



# HANGAR NEWS

## NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER November 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

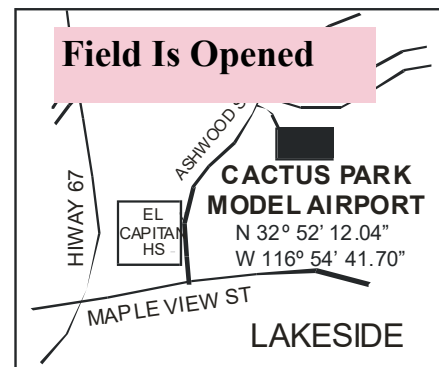
Oct 28 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM  
Oct 28 Sat Pylon Race (after club meeting)  
Nov 4 Sat Swap Meet Cactus Park 7 AM  
Nov 11 Sat Veterans Day Scale FlyIn , Cactus Park  
Dec 2 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM

### NOTE CLUB NOV MEETING CHANGE TO OCTOBER 28

The events in early November for Swap Meet and Scale Flyin force us to reschedule the Nov Club Meeting the last Saturday of October.

The October Club Meeting (Oct. 7) included proposed Bylaw Changes, Which need to be published before the official vote. The proposed changes are on pages 7 & 8 of the current Bylaws and deal with a change to Club Dues to \$80/year and cancelling the drawing for free club membership at club meetings. The full PDF of the Bylaws as proposed is included in the email of this newsletter. A separate page listing the text changes (Underlined) is included in the US Mail version of the newsletter.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Sat October 28,**  
**9:00 AM at Cactus**  
**Park**  
**Lakeside, CA**





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## **Meeting Minutes 07 Oct 2023**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 09:00 am at the field. Club officers present were the President, Vice President, and the Secretary. The meeting was kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of minutes:** While the prior meeting had no formal minutes, the attendees had no issues with Ron's summary as published in the Hangar News.

### **Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer was unavailable. His report was deferred to the November meeting. It was noted that there was no treasurers report included in last month's newsletter/minutes.

**Club Officer Elections:** At the time of the meeting, there were no nominations to fill the position of Secretary. The incumbent President, Vice President and Treasurer tossed their hats in for another term.

**November Meeting to be on Sat Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** Due to our busy event schedule in November, the next meeting will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> at which time we hold club officer elections. If there are no contentions, incumbents and any nominees for the Secretary seat will be elected by acclamation (no vote).

**Safety Officer Report:** Ron noted that there are many squirrel holes north of the runway and to take caution so as not to twist an ankle.

### **Field Maintenance:**

**Shed Roof:** Still incomplete, Ron asked the membership for volunteers to take charge before winter rains begin. No one at the meeting volunteered; the request is still open to the membership.

**Runway Maintenance:** A working party was planned / scheduled for Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Tasks planned were to fill the cracks with sand, brush off the excess then lay beads of hot pour tar into the cracks.

**Rules Review:** When charging LiPo batteries, they must be enclosed in a LiPo sack or other fire-resistant container.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Pylon Races at the Weedwackers** is every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. In **October, this will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>**. (SEFSD (Mission Bay) hold their every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.) Since the November club meeting is also planned for October 28<sup>th</sup>, racing will occur immediately after the meeting.

**Swap Meet and Toys for Tots drive:** The swap meet will be held on Saturday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> at 7am. Hence the reason our November meeting is moved one week earlier. Ron moved that all Seller admission fees (\$5) will go directly to Toys for Tots. Craig Graham seconded the motion which was approved. Frank Gagliardi graciously agreed to work with Lester Moore on toys procurement.

**Veteran's Day Fly-In:** Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Art Flores will be the Event Director. (See the attached flyer for details.) Funding for a raffle was deferred to the next club meeting (10/28). Trophies will be awarded for Best Military, Best Civilian/Sport, Best Flight Performance and Judges' Choice. Lunch will be pot luck.

**Annual Awards Banquet:** No date is set yet, and there was more discussion on venue options to reduce the impact on the club treasury. Richard Brown has been actively investigating potential venues and reporting to Ron. The intent is for an event that costs the club nothing.

**Fire Fighting Training:** Ron plans to hold a fire fighting training event in January to include use of the fire blankets that he recently added to the crash kit. He'll also demonstrate and allow members to practice attacking LiPo fires. The fire blankets he added to the crash kit are perfect for small stove/kitchen fires in the home, and Ron offered to procure blankets for any member who wants one (at member's cost).

### **Bylaws Revisions to manage finances**



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**Dues:** Dick Milhausen moved, and Lyle Black seconded a motion to raise the club dues to \$80. Keith formulated that, with the number of dues-paying members (non-youth, non-LIFE members) at around 100, this would add roughly \$400 to the club treasury each year. The members in attendance approved. [Secretary's post-meeting note: In order to comply with our bylaws and amending the bylaws, the motion must first be published in the newsletter for vote at the following club meeting. So this motion is hereby published for a vote at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.]

**Drawings for Free Membership:** Richard Brown moved that the drawings pulled at each club meeting to award one-year free membership be terminated. Dick Milhausen seconded the motion. **Discussion In opposition:** One member reminded that the incentive is to encourage attendance, and that we actually award very few free memberships. Club funds can savings can be found by other methods. **Discussion in support:** Other members pointed out that the incentive was to improve meeting attendance while at Renette Park recreation center. Now that meetings are at the field on Saturdays, attendance is much improved, albeit by slightly different cadre of members. Another member opined that no one comes to meetings to win a free membership. The motion passed. [Secretary's post-meeting note: As with the dues motion above, this would be a revision to the bylaws. Hence, this motion is hereby published for a vote at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.]

**Donations:** Frank Gagliardi graciously pledged a donation to the club in the amount of \$1000! Wow! Frank – the club thanks you!

**Show and Tell:** Ken Lawrence presented his most recent Minuette from Old School Model Works. He modified the landing gear a bit to be more like the scale bedframe gear. He also added a replica tailwheel and made the rudder full-flying. It's covered with Oratex which works beautifully around compound curves. The 3D printed replica scale motor is part of the kit. The flying wires are purely cosmetic. He uses a Cobra brushless motor. As of this meeting, the Minuette hasn't yet flown. Someone noted that the pilot looks much like our fellow member Julian!

**Good of the Order:** Frank Gagliardi mentioned that AmpDraw Hobbies in Encinitas is closing their doors on October 31s. They're selling off their entire inventory of parts, cars, planes and kits.

Separately, Frank told the members that he'll be hosting yet another estate sale. The estate is currently in a storage facility near his house. Along with about ten very well-kept and bubble-wrapped models, the estate includes HAM radio gear. The event will likely be after October 21<sup>st</sup> and he'll send out notification once planned.

**Impromptu Auction:** Mel Ashdown brought out a 1400 mm foam T-28 that he generously donated to the club. While in need of some very minor hinge repair, the Club (Ron) held an impromptu auction. Julain Sonderegger won at \$50. Congrats!

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.





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## October 2023 President's Message

The November meeting has moved to 28 October at 0900 at the field. I hope to get more members to show up! We have a lot of important issues to address.

At this point the folks at the new nursery are not too friendly. Several signs were posted on the fence; NO TRESPASSING and BEWARE OF THE DOG. I tried to talk to someone but so far they do not want to talk. I'll provide an update at the meeting.

The Swap Meet is scheduled for 4 November; this is the reason we moved the meeting to 28 October.

Toys for Tots would like donations for children age 12-16 years in the \$10-\$15 price range. All sellers with toys to donate will have free entry to the Swap Meet. All money collected at the Swap Meet will be given to Toys for Tots.

I would like input from members about the banquet. Due to low club funds we need to plan something different. We'll discuss this further at the meeting after we receive quotes from different locations; ideas from members are encouraged. Any suggestions for a place, time, and day after the first week in January 2024 is appreciated.

Change in Bylaws. We increased annual dues by \$5.00. The drawing for free membership for current members has been discontinued.

Keith is stepping down as club Secretary. Mark Gray would like take on the role as new Secretary. Rich Brown is in the running for Treasurer. If there are any other nominations, now is the time to speak up.

Sand was added to some of the cracks in the runway as a base for the tar. We had 10 members that filled cracks from 0800 to 0900 on Saturday so members could still fly. Thanks to all!

Art Flores is hosting a party (BBQ) on Sunday, 22 October around 1100 for Lance and Robin. Art is furnishing the food. Sodas or anything else you would like to contribute would be helpful.

Remember to apply FAA numbers on your planes. I will be conducting random checks to ensure we are all in compliance with FAA rules and regulations.

Please let Board members handle problems with outside individuals (nonmembers) or neighbors. Call me at (619) 988-7667 if you encounter issues.

Field Marshalls please take care of our people if necessary.

Tighten up on final on landing. Try to stay inside East fence. We want to stay friendly with the Nursery neighbor. This is a work in progress.

A lot of things to deal with so your presence at the meeting is important. Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated.

Ron  
(619) 988-7667





# Veteran's Day



# Fly-In

**Saturday, Nov 11th, 2023**

**Events Include:**  
**Open Scale Presentation and Flying**  
**Awards for:**  
 Best Sport/Civilian  
 Best Military  
 Judges' Choice  
 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

**NO Landing Fee**

\$5 for Lunch (waived for those who bring a dish, drinks or treats)

**Toys for Tots drive continues.**



# BBQ and Pot Luck



**Main Date: Sat, Nov 12th**



**Event Coordinator**  
**Art Flores (619) 715-1842**

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## First Woodwacker Aerosquadron

Lakeside, CA

### R/C Model SWAP MEET Toys for Tots Drive



**Sat. Nov 04, 2023**  
(no rain date set)



**Site: Ron Smith Memorial Field  
(SD County Cactus Park, Lakeside)**

**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  
1/4 mile N-E of El Capitan High School in Lakeside  
N 32° 52' 12.04", W 116° 54' 41.70"

