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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 13 Sat 4:00 PM Club Awards Banquet, VFW Lakeside

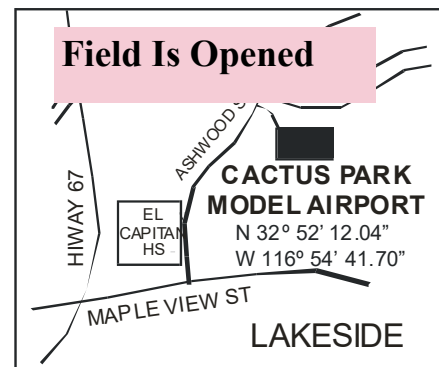
January Awards Banquet

The Banquet this year is different and a lot less expensive for the club. Bring models to show and share. It starts at 4:00 PM and we have to clean up at the end. We will all have a good time. You must pay ahead, we don't have extra food for latecomers.

"Mr. Bob" here AMA 254317 ye ole W W member

If I may I'd like a news letter note : if any one is in need of i charger set up / navigation of screens for use or general questions call or text "Mr. Bob" Frazier 858 264 7172 or see me at the field to see my setup an i charger 458 Duo 1000 watt 24 volt charger in a case.

NEXT MEETING:
Sat Dec 13, 4 PM at
VFW Lakesdie
12650 Lindo Lane
Lakeside , CA





Meeting Minutes 02 December 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the field. Club officers present were the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and the Secretary. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Year End Awards: Ron reviewed the list of awards the club gives out at the banquet each year (Weedwacker of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Rookie of the Year, Builder of the Year, Largest Crash Field, Most Demanding Recovery, etc.) Please give your nominations to Ron in December.

Banquet update: VFW Carter Smith Post 5867, 12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside CA, Saturday January 13th 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Please sign up no later than January 1st. \$25/person. No tickets available at the door.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted. Keith Miller seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance: \$6,088.87
Ending balance: \$7,660.03
Net Income: \$1571.16

January Meeting: The banquet qualifies as the January meeting.

Safety Officer Report: Nothing related specifically to the club; however everybody should get a flu shot.

Field Maintenance:

Runway - Another round of runway maintenance is being planned – Jeff will coordinate; need at least 3 people to run the tar machine; **next Sunday, 12/10/23 at 12:00 noon.**

Shed – Roof replacement deferred until mid-January. Still assessing the best type of wood to use for the project.

Shed – clean and organize work party; repair mowers and blowers as needed; **next Sunday, 12/10/23 at 12:00 noon.**

Dump trip – deferred until after the ground dries up a bit.

Old business: Keith shared an update on our LOA, now AA, that we have a couple of issues with and are following up on:

Since 2019, we've operated under a Letter of Agreement with Gillespie Field as required by the FAA Reauthorization Act. The LOA used to be managed by Gillespie Field themselves, but this Airspace Authorization (FAA Form 7711-1) replaces that LOA and is now issued directly from the FAA. All of it appears to be nearly identical to the LOA with two exceptions that we have issues with:

“If the UAS loses communications or loses its Global Positioning Signal, the UA must return to a pre-determined location within the operating area and land. Lost link procedures must not present an undue hazard to other aircraft by performing such maneuvers as crossing a runway.”



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Issue #1: This is new and should only apply to commercial UAS, not recreational sUAS. Our models, except for higher-end multirotors with GPS navigation, do NOT use a lost-link protocol to return to our runway.

“The Responsible Person listed on this AA must maintain a current list of pilots by name and the aircraft registration numbers(s) associated with the AA holder’s operation. This list must be presented for inspection upon request from the Administrator or an authorized representative.”

Issue #2: It is not the responsibility of the club to maintain such a list.

Keith also shared that our application with the FAA for FRIA (FAA Recognized Identification Area) has been rejected twice so far. Keith is having ongoing contact with the county to clarify flying over a public road.

Bottom Line: We’re asking for a memo stating that the County has no objections to our continued model airplane operations that extend from our flying field over the airspace above the riverbed. Specifically, that the County allows us to overfly the easement connecting Ashwood Street to the equestrian center. This is in keeping with the flight operations described in Exhibit “A” of our lease.

Rules Review: Rule #11 will be changed to read, “Come in to the West of the pumphouse” rather than the pole.

Upcoming Events:

Banquet - bring a model to show off; donations for the raffle are encouraged.

Fire Extinguisher drill with Ron is coming in January; he is gathering all the needed equipment. There will be live fire and a demonstration with Lipo batteries.

General Notes:

Dr. Pepper seems to be the beverage of choice at the field.

Thank you to Richard Brown for negotiating the banquet hall and food.

127 active members are on the roster.

Reminder to renew your membership for 2024. Pay \$80 dues to Richard or any club officer.

Good of the Order: Jeff highlighted a couple of excellent building/repair products.

Sherman Williams Shrink Free Spackling - no shrink compound is great for filling cracks in foam.

Foam sanding blocks from TEMU are great for all sanding operations.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.





December President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope to see everyone at the banquet on 13 January, 4:00pm at the Lakeside VFW at Lindo Park. When you see Rich Brown, please say thanks for the great job he did finding a place for our banquet. The building is big enough so we will have model sharing and raffles. When you see the prizes, you will want to buy a lot of tickets! An evening with dinner, awards, and lots of fun.

2023 had a few challenges such as the FAA requiring us to register our planes and the field being in jeopardy from the new nursery that recently moved in. I talked to the guy that planted the timberline at the fence and who feels compelled to take pictures of club members. I talked to him and he seems to have calmed down.

This summer will be interesting. Jeff's recommendation to buy a machine to tar the cracks in the runway was a great idea. Thanks Jeff!

Since we haven't had any estate sales the treasury has taken a hit. Rich Brown is our new Treasurer. He has lots of prior experience and is detail oriented.

I would also like to thank the Field Marshals for their help with rules and safety.

The minutes of the December meeting were provided by the new Secretary, Mark Gray. Looks like we are in good hands. Thanks Mark!

If you have any questions, feel free to call. Once again, Merry Christmas and have a safe New Years!

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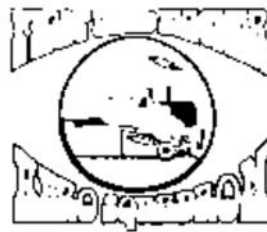
First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Annual Awards Banquet

**Saturday 1/13/2024
4:00 pm**

*Admission—\$25 per person
Beef, Ham and all the fixins'
- including -*

*Model of the Year Competition and Presentation
Big Raffle!*

Tickets must be paid by Jan 1st. No exceptions.



**VFW Carter Smith Post 5867
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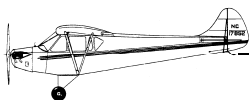
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