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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

June 3 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM

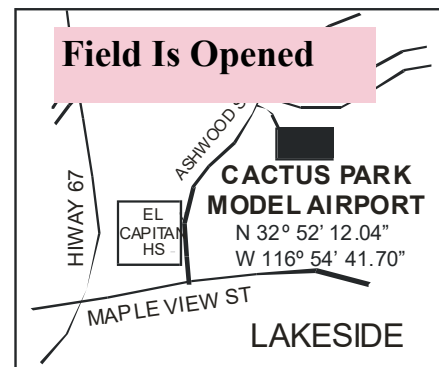
2023 Memorial Day Scale Contest May 20, 2023

We had fifteen participants with a total of eighteen models entered at the event, and a nice group of guests and visitors, some stopping by from out of state while on vacation.

It was nice to see such a large gathering of current and prior members sharing stories. I personally enjoyed visiting with Donn Stewart, a long-time member who was visiting from North Carolina. He'd built the Four-Star 120 that I so enjoy flying today.

My heartfelt thanks go out to Art Flores – the “Judge”, Ron Keith for coordinating food and picking up the raffle prizes, Chuck Aguilar for preparing the food and cooking the meat, David Roche who also cooked and ran the kitchen, Richard Brown who ran the raffle, and to all of those who assisted with set-up and break-down. — Keith Miller

**NEXT MEETING:
Sat June 3, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA**





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Meeting Minutes 06 May 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am at the field. Club officers present were the President, Vice President and the Secretary. A total of **fifteen** members were present. The meeting was kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: Approval of the minutes of the April meeting was moved by (unknown) and seconded by Lester Moore, approved.

Treasurers Report:

(Treasurer absent)

Safety Officer Report: Bleed Stop: Ron presented an addition to the First Aid kit which is a powder packet that stops heavy bleeding. When the powder is sprinkled onto a wound, the blood turns to a thick syrup. Additional pressure of a bandage helps hold the wound sealed until further aid is found.

Rules Review: No rules were covered this month

Previous events:

Pylon Races: There was one interesting mid-air in which Glen's prop happened to pick up a little green paint from Eric's aileron, separating the aileron. Eric managed to maintain control for a short while until the loose aileron must've shifted just enough to make the T-28 uncontrollable. Frank had some battery issues and at one point smacked into the east pylon flag. Max Merritt won the Gold heat. (At this writing, I don't recall who won the Silver class)

Upcoming Events:

Field Day is planned for Saturday 5/13 to stay ahead of mowing. Major tasks of shed cleanout and the roof are deferred until the calendar clears up. At some point, Ron will have a permit for free dump site visits (Santee) which we'll use to load at trailer and rid the shed/field of excess junk.

Field Day 5/13 am

Armed Forces Day Fly-In Saturday 5/20

Pylon Races Saturday 5/27

For the Armed Forces Day event (which will occur before this newsletter is published), the following funding was approved:

\$200 food (moved by Keith, 2nd by Steve Shepersky)

\$120 for trophies (moved by Keith, 2nd by Bobby Rink)

\$350 raffle (moved by Keith, 2nd by Bobby Rink).

For reference, the 2022 raffle expenses were \$750, but records weren't available at this meeting, so we went with \$350

Members will be asked / reminded to bring any prize-worthy donations to help the club earn some funds.

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.

Old Business:

Shed Roof: Postponed until June. Previous plans/subcontractors fell through.

Speed Limit Sign: The sign post at the entrance to the parking area was knocked over by County workers. Ron arranged for them to re-sink the post.

Pylon Racing info: Frank Gagliardi gave Ron two feather flags for us to use. Also, new member Dave Yost offered flags and concrete-filled 5-gallon buckets for anchors. We'll hold that offer in reserve for now as we have two sets of flags to work with.

Keith shared some information that Discount Hobby Warehouse (local) can't get stock of the FMS 800mm T-28's due to Horizon Hobby having no stock. However, FMS themselves have



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stock at \$159 each with free shipping. And their shipping is FAST – I had two arrive in two days!

New Business:

Outhouse: There's evidence of the walls being used as a tobacco spittoon. Members were asked not to spit on the walls. Also, the bird nest that was up above the doorway was apparently removed by the service company. Shame – there were three eggs in it.

Bob Muehlemann passed away at the end of April. No further information at this time. Bob was a prior member who's moved to Lubbock, TX.

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 May: None – Scott (absent) runs the magic random drawing gizmo.

Show and Tell: Ken Lawrence presented his Albatros B.I. The Albatros B.I, (post-war company designation L.1) was a German military reconnaissance aircraft designed in 1913 and which saw service during World War I [courtesy Wikipedia]. Ken's Albatros weighs in at a mere 18 ounces and is powered by a Rimfire-300 equivalent brushless motor on 950 mAh 3-cell LiPo packs. His maiden was near the end of April and he reports it lifted off in just a few feet with no trim required! It's a slow, smooth and graceful model. The faux engine is hand-crafted. Controls are all pull-pull true to the full-scale plane. He followed the traditional German text marking methods when applying his AMA and FAA numbers, with graphics provided by Callie Graphics.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.



Keith's additional notes

Good News for the Palomar Flyers; the development that was to force them out of their flying field is delayed into early 2024, so they have some more time to fly and lock in a new location. Good for them!!!

Member Photos

Jeff Coskey (our VP) was active providing introductory flights to a dad and his two sons.



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All Hands,

The month of June and hot weather is on the way so make sure to take water with you to the field. A few hours in the sun can have negative affects on the body. If you have to retrieve a crashed plane, the hike to locate it might include climbing a tree or hill or just walking a few hundred yards. This can take a toll if you become dehydrated. Start your day with a good breakfast!

May was a busy month for the Board members working on projects that were started at the beginning of the year. Clearing out weeds and cleaning up the field, runway crack filling; rain did not help. Dean Butterfield, with his experience and knowledge, along with a professional roofer was planning to repair and upgrade the shed roof but due to illness Dean's assistance is on hold for now. Jeff has a new plan how to fix the roof. Stand by. Volunteers needed.

We need help and volunteers to remove the old roof to see what is needed and haul debris to the dump and remove items from the sheds we do not use or need. The bigger the work party, the easier the work.

A big work party was needed to clean up and prep the field for the Scale Flying event. Only eight members showed up to help and three were Board members. With over 100 members I expected a bigger turnout. A very big thank you to these guys that showed up and did all the work:

Chuck Aguilar
Richard Brown
Mark Huyser
Fred Miller
JR Thomas
Jeff Coskey
Keith Miller

The Scale Flying event was a huge success. We had 19 pilots, great aircraft, a raffle, and lunch. Only one unfortunate dead stick crash. Keith did a great job obtaining and presenting plaques and awards. Art Flores was in charge of judging the event, and Chuck and Dave worked the BBQ for over 40 participants. Everyone had a good time. Lester Moore's beans were a big hit and some folks brought potluck. Rich Brown handled the raffle once again without a hitch.

I was a little under the weather with back issues and was not able to do as much. Thanks so much for your participation and all those that helped to make it a success.

A special thanks to Don Westergren for taking pictures.

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

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Entries:

Scott Graupmann, P-47 Razorback and an F-14 Tomcat.
Kurt Mead, A4 Skyhawk
Jeremy Miller, P-51 Miss America
Keith Miller, P-61 Black Widow (also flown by Jeremy)
Pet Larson, B-25 Mitchell, B-24 Liberator
Trent Alford, Fokker D.VII
Lyle Black, Waco
Dick Milhausen, P-51 Mustang
Art Flores, P-40 Warhawk
Craig Graham, Extra NG
Mark Lukens, J-3 Piper Flitfire and a P-51 Mustang Yellow Tail
Julian Sonderegger, J-20 Chengdu and a Bald Eagle
Steve Shepersky, PT-17 Super Stearman
John Knowles, Hawker Tempest
Frank Gagliardi, Klemm L20B

Best Military Scale Model – Mark Lukens' P-51 Yellow Tail



Best Civilian Scale Model – Lyle Black's Waco



Best Flight Performance – Jeremy Miller and his P-61 Black Widow



Judges' Choice – Scott Graupmann's P-47 Razorback





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Also awarded the “Turned into a Piece of Crap” toilet trophy was Steve Shepersky whose Super Stearman had an unfortunately rough grounding following a dead stick.





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