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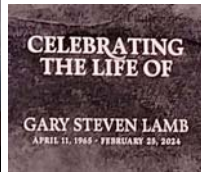
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CLUB FIELD: Cactus Park (East), Ashwood St. (1/4 mile N-E of El Capitan High School) in Lakeside, CA. Please be sure the last flyer to leave locks the pin box and the gate.

R/C Schedule

May 4 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM
May 18 Sat Scale Fly-In, Cactus Park 9:00 AM



Gary Lamb 4/11/65—4/2024

This is Gary Lamb, he passed away due to colon cancer, he was always too busy to fly but he did come out and paint the stripes on the runway and the shade structure, one of my best friends.

No information on services

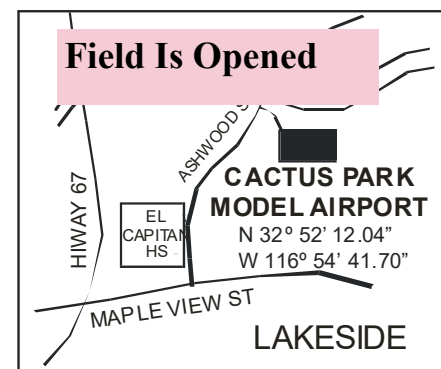


**Arnold Lipschutz,
12/20/1934 – 4/20/2024**

Arnold Joined the club in 2016 and has been a prolific builder and the nicest member of the club all these years.

No information on services

**NEXT MEETING:
Sat May 4, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA**





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April 2024 President's Message

April has been an interesting month at the field and rain seems to be prevalent on the weekends.

We had a meeting on 6 April with about 25 people which was good since we had much to discuss. If you did not make it, you missed out.

The field was closed on 10 April for a private event that consisted of 40 military personnel from Lebanon for a drone presentation. The local company conducts business around the world. Two charter buses showed up with 34 men and 6 women. Two SUVs full of equipment, ten drones, a large screen TV, generator PA system and headsets. It looked like something out of a black ops movie. Tuesday, 9 April their first drone rehearsal was conducted at 1300 for a few hours. The 10th was the all-day event. The company pilot put the drones through its commands in the air – it was quite a show. They had a catered food truck for lunch and by 1600 everyone left the field. They were well prepared and organized. If you are interested in more information, please let me know.

With 40 people at the field, I was accompanied by two of our Field Marshals, Steve Shepersky and Dick Milhausen. They stepped up and spent most of the day with me and the 40 visitors. Thanks for your assistance!

I apologize for the announcements not getting posted on the web until the 9th, but I did place signs on the gate and pin box on the 8th. In the future I will ensure it will not happen again.

We had a small issue with the nursery tenant. A plane crashed into the white pump house upsetting “Jake” and now the owner of the property wants \$150 for damages. The Board is working on this. The plane was returned, and I talked to the pilot. I still need to talk to the property owner. In the meantime, PLEASE do not push the east fence boundary. FLY TO THE WEST!

Projects scheduled to start:

Pit roof – patch or replace metal. When the pit roof is complete, we will rework the tables – volunteers needed. We hope to finish this project within the month. We are getting quotes on sheet metal and new wood. The sinkhole is back. Rich Brown and I plan to work on this task 29 April.

May schedule:

4 May – Club meeting

11 May - Field cleanup

18 May - Fly in?? Not sure yet. Since we implemented the new boundaries, this may impact how many folks attend which will also impact BBQ and raffle.

25 May - Races

On 23 April, a grievance was submitted to the Board for rules violation that could put the club in a precarious position. We are at risk of losing the field due to legal action by the property owner to the east. My plan is to advise the member that his actions need to cease and desist, and he will have to fly with a pilot until cleared to fly solo. If compliance with recommendations is not met, he will be grounded for 30 days. In Rule 11, the flag/plane marker changed to the county fence at east end of runway.

Ron

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Meeting Minutes 6 April 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, and the Secretary. A total of 19 club members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the March 2, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted. Gerry Conklin seconded.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance:	\$9,191.45	Mar 1 st
Income:	\$220	
Expenses:	\$632.44	
Ending Balance:	\$8,779.01	Mar 31 st
<small>Balance March 31, 2023: \$8,792.96</small>		

Keith Miller moved to accept the treasurer's report.
Lyle Black seconded.

General Notes:

The current relationship with our neighbor is good, thank you everyone for your cooperation. Ron has been interacting with him successfully.

The west end of the runway is clean and good for long landings.

Please advise Don W. or a club officer if you are not getting the newsletter.

The shed has a roof. Thank you again to all who participated.

Ron passed around an idea for a new logo for a T-shirt.

It was suggested that we freshen up the website with new pictures, etc. Tim Peterson is the webmaster.

Kevin P. and Elmer G. showed off their new Free Wing F-14's by Motion RC – they are planning to do some formation flying. They have twin 64 mm EDF's and need a 10 channel receiver for all the bells and whistles.

Note: there will likely be a future expense for repairing some of our run tables.

Our club has received on-going recognition as a Gold Leader Club with submission of the 2024 AMA Leader Club Currency Report.

Leader Members – It is a new AMA requirement this year for on-going recognition as a Leader Club that at least one member of the club be a Leader Member. This is a program designed to recognize leaders in the modeling community. Three classifications exist: Administrative, Industry, and Scientific. Members recognized in this program help to administer Academy activities as well as maintain and vote on the AMA bylaws. Information and applications are available from the Membership Department at AMA Headquarters. Jeff C. and Keith M. applied and were approved. Jeff described the process of applying (it's like a resume) and encourages other club members to participate.

FRIA update – We are approved! The AMA badge is updated on the website but still pending on the FAA website. A Big Thank You to Keith Miller for spearheading the effort and maintaining communication with all involved entities.

Field Maintenance:

Ron suggests we paint the shed & will put together a work party. We have paint!

Upcoming Events:

Fun Fly on April 13 has been cancelled due to the abbreviated approach pattern from the



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East. We may try single, fun-fly events in the future.

The next club event is the Armed Forces Day Scale Fly-in, BBQ, & Raffle on May 18th. Art F. volunteered to bring carne asada potluck and Keith will help cook. Art will run the event. Art is accepting donations to offset the cost. Keith will run 1 fun fly event.

The field will be closed all day, 8 AM to 5 PM, on April 10th for a private event. Closed for normal club flying activities.

If possible, land your glider on the grass West of the Pits.

Safety Officer Report:

If you use a fire extinguisher, please communicate with Ron what it was used for.

Rule review - #17 – Inexperienced pilots should seek help and be given help by experienced pilots or club instructors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.



Steve Sheperski's Avanti along with Kevin Pothier and Elmer Gonzalez F-14's



This glider is the FMX Fox owned by Steve Morton.



The pilot is Lyle Black. His "V" Diamond is sporting a .15 OS with a 7x4 pusher propeller and a 6 oz fuel tank. It is a conversion from an electric ARF, and with the battery in the nose, it required 3 oz to balance out. It flies very stable and smooth at high speeds but at low speeds is pitch stable but roll sensitive. It is not using stabilization so it is exciting to fly. It is 33" long with a 36" wingspan and 248 sq. of wing area.

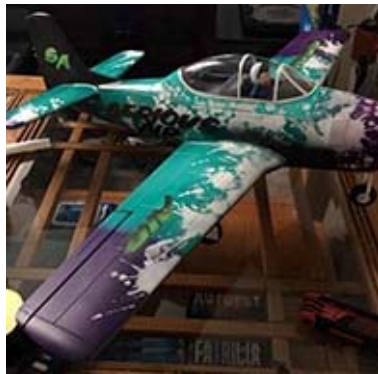


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George Pearsol, a fellow Weedwacker, will soon expand his business Serious Air Custom Airbrushing to a storefront in Parkway Plaza. Many of us have seen his handiwork, particularly those who've been at our T-28 races that Grave Digger flew in. He's painted several members' models.

George got the keys to his new location in mid-April and will open his doors mid-May. Some of our club members are participating in his store setup. George would like members to know that his services include painting models as well his normal menu of shirts, team jerseys, helmets, sports banners, ball caps, and tons more. His business can be found on Facebook and Yelp, and soon in center court at the mall.

He plans on having a custom-painted R/C T-28 in his store-front window which he'd like to be accompanied by a flyer from the Weedwackers, promoting the club and hobby.





Arnold Lipschutz, 12/20/1934 – 4/20/2024

Arnold passed away on the morning of April 20th, 2024 at the age of 89. He joined the Weedwackers' club in 2016 and was the most endearing and upstanding gentlemen we could have enjoyed the company of.

Arnold would often bring Subway sandwiches to field events and cleanup days, and just about every weekend brought a six-pack of bottled water to share with anyone who was thirsty.

In 2016 he started bringing planes in for show and tell nearly every month, demonstrating his love for kit-bashing and scratch-building. The first kit he brought to a club meeting was called a Decaf (cut down Decathlon). He didn't like the wings, so he modified the wings and fuselage and added a Saito 4-stroke 30. In July 2016, he brought in a kit-built Tiger Moth. In Oct 2016 he produced an Ace Bingo, yet another beautifully built kit:



In December of that same year, he showed off a new Ace 4-40 Biplane which he modified to include ailerons in the top wing.

With his first year as a club member being so productive, Arnold was recognized as 2016's Builder of the Year.



Builder of the Year - Arnold Lipschutz

We'll just read off the list of models this builder brought to club meetings in 2016, each built and covered beautifully and built to be flown:

- Apr - Sig Skybolt and a Bucker Jungmann
- May - Decaf (modified Decathlon)
- Jun - P-51 (House of Balsa)
- Jul - Gypsy Moth (Pilot)
- Aug - Waco (Cox ARF)
- Sep - PT-17
- Oct - Bingo 40 (Ace)
- Nov - Sig Hog
- Dec - 4-40 Biplane (Ace)



During 2017, Arnold continued his building spree. In February he displayed the naked bones of a Sig Hog Biplane with an OS FX 61 in front. Arnold opted to go pull-pull on the rudder and an arrow shaft on the elevator, all hidden from view. Arnold would later cover the model with SolarTech.



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And here it is at the following March 2017 meeting, finished. Once month later in April of 2017, he produced a Bingo with rounded edges, thicker wings and a fuselage modified to fit a wider landing gear.



Later in June of 2017, he outfitted his Sig Hog Bipe with an on-board video camera which he asked many of the members to fly. Here's a view from his cockpit camera on June 30th, 2017.



In Feb 2020 he worked on converting some single-stick radios to 2.4 GHz.

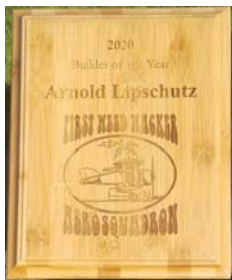


During the COVID years, he kit-bashed a Carl Goldberg Falcon 56 and Sr. Falcon, and built up

a Lou Andrews Aeromaster too.

Arnold was our builder of the year for 2020.

In March 2021, he was back at it. From plans, he built the Mini Bell in just two weeks. Arnold converted it to a tail-dragger



and included a pilot figure. With a click of this trim and a few clicks of that trim, she was cruising around happily!

In March 2022, he bashed, yet again, a Bingo 40 from, transforming it into a biplane





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In 2024, a large portion of Arnold's fleet were completed with the help of Lyle Black. Arnold loved to invite many of the members to fly his planes – he so loved watching them fly, and they all flew well!

Here are some of most beautifully built models we've seen at the field.

Here's a tidbit of recognition to the event:

"Over several months in 2024, Lyle put on the final pre-flight touches on six of Arnold Lipschutz' hand-crafted models. Included in one grand Lipschutz air show were Arnold's Tiger Moth, PT-17, P-51, Ace 4-40 Bipe, Sig Skybolt and a Cox Pica Waco. Only the Waco had flown before – all others saw their maiden flights today.

All flights went very well, with a minor exception that Lyle learned the Tiger Moth's flying wires were in fact meant to be functional. Lyle was able to bring it down safely while countering the effects of significantly variable dihedral!

Congratulations to Arnold for the successful exhibition of his fleet, and well done to Lyle who successfully maidenized them all!

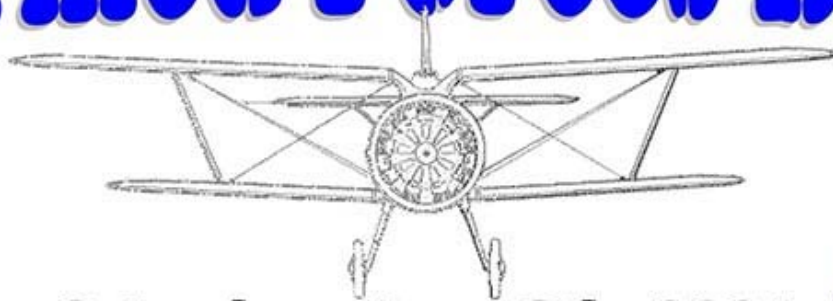
This is Arnold Lipschutz' 4-40 Bipe. Lyle Black has been preparing many of Arnold's planes for maiden or re-maiden flights.

Lyle's plan is that, when Arnold and he can get a common day together, Lyle will fly Arnold's latest fleet of four models which includes this 4-40 Bipe, a Tiger Moth, PT-17 and a P-51.

Lyle's calling it "Arnold's Air Force".



Armed Forces Day



Saturday, May 18th, 2024



Scale Fly-In



Raffle



Event Coordinators

Art Flores

(619) 715-1842

Schedule:

8:00-9:00 AM Check in

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying

11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

\$10 Landing Fee

**\$5 for Carne Asada Lunch
(participating pilots eat FREE!)**

**Scale and Semi-Scale models
welcome—ARFs too!**



Awards for:
Best Civilian
Best Military
Judges' Choice
Best Flight Performance



Event site: Weedwackers are
located at:
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Lakeside, CA
Across from the BMX track

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