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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

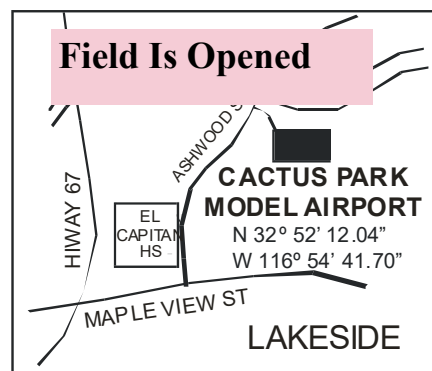
Mar2 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM

Mar9 Sat Club Swap Meet, 7:00 AM Cactus Park

So Far, So Good

Read the President's Message—it is full of good news. The work by the Board in working with our field neighbor, and the adjustments to the landing procedures and marking of the field runway has calmed the situation at Cactus Park. Thanks to all of you for adjusting to the new approach and landing procedures. Please keep it up.

NEXT MEETING:
Sat Mar 2, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA





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Meeting Minutes 10 February 2024

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. A total of 22 club members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the December 02, 2023 meeting were approved as submitted. Pedro Fregoso seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance:	\$7660.03	Dec 1 st
Income:	\$7778.80	
Expenses:	\$5727.91	
Ending Balance:	\$9710.92	Jan 31 st

Banquet Report:

- 82 present, largest attendance in 8-10 years
- \$51.46 net surplus on food
- 80 paid, 78 ate
- \$250 in women's prizes
- \$150 on flowers – paid but did not get the flowers due to covid
- \$720 – trophies
- \$1019.41 - raffle cost
- \$1055 – raffle revenue
- Net banquet cost \$632.95 (1/3 of prior years) NICE!!
- 119 paid club members, 4 life, 4 youth
- 24 have not renewed to date

Keith Miller moved to accept the treasurer's report.

Gerry Conklin seconded.

General Notes:

Jeff recognized Richard and Janie Brown for their hard work to make the banquet a huge success. He presented them with a \$100 gift card to the Brigantine.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the flight boundaries that need to be implemented due to on-going issues with the neighbor. The points included:

- Do not fly over the shed – we are working hard to calm the neighbor down.

- The neighbor agreed we could retrieve downed planes on his property but only the pilot and one other individual (not to exceed 2) (field marshal or club officer preferred) may access his property for the task unless there is a fire that needs to be dealt with (then everyone should engage).

- We plan to move the pole to be a boundary marker to further help ensure planes do not fly over Jake's property.

- Bob is the name of the owner; Jake is the name of the tenant. Bob defers to Jake on matters related to the property.

- The boundaries have been re-defined; we must keep our planes West of the cones.

- There should be no one-on-one interaction with Jake; do not say a word.

- Turn inside the line of cones and touch down on the bullseye on the runway.

- Jake has an issue with EDF's; make approaches to land as slow as possible

- The question was raised if we could extend the runway to the West. Answer, yes



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but it is cost prohibitive.

Jake cut the chain, not the lock a week ago.

Going forward, we will put our lock on the gate and give Jake the combination.

Jake is threatening to activate his attorneys and call for us to cease and desist.

Reference the AMA document (Model Flyers & Their Neighbors, 07/2012) as the guideline – consider putting the letter out to the club

The county could pull our lease if the problem persists.

We have the boundaries that the AMA has approved.

The cones are a visual for now and may not be the permanent fix.

Failure to adhere to the boundaries will result in a verbal warning for the first offense and loss of flying privileges for the rest of the day for the 2nd offense.

Turn over the cones. That gives a 60' buffer to the neighbor's property.

Reminder to field marshals to wear their badge and exercise authority of field oversight; being passive does not work.

Reminder for club members to wear their badges anytime they are at the field.

Field Maintenance:

Mark L. has a drawing for re-roofing the shed.

As soon as weather permits there will be painting party for the lumber for the shed with oops paint we have on hand. It will then be placed inside the shed to dry before assembling on the roof. Date TBD.

Mow day to be scheduled soon.

Upcoming Events:

3/2 March meeting

3/9 Swap meet

Safety Officer Report:

Reminder to stay north of the red line on the runway.

The nettles are out; beware when walking through the grass; do not touch.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM.



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February 2024 President's Message

Thanks! You guys have been really helpful with some of the things that we as a club are dealing with. I appreciate the one-on-one discussions regarding ideas and workable solutions to improve the field. Please continue to provide input, your ideas are appreciated!

I had a productive 45-minute conversation with our neighbor to the east. He was receptive to a few ideas that would benefit him and the club. I think we have worked out our differences; time will tell. I plan to move the windsock pole to our property side of the east fence when the ground dries out. The new boundaries are in place so try to follow marked lines and cones for downwind and final. I know it is tough for the larger aircraft, but we do not have a choice. We are working to prevent loss of field and avoid a legal battle.

We are considering the possibility of extending the west end of the runway and will need help to remove rocks and fill in the rough spots. This will allow us to land further down the runway to the west.

Shed roof construction is underway. The wood was painted, and installation should be completed by March 24-25. Mark Lukens has taken the lead on the project; his design looks great. All are welcome to help. I will send out a notice requesting a work party to cleanup around the BBQ area after we finish the shed roof.

The races were cancelled due to lack of interest; only six members participated in the last two events. We might try again later in the year if more folks plan to attend.

I will explain what the Board plans to do with new flight rules and review upcoming projects. Please review the picture of the new flight plan by the pin box.

March 9th is the date for the next swap meet so dust off what you want to sell. I will be at the gate to welcome you in at 0630 – 0700. Sellers pay \$5.00, buyers attend free. Just remember, if you bring it and do not sell it, take it with you when you leave.

The next meeting will be March 2, 2024, 0900 at the field.

Any questions, please contact me anytime.

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First Woodwacker Aerosquadron

Lakeside, CA

SWAP MEET

Sat. Mar 9, 2024
Rain Date Mar 16, 2024

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

Hours: 7:00 am – 11:00 am
\$5 Seller's Fee
Buyers Free

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