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NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER April 2023

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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

Apr 8 Sat 9:00 AM Club Meeting Cactus Park

Apr 8 Sat SEFSD Pylon Races (second Sat)

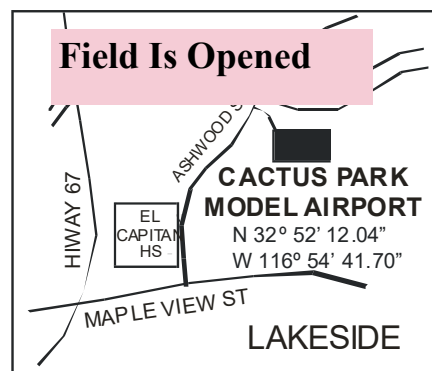
Apr 22 Sat 8:00 AM Pylon Race Cactus Park

May 25 Sat 8:00 AM Pylon Race Cactus Park

Special Club Meeting Schedule

Normally our club meetings will be held at Cactus Park on the first Saturday of each month. But this April our club meeting will be held on Saturday April 8. Be sure to note this change.

NEXT MEETING:
Sat April 8, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA





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Meeting Minutes 04 Mar 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am at the field. Club officers present were the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Vice President was otherwise detained supporting our Armed Forces. A total of **twenty-six** members were present. The meeting was kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: Approval of the minutes of the February meeting was moved by Steve Shepersky, seconded by Richard Brown, adopted by consensus (no vote collected).

Treasurers Report:

Beg bal \$8,383.22

Income \$724.77

Expenses \$315.03

Closing Bal \$8,792.96

Motion to approve – Steve Shepersky, seconded by (missed), adopted by consensus (no vote collected).

Safety Officer Report: Fishing Line in River Bed: Following up on last month's report from the County that fishing line and hooks had been found strung amongst trees in the riverbed, Ron toured the area and didn't find any obvious signs of such sabotage. (However, continue to be vigilant.)

Fire Extinguisher at the North gate: Ron brought the plastic container he described last month to put a fire extinguisher adjacent to the east gate. He'll enlist manpower during the week to emplace the extinguishers.

East Fence Visibility: Ron also polled the club for assistance during the week to install a fresh set of pool noodles on the top of the eastern boundary fence (for visibility).

Rules Review: Rule 10 was reviewed in that pilots must remain behind the flight line fences when flying. This is to protect pilots from injury due to stray aircraft. For pilots who lean on the fence due to our old sore backs, we're reminded to grab a chair and sit down behind the fence.

Previous events:

Fun Fly: The February fun-fly was canceled due to lack of interest (only four participants).

Pylon Races: The February pylon races were cancelled due to rain. Glen Merritt (Race Event Coordinator) explained that, given the number of scheduled race dates (every 4th Saturday), we won't hold rain dates to make up for lost events. The next race is scheduled for Saturday March 25th.

Upcoming Events:

The remainder of the 2023 calendar is populated and viewable on the club web site and includes all of the annual events we normally run.

Swap Meet – May 11

Pylon Races – May 25

Regular Club Meeting – April 1

Old Business:

Shed Roof: The Conex box shed (provided by MRCF) lost its temporary blue tarp which was blown off in the recent high winds. The inside of the shed became wet in the rain. Ron will coordinate in upcoming weeks to have it opened during the day to let it dry out and will spray it down with bleach water to fend off mold.

Dean Butterfield attended the meeting and will schedule an assessment by his son (roofing contractor). The intent is to pull open the existing roof to determine the best methods to renew the roof. The Board reminded Dean that our currently approved budget is \$600 and the scope of the work needs to fit within that. After all, it's just a shed.

New Business:

Marine Corps Flag: The flag is damaged from recent high winds and will be taken down. It was



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unclear by the close of the meeting of plans to replace the flag.

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

Drawing for March: The first drawing was Jeff Coskey who wasn't present. Given he's a board member (dues waived), a second drawing provided a winner - Lyle Black was present this time! (He was drawn twice prior in the last six months.) Congratulations Lyle!

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Member Photos

Craig Graham, with his beautiful P-51 mustang by Hangar 9: 69 inch wingspan, 35cc DLE engine, warbird pilot with moving head, electric E-flite retracts and an all custom wire loom.



Steve Shepersky:

Carl Goldberg Tiger II he won at the 2022 Banquet raffle; built by Arnold Lipschutz then covered and finished by Steve with an OS 46 SF 2-stroke. He says it flies great just like all Goldberg airplanes.





Steve also showed his Twisted Hobbies 39-inch Crack Yak. He uses their servo, motor and speed controller combination.



This is Steve's Micro RC glider kit by J&h Aerospace that uses a rocket pod to carry it to 800 feet before separating for the return home. It can also be used as a discus hand launch glider



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Steve, Butch and Bob attended a jet rally in Coachella Valley. The boy was given this jet by a sponsor, I flew with him in Las Vegas six or eight times while visiting a friend, he is an excellent pilot, super smooth





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Keith showed his Ace GLH II (“Goes Like Heck”), flying on two channels (aileron and elevator). It sports just one aileron on the right side as it’s designed for racing. The Cox TeeDee .049 screams!





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All Hands,

Runway Repair and Fence Noodles

Repair of the runway has started and will be completed if it ever stops raining long enough for the cracks in the asphalt to dry out! Thanks to **Dick Milhausen, Lester Moore,** and **Butch Weiser** for their hard work starting the task of filling in the runway cracks. If anyone else would like to help out, extra hands are always welcome.

Thanks to **Rich Brown** and **Mark Gray** for attaching the bright orange pool noodles to the fence east of the runway. It looks great!

Swap Meet

The swap meet started out a bit differently – callers wanted to sell pots and pans, furniture, plants, and other items. Even though I told them they would not have the right kind of customers they still wanted to sell their goods. Not a good idea so they had to be turned away.

When I arrived at 0620, there were six cars and a U-Haul truck waiting for the gate to open. The U-Haul was a surprise. It was full of fifties and sixties vintage planes in various stages of repair. I reminded the gentleman that he needed to take everything with him that was not sold. Thanks to **Lyle Black** for ensuring that the U-Haul did indeed pack up what remained and called it a day at around noon! We had about 25 sellers and over 40 buyers – not a bad day!

Marine Flag

The Marine flag looked beat up and needed a little TLC. My better half to the rescue – she sewed and reinforced the hem around the edges. It looks much better – thanks Mona! Does anyone know who owns the flag?

Just wanted everyone to know, pilots are doing a better job at keeping within the required boundaries and avoiding the polo field. Thanks a bunch!

As always, if you have any ideas to improve Weedwackers, please reach out and let me know. Thanks for all your hard work and participation. I'm not available on 1 April so the meeting was rescheduled to 8 April, 0900 at the field. More news to share at that time.

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