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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 2016

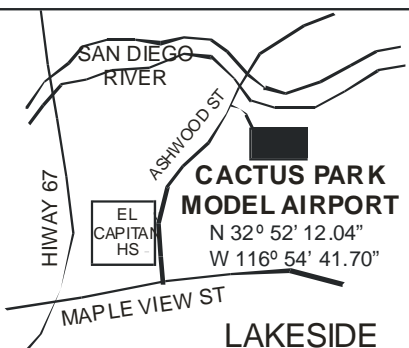
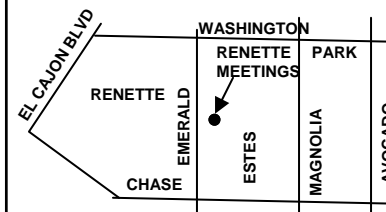
Mar 12 Fri-Sat RCX Expo
Mar 19 Sat Swap Meet, Cactus Park,
Apr 16 Sat TEDx Kids Event and Innovation Park
Apr 17 Sun Cub Scout Fly-In (TBD)
Apr 23 Sat Lakeside Western Days Parade
Apr 29-30 Chino Airshow
May 7 Sat Field Closed for Polo Event (TBD)
May 14 Sat Field Cleanup and Fun Fly, Cactus Park
May 21 Sat Scale Fly-In, Cactus Park
July 9 Sat Mid Summer Luncheon (somewhere)

Some Club Statistics

We have 120 members in our roster for 2016. Thanks for renewing
your club memberships. In addition, we send out newsletters to 16
additional places such as the AMA, other clubs, Hobby Shops, and
San Diego County Parks Dept. We sent out 34 newsletters by US
Mail and have 99 email addresses for PDF versions of the
newsletter. Ok these numbers don't quite add up because a few
members have family members using the same email address—we
just send one to each address.

This past year we had 164 members, so 44 didn't renew. This is
typical each year as members move, drop out of the hobby, and we
lost a few friends this past year.

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Mar 1, 7:00
Renette Park





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Meeting Minutes February 2nd 2016

Bruce Allen

The meeting on February 2nd 2016, was called to order by the club President, Keith Miller at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were 27, including board members; Treasurer Scott Graupmann and Secretary Bruce Allen. Vice President Jeff Coskey.

New Members

Arnold Lipchitz, Chuck Cassity – Checking us out! Arnold was impressed with the warm welcome he got when he visited the field, Good to Hear!

Electric Seminar

On request

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion for acceptance Proposed: Ron Keith.
Seconded: Ken Lawrence. Unanimous

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance: \$9,747.57 Income: \$7,872.00
Expenses: \$3,386.60 (Includes Deposit correction of \$300) Current Ending Balance: \$14,232.97

Motion for acceptance Proposed: Mike Martak
Seconded: Chuck Cassity. Unanimous

Safety Officer

Ron Keith – Club recommendation that we have 2 members when in operation. Reasoning if there is only one person flying & the model goes down in the wooded area (for example) the individual goes to retrieve it & has an accident & is incapacitated?

Several good points were brought up, but it was not felt that we should add a Field Rule to legislate this but rely on members good sense. BUT there should always be one working Cellphone in case of a problem.

Now for something completely different...

Ron Keith unfortunately could not be at the Banquet & he had been recognized as our Safety Officer etc has qualified to be an Instructor in First Aid & CPR, he also ran a live Fire Safety

seminar. Keith presented him with his certificate. Well done Ron!

Fun Fly/ Race Report –

(On both events as there was a drop of attendees for various reasons it has been decided not to plan anything for 2016 at this time)

Calendar of Events

2016 Events on our Calendar on the website. (Also published in February Hangar News, and on the website)

Most events are firm, some are TBD

Sat March 12 – RCX Expo

Sat March 19 – Swap Meet, Ron Smith Memorial Flying field.

Sat April 16 – TEDx Kids Event (See later in this newsletter)

Sat April 23 – Lakeside Western Days Parade

Old Business

Renewals – So far we have 50 out of 164 members who have renewed, we hope that will change tonight!

FAA Registration AMA recommends sUAS registration with the AMA From the AMA's Q&A page: Q: Should clubs require all members to be registered? A: No, we are not asking our clubs to police UAS Registration. That decision is up to each individual club and club leaders.

{14 CFR Part § 48.205 }“ ... the marking must be readily accessible and maintained in a condition that is readable and legible upon close visual inspection. Markings enclosed in a compartment, such as a battery compartment, will be considered “readily accessible” if they can be accessed without the use of tools.

Some useful notes:

You do not register each UAS (Drone, Plane, Helicopter etc) just yourself.

A copy of the certificate the FAA issues should be kept with you, in your field kit, vehicle etc.

The Board will NOT police this requirement, as per the AMA it is up to the individual.



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Raffle Issue – Ted had a box that each attendee would sign a card which would be dropped into the box to be used at the Banquet to select a winner, the more meetings you attended the better chance to win. Unfortunately, in December it was discovered that at least one person had put in more than one entry into the box. (Those tickets were removed & destroyed!)

We are going back to using the Sign in book that the Secretary controls & will at the end of the year use to count up the names etc.

SO MAKE SURE YOU SIGN IN!

New Business

Sink Hole- Ted O’Fallin mentioned that a Sink Hole has appeared left hand side of the runway, which maybe in the same area when it had happened several years ago.

We’ve been in contact with the County Department of Public Works, and they’ve assessed the damage. Unfortunately, they can’t do anything until they’ve discussed it with County Parks Department who manages the property.

Both DPW and I (Keith) have left many messages with Parks and have offered that, at a minimum, we fill the hold with dirt to at least avoid continued carnage caused by our protective barrier (see below). I hope to have a resolution this week.

We’re treading a bit cautiously, primarily because we want to ensure that the environmental requirements of the retired landfill are not violated by our actions. Hence, we’re not filling the hole until we’ve got confirmation from DPW that we’re cleared to do so.

In the meantime, land and take off with **CAUTION!**

TEDx Kids Event

Keith received an email regards this event, below is an extract:

“Hello Team First Weedwacker Aero Squadron!

My name is Jennifer Cirar and I am a teacher for the Cajon Valley Union School District. Our district is hosting a Kids TEDx Event and an Innovation Park on April 16th. Our families would love to have the First Weedwacker Aero Squadron represented at our Innovation Park. Our Innovation Park is an outdoor hand’s on learning experience for the families in El Cajon and San Diego. We would be honored to have you come out and host a booth from 11:00 am - 1:15 pm. Thank you for your consideration for joining our cause to create 21st century students and families”.

We discussed the possibility of providing R/C Simulators, & maybe demonstrate 3d flying of a small foamy.

Bruce Allen agreed to be the coordinator & will follow up with the organizers.

We are ALL Ambassadors of the club

We had an Incident where a Member of the club upset a member of the public who was with his 2 small children & wished to watch what we do. There was only one member at the field he was very un-obliging & did not want to deal with the visitor who left & apparently the member locked the gate behind them!

The gentleman, quite rightly, wrote a letter of complaint to Keith. Keith, Scott & Bruce followed up with apologetic emails, assuring him that this was an isolated incidence & he was welcome to come down any time we are flying. He has subsequently visited us on a weekend with his children & was suitably impressed by Scotts attention etc.

A reminder to us all, our Field is in a County Park & the public has right of access when our gates are open. I (Bruce) make a point of speaking to new visitors to welcome them & answer any questions, & hopefully get a new member or two...



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Free Membership

Gerry Conklin, sorry you must be present to win.

Good of the Order

Jeff Coskey mentioned that Vern Gilmore had some problems with brownouts on Spectrum type receivers, there have been some knockoffs sold at cheap prices which are questionable. A while ago there were some fake Spectrum RX's around that had problems. Recommendation is that always buy your electronic parts from a reputable dealer like Discount Hobbies, Hobby People etc.

Ted O'Fallon – Talked about the ROMEO club (Retired Old Men Eating Out, yes I qualify!) meeting Monday's & Thursday's. Sometimes we don't see some of them for a while & don't know how they are. So we should try to contact them & check if they are OK.

Raffle:

- Fred Miller ESC plus
- Don Madison Phantom Clock
- Hank Leichner CA Glue Café 67 Meal ticket
- John Irwin Café 67 Meal ticket CA Glue
- Arnold Lipchitz Magnifying Lens for Camera
- Bruce Allen (Don very kindly gave me the Phantom Clock & he had my prize! *)
- Fred Miller Gas
- Scott Graupmann Servos x2
- Rich Caulfield Grab Bag
- Dave Francis Fuel Pump

Income from Raffle \$145.00 Cost of Items: \$80.00 Net \$65.00

*The reason I wanted the Phantom clock is because I worked on Phantoms when I was in the RAF in Germany for 3 years during the Cold War, we had 3 permanently on readiness with the nasty bomb loaded onto them.

Motion to Adjourn:

Keith we're adjourned at 20:11 hrs.



President's Message Mar 2016

Two-man "rule"

While not a rule per se, our Safety Officer Ron Keith strongly recommends (and I agree) that, when flying, we should *always* be accompanied by at least one person who's capable of making an emergency phone call on a cell phone. At any given time, an incident or injury could occur and our field is well out of the view of the public and passers-by to call for help. Safety is paramount - don't fly alone!

Sink Hole

As an update to the recorded meeting minutes, we've since been assured by the County Department of Public Works (DPW) that they will fill the sink hole. Initially, in keeping with our Reservation and Maintenance Agreement, the direction was that the club would be responsible for repairing the hole. However after review, DPW decided that it would be wise for them to excavate and fill the sink-hole to grade level. This will ensure proper controls are in place in the event that landfill debris or burn ash are encountered.

DPW is drafting a work plan that should be approved by the time you read this, followed shortly by the hole being filled.

Unfortunately, the damaged area won't be paved. We've asked DPW to top the hole with decomposed granite (DG) which should leave a solid surface and would be suited for future paving efforts.

On that **paving matter** - unfortunately we've made no ground yet within the Parks department, and have very few leads for potential charitable construction companies to have the runway professionally paved. I'm soliciting you, the members, to hunt amongst your neighbors, friends and co-workers for paving companies who may be willing to graciously contribute.

As an alternative, we may be forced to lay down a

thin slurry; a stop-gap that may only last a couple of years.

EAST

As permitted by our Bylaws, Article 3.A, and based upon Jeff's subject matter knowledge, expertise and dedication to the club, I do hereby appoint Jeff Coskey as an Electric Aircraft Safety Technician (EAST).

With that appointment, Jeff is authorized to conduct and sign for CEAP seminar completion.

Home Town Buffet Closed

We recently learned that the Hometown Buffet restaurant in Santee (and elsewhere in the city) has closed its doors. We're now looking for alternate venues for our Mid-Summer Luncheon. Ideas? Bring them to our meeting on March 1st.

That's it from my end! Goin' out to the man-cave to prep for tomorrow's flying!

Keith





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First Woodwacker Aerosquadron
Lakeside, CA

SWAP MEET

Sat. March 19, 2016
Rain Date Mar. 26, 2016

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

**Hours: 7:30 am – 11:30 am
\$5 Seller's Fee ----Buyers Free
Refreshments Available**

Information:

DON MADISON (619)-296-1510





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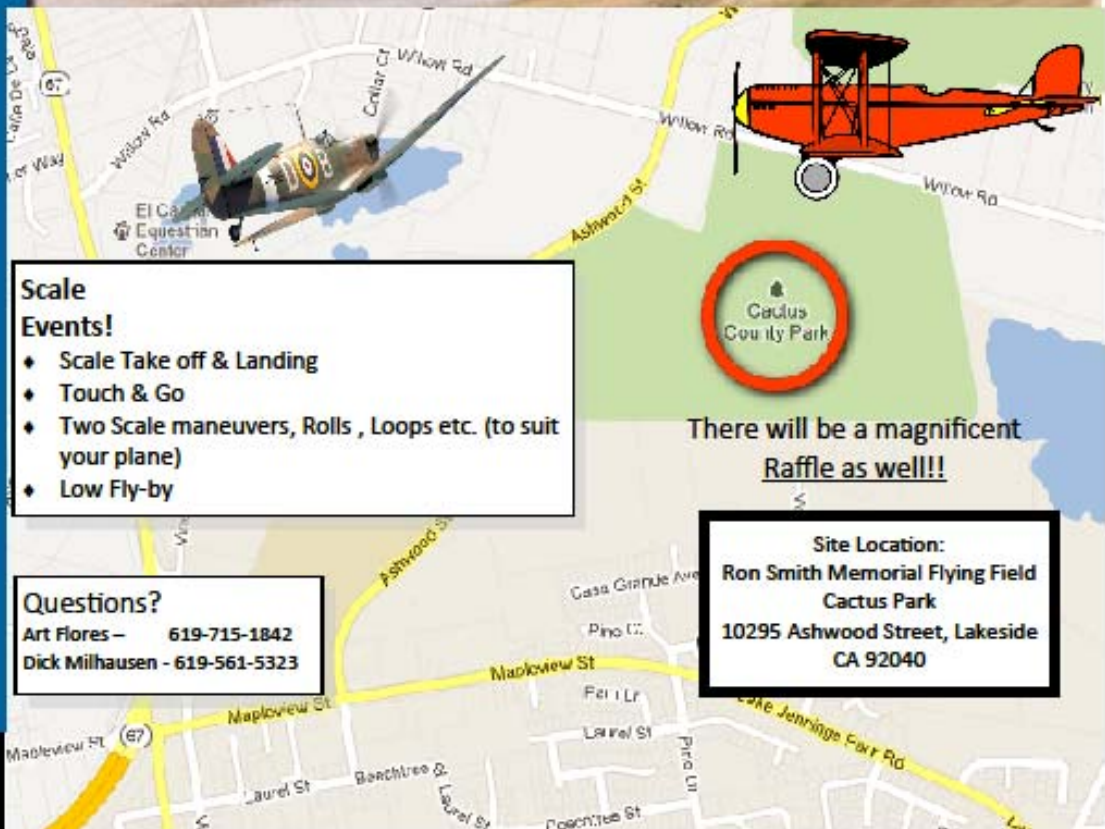
Lakeside, CA

Scale Fly In!

May 21st

Highlights

- ◆ \$5 Pilot Fee, includes Lunch!
- ◆ Spectators Lunch \$5.
- ◆ 9:00am - 2:00pm
- ◆ Lunch break 11:00am, (30 Minutes)
- ◆ Static Display Contest
- ◆ Awards for Best:
 - ◆ Military
 - ◆ Civilian
 - ◆ Scale Military Maneuver's
 - ◆ Scale Civilian Maneuver's
- ◆ All Judging done by Pilots



Scale Events!

- ◆ Scale Take off & Landing
- ◆ Touch & Go
- ◆ Two Scale maneuvers, Rolls , Loops etc. (to suit your plane)
- ◆ Low Fly-by

Questions?

Art Flores – 619-715-1842
 Dick Milhausen - 619-561-5323

There will be a magnificent
Raffle as well!!

Site Location:
 Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field
 Cactus Park
 10295 Ashwood Street, Lakeside
 CA 92040