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NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER April 2024

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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

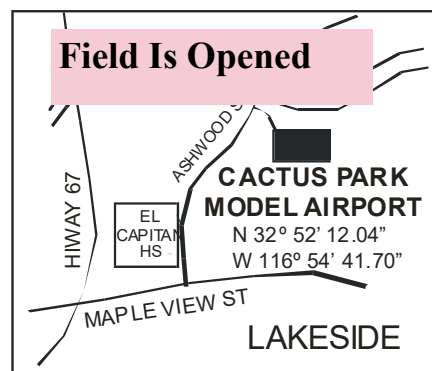
Mar2 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM

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

F.I.R.A. (FAA-Recognized Identification Area) What it Means

Thanks to Keith Miller for arranging for our club to meet the requirements with the FAA for this designation. This means all of the club members (and guests) can fly RC models at Cactus Park without having to have a self identifying transmitter in their models at Cactus Park. So you do not have to spend money of such a device (I don't think these devices are readily available yet) and you don't have to carry on in your model (using the model power battery and weight penalty for model performance). YEY!

NEXT MEETING:
Sat Apr 6, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA





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Meeting Minutes 02 March 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 Secretary. A total of 10 club members were present. The pledge of allegiance was skipped due to rain.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the February 10, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted by Steve Shepersky & seconded by David Roche.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance: \$9710.92 Feb 1st
Income: \$355.93
Expenses: \$875.40
Ending Balance: \$9191.45 Feb 29th

February 2023 balance - \$8383.22 (12 month difference + \$808.23)

Note: Reviewed and approved for accuracy by the Board of Directors.

General Notes:

Big thank you to everyone that helped on the shed roof. It turned out well.

Mark Lukens
Glenn Merritt
Mark Hyser
Pete Fregoso
Brian Knutson
Jeff Coskey
Gerry Conklin

Field Maintenance:

Discussion of options to lengthen the West end of the runway now that the approach from the East is shorter included laying down a monofilament material which is sold in rolls of about 3000 SF for about \$2300/rl and/or adding DG. Monofilament is cost prohibitive and will not be pursued as a viable option. Use of DG to smooth the West end run-off area is a more realistic solution.

Additional work on the ceiling of the shed is needed to remediate water damage and mold
The BBQ area needs to be cleaned-up.

Richard B. and Dick M. will handle the mowing.

A work party is planned for 3/16/24 for general field clean-up.

Upcoming Events:

Swap meet – 3/9/24, rain date 3/16/24
Field clean-up – 3/16/24
Pamona AMA Expo West show 3/16/24
Pylon races - 3/23/24
Easter - 3/31/24

Safety Officer Report:

Reviewed rule #12 - Aerobatic maneuvers and helicopter flight shall be performed north of the paved runway unless in a landing pattern.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.



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March 2024 President's Message

Things are looking up!

The storage shed roof is finished thanks to all who helped, especially Mark Lukens who took the lead on this project.

Thanks to Keith Miller and his hard work the F.I.R.A. (FAA-Recognized Identification Area) was approved.

Our new flight plan is working. The nursery owner, Jake, has calmed down, so please continue to keep up the excellent job of not flying over his area.

Rich Brown repaired the sinkhole at the west end of the runway.

The field looks great thanks to Rich Brown and Dick Milhausen. They mowed the grass and cut down the overgrown weeds. The lawnmowers also needed attention but are now up and running after a little TLC.

The work party on 16 March was a huge success. Holes near the entrance gate were filled and the west end of the runway was inspected and cleaned. It is not that rough so don't be afraid to land long. The area around the BBQ was cleaned up; branches, leaves, and lumber were removed, and area weeds sprayed.

We are planning to repair the roof over the pits with leftover panels not used on the shed.

Saturday, 23 March, 0900, bring out the T28s to race. The more participants the excitement level rises for the pilots and spectators.

Reminder:

31 March, Easter Sunday

6 April, meeting at the field, 0900

13 April, Fun Fly with new boundaries should be exciting!

You guys are doing great with the new boundaries so keep up the good work. If you have any new ideas you'd like to share, please let me know.

Ron

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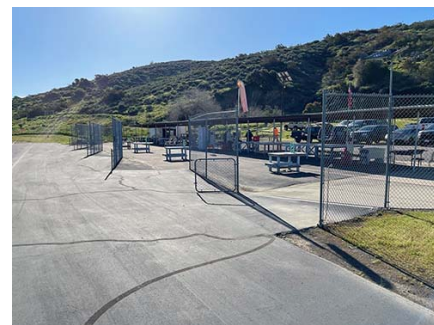
We had a good group of guys come out last Saturday (March 16) to work on the flying field which encompassed:

- Cleaning the flight tables
- Blowing the pitt area
- Raking & cleaning up the picnic/BBQ area
- Weedwacking & mowing
- Filling holes and smoothing the West run-off end of the runway

Here is the list of participants:

- Ron Keith
- Lester Moore
- Craig Graham
- Mark Gray
- Keith Miller
- Butch Weiser
- Glen Merritt
- Jeff Coskey
- Dick Milhausen
- Richard Brown
- Gerry Conklin
- Jeffrey Nagy
- Mark Huyser
- Steve Sheperski

Attached are a few pictures.





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Pylon Races

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Class: FMS 800mm T-28 Trojan

Schedule:

7a-9a Practice and warm-up flying

9:00 Pilots Meeting and Safety Briefing

9:15 Start the events

The field will be **closed to regular flying** from 9:00 until the event concludes, usually around 11:00.

WHERE: Ron Smith Memorial RC Flying Field (Weedwackers)

Plane Details:

The **ONLY** plane we will be racing is the **FMS T28 v2 (the 800mm version)**.

You can purchase one at [Horizon Hobby](https://www.horizonhobby.com/) or any hobby store that has them in stock.

- **ESC:** This plane comes stock with a 20A speed controller which in our testing, rides the edge of safety. For this reason we are allowing any ESC you wish to install in your plane but you must stick with the stock motor.
- **Prop:** We will allow the stock 3-blade prop or an APC 7x6E.
 - **Gyro:** The stock plane comes with an orange gyro and a bunch of servo / receiver wires. Feel free to pull out that dead weight if you want.
 - **Battery:** The only limitation on the battery we have is that it must be a 3 cell battery. Pilots have had success with 800mAh to 2200mAh in size.
 - **Markings:** Each plane will be expected to have a **unique marking so spotters and pylon judges will be able to identify your plane**. It can either be a color scheme (paint job) or a **VERY visible decal with a number**. Be creative!

Race Details

- Three qualifying heats of five laps each followed by three medal rounds (bronze, silver and gold) at 10 laps each. Plan your battery size accordingly.
- Starts will be from the air.
- Left turns around the pylons. No cutting! Pylon judges will deduct your score if you turn prior to the pylon.
- Take off will commence 30 seconds prior to race start
- Each pilot will have his/her own spotter to call out when they cross the lap / finish line. Spotters can be anyone at the field not currently flying in the race.
- We will have up to 5 planes running in a single heat. Fly safe!

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