



# HANGAR NEWS

## NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER NOVEMBER 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

Oct 25 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM  
Nov 2 Sat Swap Meet + Toys for Tots 7 AM  
Nov 9 Sat Veterans Day Scale Fly-In

### Weedwacker Alert!

Date: October 13, 2024

Hello everyone,

We want to give you a preview of coming events for the rest of October and November as we have a few big ones coming and don't want anyone to miss out on the fun.

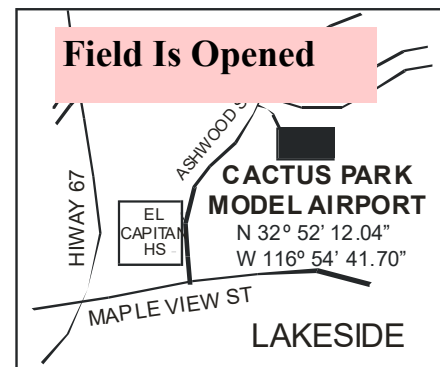
**Saturday, October 26, 2024** - The November meeting will take place at the Ron Smith Memorial flying field at 9:00 AM. Voting on next year's slate of club officers is on the agenda.

**Saturday, November 2, 2024** - Swap meet and Toys for Tots Drive at the Ron Smith Memorial flying field from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

**Saturday, November 9, 2024** - Veterans Day Fly-in including a BBQ/Potluck, Awards, & Raffle at the Ron Smith Memorial flying field from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Toys for Tots drive continues.

**Rain Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024**

NEXT MEETING:  
**Sat Oct 25, 9:00 AM**  
at Cactus Park  
Lakeside, CA





# Hangar News

## Meeting Minutes 5 October 2024

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM at the field. Club officers present were the President, Vice President, and the Treasurer. A total of **xxx club** members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of minutes:** Pete Pease moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2024 meeting as submitted. Seconded by David Roche. The motion was approved.

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

Starting Balance:	\$6196.85	August 31st
Income:	\$4,776.00	
Expenses:	\$455.41	
Ending Balance:	\$10,517.44	Sept 30th
Balance Sep 30, 2023:	\$6,142.71	

Table Repair Fund:	\$400.00
Expenses:	\$70.19
Current Balance:	\$329.81 (no change)

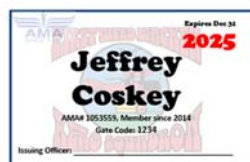
The major income this month was from the September 14<sup>th</sup> Estate Sale of Fred Miller. Frank Gagliardi donated \$400 to the table repair fund. The port-a-potty fees will be going up a “modest” amount. Currently, the club pays \$4,100 per year. There was some discussion about alternatives. Ricard Brown found a smaller unit without a sink for \$70 less per month. The topic was tabled without any motions or decisions. Waste Management also raised collection fees by \$6/month. Jeff Coskey moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Kevin Pothier seconded. The motion was approved.

### **General Notes:**

New Member: Ken Santos joined us and has been under Richard Brown’s tutelage for several weeks. Ken is from Guam, retired from Navy and 20 years of civil service at Miramar. He’s training on an Apprentice. H started with RC cars with his sons and saw planes flying above our field. He stopped by, and one of our Board invited him to join in the BBQ that was coming up soon. Since then, he’s hooked. Ken has 20 acres of land in Boulevard and offered it up for camping and shooting.

Ron called the Sherrif regarding Paul Hogue who’s not been seen for some time. Apparently the Sherrif can’t or won’t take any action if someone is suspected as being missing. Reports from members are that his apartment was unlocked and his cell phone and truck were at his home. Ron drove Paul’s known walking route around lakeside with no results. Members are keeping our eyes open for Mr. Hogue and hope things are OK.

Richard and Keith worked out and printed some “student” badges with bold pink borders and red lettering. The intent is to indicate to other members that the student is still in the club’s training program and not yet signed off. When the member’s final check flight is complete, they’ll receive a regular badge.



Badges for 2025 will also get a facelift. Richard and Keith will coordinate to have them printed in time for renewals starting in October.



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Richard donated a gallon of CoolPower 15% fuel which he'd picked up at Fred Miller's estate sale but then decided to go full-electric. It was quickly sold to Dick Milhausen for \$10, proceeds going to the club.

South gate: John Knowles queried the Board about the south gate (at the back lot) to the hill. It's still inaccessible since the County failed to properly daisy-chain the locks. The Board has the action to contact the County to correct the lock situation.

## **Field Maintenance:**

Tables: Jeff Coskey reported that November will be Table and Field Maintenance Month. He also has plans to move in some dirt/DG. The charging stations will also see some electrical maintenance.

Ron asked for members who are residents of Santee to offer up one of their two free (annual) landfill passes to help the club clear all of the tree and other debris that's been collecting at the field. (Keith's side-note: for Santee residents who aren't aware, we qualify for two free visits to the Sycamore Canyon Landfill per year by showing an ID and a copy of a utility bill proving to be a Santee resident.) There will be a working party following the club meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Members with trucks are asked to come ready to do a dump run. Member Curtiss will attempt to get his hands on a wood chipper for the club to use.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Sat Oct 26<sup>th</sup>: Club meeting with Officer Elections followed by tree branch and debris removal with dump runs.

Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>: Swap Meet and Toys for Tots Drive

Jeff reminds us that we need a set of volunteers to direct traffic and parking.

Attendees are asked to bring a toy or cash for the Toys For Tots event. Don't forget that young teenagers enjoy gifts as well.

Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day Fly-In

Pylon Racing: Due to the low attendance and lack of participants observed at the last two events, Glen is cancelling the racing series at the Weedwackers. For the past year, he's kept races going if there were at least five participants. But July and September couldn't meet that minimum number. For those who wish to continue racing the little T-28's, SEFSD (Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego) race on the second Saturday of every month.

## **Safety Officer Report:**

Ron will conduct AED training at the November meeting. Note that the November meeting will actually be held on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> to deconflict with the Swap Meet and Toys for Tots drive on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ron will also hold a Safety and Fire Drill event as part of the December club meeting at the field.

## **Rule review:**

Ron reviewed Rule #8: "Flyers give way to vehicle traffic on runway." We have seen some really lost individuals come driving onto the runway, so be aware and avoid them while flying.

## **Model Sharing:**

Julian shared a couple of his Air Hogs with vectored thrust. He also mentioned that Flight Test has a series of EZ projects that could be used for very-low-cost training model. He offered his time and guidance if any newbies are interested. Julian reminded us that the club instructors can lead new pilots through a no-cost Introductory Pilot Program in which a designated Introductory Pilot Instructor can sponsor a new member for up to six months without the cost of AMA membership.

## **New Business**

The Annual Awards Banquet is planned for January 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the same venue as the last event. Catering options are in development.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM.



## October 2024 President's Message

Greetings everyone. Christmas is only nine weeks away. Are you ready for the holidays?

The estate sale for Fred Miller (Keith Miller's Dad) brought in funds for the club that increased the treasury. The Board members worked with Fred's family to set up the donated planes and accessories at his house. The remaining items that were not sold are in storage and will be available at the next swap meet.

AED training is scheduled for 19 October, Saturday, 0900 at the field. The field will be shut down until training is finished. This is a short but important event that everyone should consider attending.

Thanks to all that picked up trash at the front entrance. The County finally removed the tree trimmings at the gate and the leaves and branches from the upper field. Thank you to the folks that helped me move the corrugated metal sheets that will be used at a later date to repair the pit roof.

The next club meeting is moved to 26 October instead of the first week of November because of the swap meet that is scheduled for 2 November at the field, 0700-1100. The sellers fee is waived if you bring a new toy for Toys for Tots or gifts for the teenagers. Teenagers are often forgotten during this time so please remember kids of all ages. Gifts or cash donations are accepted.

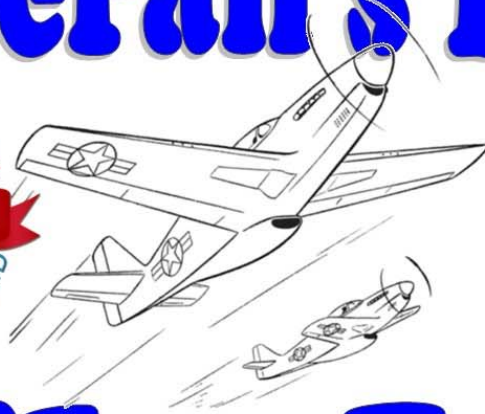
Saturday, 9 November, 0800-noon is the Veterans Fly In and raffle. The BBQ will include grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and any potluck dishes are appreciated to round out the feast! I will provide potato salad. We could use beans, sodas, and chips. Of course, dessert is always a plus. Please let me know if you are planning to bring anything.

We have not received any news yet about Paul Hogue. He has not been seen for over a month. Please let us know if you have any information or if you have seen him.

Don't forget to vote on 5 November 2024!!!

Ron  
(619) 988-7667

# Veteran's Day



# Fly-In

Saturday, Nov 9th, 2024



**Events include:**  
**Open Scale Presentation and Flying**  
**Awards for:**  
**Best Sport/Civilian**  
**Best Military**  
**Judges' Choice**  
**Best Flight**

**HUGE Raffle!**

**Schedule:**

8:00-9:00 AM Check in  
9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying  
11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

**NO Landing Fee**  
**\$5 for Lunch—Pay when you pick up your plate.**  
**Toys for Tots drive continues.**

BBQ and Pot Luck



Rain Date: Sat, Nov 16th



**Event Coordinator**  
**Art Flores (619) 715-1842**

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## First Woodwacker Aerosquadron

Lakeside, CA

### R/C Model SWAP MEET Toys for Tots Drive



**Sat. Nov 02, 2024**  
(no rain date set)



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

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

#### Information:

Buyers and sellers are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift appropriate for boys and/or girls from ages 6 to 16 valued at \$10 or more. Cash gifts will also be accepted. Seller fees are waived with a gift.

Event Coordinator: Keith Miller (619) 405-0192  
10295 Ashwood Street  
Lakeside CA  
1/4 mile N-E of El Capitan High School in Lakeside  
N 32 ° 52' 12.04", W 116° 54' 41.70"

