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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

Jan 28 Sat Pylon Race Cactus Park
Feb 4 Sat 9:00 AM Club Meeting, Cactus Park
Apr 8 Sat SEFSD Pylon Races (second Sat)

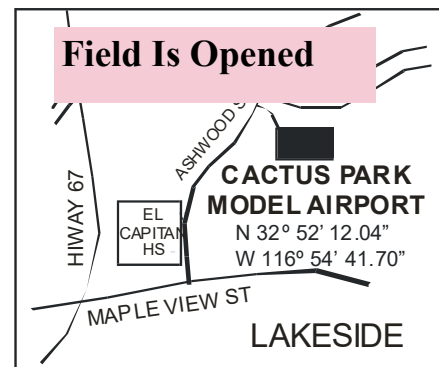
A VERY Successful Awards Banquet

We had a very good Awards Banquet January 6. The turnout
was great, the models were great, the food was great—Hey!
Almost everything was great—what wasn't so great was my
camera was set to the wrong setting—over exposing all the
pictures. I managed to correct for the exposures on some
pictures and put them into this issue of the newsletter.

Both our Secretary and our President listed the awards that
were given out.

We will resume “normal” operations in February.
— Don Westergren

**NEXT MEETING:
Sat Feb 4, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA**





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Meeting Minutes Jan 2023 (Notes on the Banquet)

Proposed rule change: The following rule change is proposed for a vote at the February meeting:

Helicopter, Multirotor, FPV and Heli-Pad Rules - Station "H"

Note

Station H is primarily for testing and trimming of Heli and Multirotor aircraft or close-in flight that precludes the normal flight operations in stations 1-5.

Helicopters and multi-rotor aircraft may fly at the heli-pad to the ~~east-west~~ of the pit area bounded by the ~~easterly westerly~~ fences, and between the south edge of the ~~and south of the~~ runway paving and the orange safety cones ~~apron boundary line (designated by a white fire hose on the ground)~~. The pilot will stand on the side of the fence directly facing the heli-pad so as to keep the fence between the pilot and the pits.

FPV flights must follow regulations of AMA Document 550. Most importantly, FPV flights require an FPV pilot to have a spotter next to him/her maintaining visual line-of-sight with the FPV aircraft throughout its flight.

Helicopter/multirotor pilots flying from Station H shall remain aware of fixed wing aircraft and helicopters that are flying in the normal pattern from stations 1-5. ~~and shall give way to aircraft in the landing approach.~~

~~In the case of west to east fixed wing landings during which pilots at Station H may not see the aircraft, it is incumbent upon the fixed wing pilots to ensure that the pilots at Station H can hear of their intent to land west to east.~~

Flights from Station H must remain within Heli Pad designated boundaries.

Flights ~~from can not originate from~~ station H's Heli Pad ~~may not enter~~ into the regular flight pattern area.

~~Note: During flight from Station H, pilots could be in the direct path of an aircraft in an emergency landing situation. It is up to Station H pilots to have heightened awareness of all aircraft that are in the approach area.~~

Banquet Report:

Call to Order: The banquet was called to order at about 6:20 pm at the Elk's Lodge. Club officers present were the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A total of 68 members and guests were present. The banquet was kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were several prizes donated including a cooler on wheels (Mark Gray), a portable rocking chair (also Mark), a full airbrush kit including compressor (George) and a Kyosho Calmato ARF with Evolution 46 engine (Steve Morton). The raffle turned a \$42 profit, the highest since my record keeping and besting the 2020 banquet by \$7.

2023 Banquet	
Attendance	68
Banquet cost (actual)	-\$4,125.80
Banquet Revenue:	\$1,700.00
Anonym Donation	\$1,000.00
Cleaning dep refund	-\$500.00
subtotal	-\$1,925.80
Other costs	
Women's prizes + boxes	-\$263.67
Tip, Elk's Staff	-\$100.00
Al's actual cost (trophies)	-\$149.73
Total Cost:	-\$2,439.20
Subsidy (cost to Treasury)	-\$739.20
Cost per person	-\$60.67
Subsidy per person	-\$10.87
Actual Raffle Sales	\$1,035
Actual Raffle Cost	\$993
Raffle net	\$42



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The net cost to the club, taking into account the generous anonymous donation we received to hold ticket prices at \$25, was only \$739, \$175 less than the budget plan. We dun gud.

Awardees:

Award	Recipient	Narrative
Distinguished Service Award Recognize long term dedicated service to the club	Bruce Allen	Bruce was recognized and thanked for long term dedicated service to the club as since 2014. That's nine years of continuous service!
Weedwacker of the Year Recognition for significant contributions or accomplishments for the past year.	Lester Moore	For continued contribution in technical assistance and skills helping other club members tune engines, configure radios and fly models. Strong clubs are built through camaraderie and mentorship as exemplified by Lester. Lester (and his family) turned Cash-to-Toys for the 2022 Toys for Tots campaign.
Builder of the Year	Lyle Black	Lyle is known as the clubs' restoration artist, restoring no less than eight well-worn and otherwise ugly models into the beautiful scale representations they were meant to be.
Rookie of the Year	Noah Dalton	Noah joined the Weedwackers in July of 2022 and in no time mastered solo and aerobatic flight! His skill and enthusiasm in the hobby are a testament to his enjoyment of all things airplanes!
Most Improved Pilot	David Roche	David joined the club in May 2020 having never flown before. Starting with a HobbyZone Carbon Cub with SAFE, he progressed through a wide variety of models and is now competing in pylon races.
Most Stitches	Keith Miller	Keith received 13 stitches on his right index finger from a 10x6 prop at 10k RPM from a B-25 Engine #1. There's still blood on his driveway! Duh!
Most Crashes	Richard Brown	Largest Debris Field Should've pushed from inverted. Ooops.
Special Awards	Trent Alford	Master Craftsman While Trent received awards at the Veteran's Day Fly-In for his immaculate SE-5a, he also presented an in-work Spad s.VII during Vet Day Fly-In. The skeleton and scale engine details are impeccable!
12th Man Awards	Gavin Taylor Brayden Moore	These young men painted the Helo pad and helped during each and every field day and BBQ.
Service Awards	Keith Miller	For service as President in 2022.
Service Awards	Jeff Coskey	For service as Vice President in 2022.
Service Awards	Bruce Allen	For service as Secretary in 2022.
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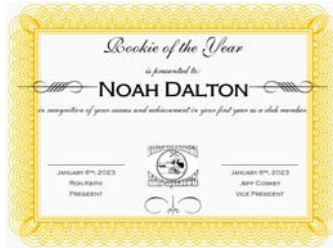
Ron Keith presented me (Keith) with an expense paid trip to Las Vegas. Ron polled club members at the field who very graciously donated to the cause. Total collection - \$1,000! (Thank you, Ron, and everyone for the very generous gift!!!)



Special Recognition Awards:



Service Awards:



Lyle Black Award



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ALL HANDS,

20 January 2023

People to thank that helped with the banquet:

Scott Graupman collected money at the door and paid the bills

Keith Miller handled the PA system, slide show and answered my questions

Jeff Coskey took care of loose ends!

Bruce & Anne Allen provided the beautiful table center pieces

Rich & Janie Brown sold over \$1000 worth of raffle tickets – great job!

A special thanks for everybody that donated prizes for the raffle

Awards:

Keith Miller received an Appreciation award for his 10 years as President. I asked members to make a donation for the gift and received \$1000 for a weekend in Las Vegas!! Way to go guys!! The picture of Keith when he opened the envelope was priceless.

Bruce Allen was recognized for his long term dedication to the club. He's been a member since 2014. He received a Plaque and Service Certificate.

Lester Moore received a trophy for his technical assistance and skills helping other club members tune engines, configure radios, and fly models. Strong clubs are built through camaraderie and mentorship as exemplified by Lester. He and his family turned Cash-to-Toys for the 2022 Toys for Tots campaign. Thanks for your donations!

Lyle Black received a Plaque for building models from scratch, plans or kits. Not ARFs! He is known as the clubs' restoration artist, restoring no less than eight well-worn and otherwise ugly models into the beautiful scale representation they were meant to be.

Trent Alford, a Master Craftsman, was awarded the Gold Leaf Certificate. Trent received awards at the Veteran's Day Fly-In for his immaculate SE-5a and in-work Spad s.VII. The skeleton and scale engine details are impeccable!

Gavin Taylor and Brayden Moore received the 12th Man Award. They are great pilots that participated in the races, painted the Helo pad, and volunteered to help out during field days and BBQs. Thanks guys!

Jeff Coskey, Bruce Allen, Scott Graupman, Ron Keith, Tim Peterson, and Don Westergren received Service Award Certificates for their continued hard work.

Noah Dalton was awarded Rookie of the Year and received a Plaque. He joined the Club in July/2022 and in no time mastered solo and aerobatic flight! His skill and enthusiasm is a testament to his enjoyment of this hobby.

David Roche was recognized as Most Improved Pilot. He joined the Club in May/2020 having never flown before. He progressed through a wide variety of models and is now competing in pylon races.

Rich Brown received the award for the Largest Debris Field Crash. It was spectacular!!

Keith Miller received a **bloody certificate** for the 13 stitches on his right index finger. This was caused by a 10x6 prop at 10K RPM from a B-25 Engine #1. There's still blood on his driveway! **Mr. Sock** could have helped stopped the bleeding before it got that far!

The next Club meeting will be at the field, 4 February 2023 at 9:00am. All future meetings will be held at the field the first Saturday of the month unless otherwise notified.

Ron



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Banquet Views





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