

# HANGAR NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER OCTOBER 2024

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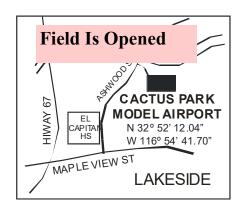
### **R/C Schedule**

Oct 5 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM Oct 12 Sat Estate Sale #2 Fred Miller

### Support the Estate Sale for Fred Miller

The first sale left a number of items unsold. Keith Miller and the club will hold a second sale Oct 12, Saturday at Fre Miller's home at 6425 Bounty Ct., San Diego.

NEXT MEETING: Sat Oct 5, 9:00 AM at Cactus Park Lakeside, CA





# Hangar News

### **Meeting Minutes 7 September 2024**

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM at the field. Club officers present were the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and the Secretary. A total of 18 club members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>Approval of minutes</u>: Keith Miller moved the minutes of the August 4, 2024 meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Vernon Gilmore. The motion was approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**:

Starting Balance: \$6512.65 August 1st

Income: \$170.00 Expenses: \$485.80

Ending Balance: \$6196.85 August 31<sup>st</sup> Balance August 31, 2023: \$7659.73

Table Repair Fund: \$400.00 Expenses: \$70.19 Current Balance: \$329.81

Keith Miller moved the treasurer's report be approved as submitted. Seconded by Kevin Pontier. The motion was approved.

### **General Notes:**

The county picked up all the tree debris in front of the gate for which we are thankful. Ron is continuing to work on the county for removal of the rest.

There was discussion that we need to move forward with a campaign to complete the table refurbishment project – look for a date soon.

Ron is planning to conduct a fire drill in the near future.

### **Field Maintenance:**

None discussed.

### **Upcoming Events:**

9/28/2024 – pylon races.

Fred Miller estate sale on 9/14/2024 @ 10:00 AM.

### Safety Officer Report:

The heat is intense these days. Keep hydrated.

### **Rule review:**

If you see a car coming in on the north side road, please do not fly over it.

There was some discussion but ultimately agreement that it is not appropriate to allow electric bikes in the pitts nor on the runway.

Reminder to call-out (loudly) every take-off and landing, even if no one else is flying. It also benefits those who are in the pitts. Get into the habit of calling out every action.

### New Business

Reminder to spin the combination to any lock you close for security purposes.

Be aware and cautious if you need to go out on the runway or beyond for any reason. The best practice is to wait until those in the air have landed.

We have 2 new members that have been signed off to fly using the new training guide.

Kevin asked if we would consider extending the runway to the West since we lost at least 200' on the East end. Something would be better than nothing. Art has DG that he is willing to donate. Julien has a truck. Stay tuned for the possibility. Sounds promising.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.



# Hangar News

### September 2024 President's Message

Summer has finally decided to cool off. It was 112 degrees on the shaded patio at my house on the hottest day!

I have been with the Club a few years and never knew how much talent we have, not only with RC aircraft but some of the things folks do off the field. Like Fred Miller, who has been a Docent at the San Diego Aerospace Museum for many years. I asked Fred about the J58 engine that I discovered is in the museum. He offered to show me the engine that is mounted on a stand in the basement. This engine is one of two that powers the SR71. He has a lot of knowledge to share about the engine and all the aircraft that is on display. As a pilot in the Navy, he flew a lot of the same aircraft that I got to fly in as an air crewman. He was a P2V pilot and had an interesting career. If you would like to see the plane that Fred flew, there is a P2V Neptune at Gillispie field. If you want more information, talk to Fred. Thanks for your time, Fred, I cannot wait to return!

I feel compelled to bring this up. Has anybody seen Paul Hogue?? He has not been at the field for two weeks. He usually jogs on the shoulder of highway 67 between Anderson's Equipment yard to the Sparkletts bottling plant. We are concerned about his absence. Let me know if you have any information or if you have seen him.

Now that the weather is cooler, we can start on a few projects that need to be completed - repair the charging table at the west end of the pits and pit tables; Jeff will determine when to start, extend west end of runway with new DG, and organize a work party with brooms to prep the area. The more help, the less time it will take and the sooner we can fly. I will replace the old pool noodles.

If you see trash at the gate entrance, please stop to pick up and toss in the trash cans. County has had to remove tree trimmings that someone dumped at the gate. We hope this will not happen again. We are still waiting for the County to pick up the debris that was moved from the BBQ area to the upper field. It is tough being low man on the totem pole!

You guys are doing a good job with wearing badges and telling other pilots your intentions on the runway!

Reminder - there is another Fred Miller Estate Sale (Keith Miller's Dad) on 12 October, 0800-1:00pm. Great deals! Make a reasonable offer, we are easy to work with...

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# FRED MILLER ESTATE SALE ROUND 2

WHEN

**Saturday Oct 12th, 2024 9 am – 1 pm** 

WHERE

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All proceeds benefit the Weedwackers Club

# PARKING

The home is in a residential cul-de-sac. Consider carpooling or be prepared to walk a half-block.

