easy. Also, reminders from The Wife didn't help either. I am supporting Keith for the role of Secretary and wish him well, he has the advantages of being able to hear, understand American and write fast. He has done a great job as President and will be missed in that role.

Ron Keith is stepping up as President and I am happy the reins are being handed over to him. He has always done a lot behind the scenes and is well liked and respected. He has my support and best wishes.

Don does such a great job of creating the Hanger News, which contains a lot of information, so it's a shame the members don't use it as their first port of call for dates of upcoming events. Fly Ins are detailed, clean up at the field, planned sales etc. One is also posted at the field for member's reference. This would save Board Members being repeatedly asked for dates of upcoming events, especially as their memories fade the older, they get.

I have enjoyed being involved in the day to day running of the club and am ready to hand over the reins so I can attend events and not be a major part of the planning and management of the actual day. I will continue to be a Board member for the next year and look forward to putting my views and suggestions to the Board.

Thanks for your attention(?)  
Regards  
Bruce Allen  
Secretary (Retired)





## Meeting Minutes Nov 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am at the field. Club officers present were the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A total of nineteen members were present.

The meeting was kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the September meeting was moved by Jerry Conklin, seconded by Bruce Allen, , approved

### **Treasurers Report:**

Beg bal	7051.23
Income	1602.50
Expenses	658.13
Bal	7995.60

A good portion of the income was the generous donation of \$1000 towards the awards banquet. Expenses and income associated with the Veteran's Day event will be tabulated and included in the next report.

We're already seeing some monthly savings with the outhouse service having been reduced to every other week.

Motion to approve – Ron Keith, seconded by Fred Miller, approved.

**Safety Officer Report:** When starting nitro engines in the pit area, Ron asks that the owner be attentive to the model at all times and not stray from the table. (Pres note: As a reminder, we prefer that engines be run at the starting tables, and not in the pits. However, we've avoided making that a rule thus far.) That being said, when starting models at a starting table, it's acceptable to momentarily walk the transmitter over to a flight station and then go back to retrieve the model.

On the matter of earbuds (for music or phone use), they shouldn't be worn when at the flightline and while flying models. It's important to be aware of call-outs at the flight line. It was brought up that this isn't a rule (as yet), but should be observed as a matter of safety. It was also discussed that having at least one ear un-blocked should suffice for situational awareness. This doesn't apply to hearing aids.

The Crash Bag: There've been several instances of crashes of LiPo powered models that are beyond line-of-site in the river bed or brush areas during which the crash bag *wasn't taken to the scene*. The crash bag contains all of the necessary tools for incipient firefighting. Ron brought up that there've been complaints that the bag is heavy. Yes, it's slightly heavier than the previous bag because the bag itself is sturdier. Ron also said that, if the model is in direct line-of-sight (you can *see* it) and there's no smoke, there's no real need to grab the crash bag.

### **Previous events:**

**Veteran's Day Fly-In**, Saturday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. There was a substantial turn-out with excellent carne asada. Many thanked Ron for the outstanding job on the meats. While the actual expenses for food weren't yet available, the raffle was reported to have brought in \$615 in ticket sales, with \$782 expended – a very good margin! The Toys for Tots collection continued (from the swap meet) with cash collections totaling \$413. Lester Moore will turn the cash to toys in upcoming weeks for transfer to the Marine Corps Reserves.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Annual Awards Banquet**, 06 Jan 2023

The President presented the budget for approval.

Changes from last year:

Net change from Elks Lodge - \$15 bump in liability insurance – and that's it.



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Expected drop in raffle ticket sales, loss of \$450

Intentional cut in plaques – QTY 12 to QTY 4 saves \$200.

Cost to treasury \$1,936 (saves \$185 from last year)

With the donation of \$1,000, net cost to the club is reduced to \$936. So, we can keep the same guest attendance price of \$25/person.

Richard Brown moved to approve the budget, seconded by Bruce Allen; approved

The deposit to the Elks' club is due now. To the Treasurer for action.

## **Old Business:**

Storage unit roof Dean Butterfield and Jeff talked plans. The material estimate was approved in prior meetings and is expected to be purchased very soon.

West-end charging system: With Kurt Meade on the mend, Bruce Allen agreed to contact Kurt to get a quick turn-over and work towards completing the connection between the solar panels and the batteries.

Runway cracks are still on hold.

Remote ID and FRIA: Keith reminded the club of the recent emails from the AMA that they're recognized by the FAA as a Community Based Organization and that FAA-recognized identification area (FRIA) applications will start soon.

**Rules Review:** Keith reviewed Rule #9 that transmitters operating on 72 MHz must not be turned ON unless the pilot has the appropriate frequency clothespin on the transmitter. Oddly and surprisingly, this rule came into play and was followed perfectly in November when two members, both having 72 MHz systems at the same time, both having the same channel paid heed to the pin box and coordinated to ensure that only the TX with the pin turned on! Worked out perfectly! Who would have thought that there would be a conflict in this day and age? But there you have it - disaster averted due to Rule #9!

## **New Business:**

### Officer Elections at November Meeting

Without opposition, the candidates will take their position by acclamation following this meeting.

Congratulations to Ron Keith as our newly elected President!

Jeff and Scott retain their seats, and Keith move into the Secretary position.

Bruce gave a very heart-felt and touching recount of his ten-year tenure (say that five times fast) as the Secretary. A copy will be published in the Hangar News. Nicely done mate!

Dues and Banquet Tickets: The Board is now collecting dues for 2023 (\$75) and fees for the banquet (\$25 per person). Please see any one of the club Officers at the field. The badges are at the field. Ron will be there during the week, and Jeff/Keith can take care of you on the weekend. (Pres note – those who don't frequent the field can arrange to have their badge mailed upon payment. We can do check or PayPal.)

**Drawing for Free Membership:** At each meeting, we hold a random drawing from names on club roster. If the member is present at the meeting, they win a free membership for the following year.

Drawing for November: Lyle Black. Sorry! Must be present to win.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.

Other events/articles:



In early November, Lyle brought out a P-51 Miss America, previously obtained from Bobby Rink, previously obtained from the Phillip Pierce Estate. It was heavy, a bit out of trim and the engine wasn't quite performing. A dead-stick approach ended in a tip stall and many pieces ☐.



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## From The President

All Hands,

I would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all for the help at the Veterans flyin/ BBQ. The pot luck was amazing! The prep work and clean up was greatly appreciated!

I have a few things I would like to accomplish at the field – your input is welcome:

I think the storage sheds should be painted so as not to be noticed from the road - green, brown, camouflage, or light blue.

Helo pad was painted white and will have a red **H** painted in the center. It will look more professional and not like an old wood pallet that was discarded.

Additional fire extinguisher by north gate – more explanation at meeting

Weedwacker flag due soon for flagpole

Field Marshals to meet with me – small talk

New trash cans

New noodles on east fence

Remove items we are not using. Anything members don't want we will haul to the dump.

I will continue duties as Field Marshall and Safety Officer at this time which includes:

Fire extinguisher drills

First aid, AED, CPR, emergency procedures refresh

If anyone would like to be the BBQ cook for upcoming events, please let me know.

Keith will continue on the Board as Secretary. We have a club meeting at the field, 10 December, at 0900 for about a half hour.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

**RON**

(619) 988-7667

**First Weedwacker Aero  
Squadron  
Annual Awards Banquet**

**Date: Friday 1/6/2023**

**6:00 pm Bar**

**7:00 pm Dinner**

*Admission—\$25 per person*

*Tossed Greens with Variety of Dressings*

*Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Jalapeno Cream Sauce (on  
the side)*

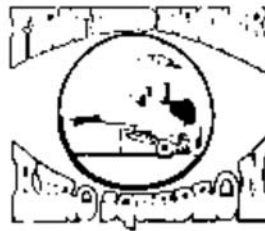
*Tender Roast Beef with Au Jus and Horseradish*

*Roasted Redskin Potatoes*

*Fresh Vegetables*

*Rolls and Butter*

*Coffee, Tea at station*



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