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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

Feb3 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM

Weedwackers,

Reminder that we have an agreement with our neighbor to the East not to fly over his property, especially on approach for landing East to West.

Specifically, this means we must keep our planes on a path West of the pump house at all times to be compliant.

Failure to abide by our agreement could result in the loss of use of the field so we urgently request everyone's full and continuous cooperation.

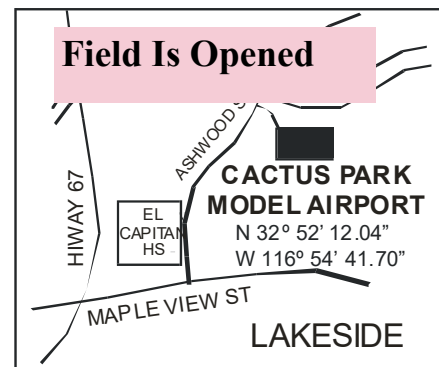
Additionally, no one other than a club officer should engage the neighbor in any way. Immediately refer any issues to Ron Keith at (619) 988-7667 for resolution.

Please note: A revision to the Field Rules is under consideration and the poster hung at the east end of the fence showing the prescribed flight paths is not currently valid.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Ron Keith  
Jeff Coskey  
Richard Brown  
Mark Gray

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





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## January 2024 President's Message

2024 is here and I would like to say, "Have a great New Year!"

The banquet was a great success, with over 80 folks signed up. I would like to thank all who helped set up and clean up when we called it done. We had a great raffle, 25 prizes. Discount Hobby really came through as usual. The next time you visit the store, say thanks to John.

We handed out the following awards:

- Weedwacker of Year - Jeff Coskey
- Builder of the Year - Ken Lawrence
- Most Improved Pilot - Craig Graham
- Rookie of the Year - Conner Nelson
- Largest Debris Field - Kevin Pothier
- Most Demanding Recovery - Jeremy Miller
- Most Crashes - Fred Miller
- Most Stitches - John Loerke
- 12<sup>th</sup> Man - Rich Brown
- Distinguished Service Award - Don Westergren



Mr. & Mrs. John Weaver,  
West Coast Hobbies

A new award, **Wingman Award**, was presented to the following members that stepped up when we needed special work projects or anything out of the ordinary to help the club:

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|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Art Flores  | Glen Merritt   | Steve Shepersky    |
| Mark Gray   | Dick Milhausen | Julian Sonderegger |
| Mark Lukens | Keith Miller   | Butch Weiser       |
| Les Moore   | Kevin Pothier  |                    |

This award features two P47's in formation with the members' name and date. The Wingman Award is worth putting in a frame and hanging on a wall.

The nursery to the east of the runway has a person with an anger problem I would really appreciate it if none of the members confronts him or do anything that might set him off – let me deal with his concerns. In the meantime, it is important to fly within our property line (fence at east end of runway) stay west of the property line. He has threatened to seek legal action, this is a battle we do not need.

Dick Milhausen and Rich Brown cut down the weeds again on 18 January. Job well done as usual.

I want to warn all, when leaving the field please be on guard of traffic speeding around curve heading north. I looked left, right, and back left; it was all clear, so I proceeded out of the driveway to head south. Oh damn, a motorcycle hauling butt heading north went behind me up on the gravel. First it shocked me that he was there and going so fast then I was mad at how stupid this organ donor was. Just take note and be extra careful.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2024, 0900 at the field.

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