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**NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER
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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

DEC 7 Sat Club Meeting 9:00 AM Cactus Park

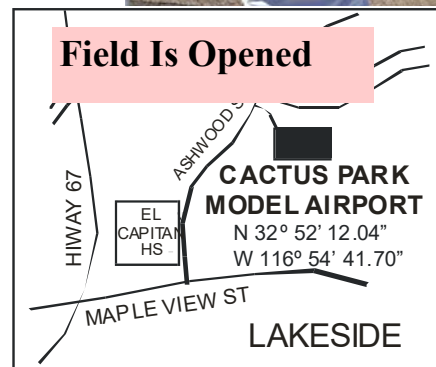
Jan 11 Sat Annual Awards Banquet 4:00 PM VFW Lakeside

The Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Jan 11 at 4:00 PM at the VFW Post 5867 at 12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside CA. Admission is \$25 per person. You must pay our treasurer by Jan 1. Mark your check "Banquet". Richard Brown (our Treasurer) is at the field often, or give your check to a club officer.

This is Brooklyn 12 years old and Mason 9 years old, they are Mark Gray's grandchildren and have been flying for a little while with the training of Mark and Richard Brown, they are both doing very well with their apprentice and it is always a pleasure to see them at the flying field



NEXT MEETING:
Sat Dec 7, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA





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Meeting Minutes 26 October 2024 (early November meeting)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM at the field. Club officers present were the Vice President, Treasurer, and the Secretary. A total of 15 club members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: David Roche moved the minutes of the October 5, 2024 meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Vernon Gilmore. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance: \$10,517.44 October 1, 2024
Income: \$4,187.33
Expenses: \$548.35
Ending Balance: \$14,156.42 October 26, 2024
Balance October 31, 2023: \$6088.87

Table Repair Fund: \$840.00
Expenses: \$70.19
Current Balance: \$769.81

September Estate sale: \$4,726.00
October Estate sale: \$3,594.00
Total: \$8,320.00

United Site Services - \$4,241.48 annually (increase of \$17.85 per billing cycle (28 days)
Waste Management - \$968.16 annually (increase of \$18.56 every other month)

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

General Notes:

Club officers election – All board members are willing to run for their existing seats.

Ron Keith – President
Jeff Coskey – Vice President
Richard Brown – Treasurer
Mark Gray - Secretary

As there were no candidates nominated and no opponents for their seats, the current Board of Directors will be elected by acclamation and will assume their positions as 2025 Board of Directors.

New member – Evan Peterson – welcome!

Field Maintenance:

Richard Brown and Dick Milhausen have been mowing. Thank you!

Upcoming Events:

Swap Meet & Marine Corps Toys-4-Tots Drive
11/2/2024.

Hours: 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Frank Gagliardi POC for toy collections and donations to Marine Corps.

\$5 sellers fee, buyers free.

Buyers and sellers are encouraged to bring an unwrapped gift 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.

Will need assistance with bringing Fred Miller's estate items from the American Storage in Santee on Cuyamaca St. next to or behind the Salvation Army Thrift Store.



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Veterans Day Fly-in and continuation of Toys-4 Tots Drive

11/9/2024, rain date 11/16/2024.

8:00-9:00 AM – check-in.

9:00 AM-1:00 PM – flying.

11:00 AM approx. – lunch.

Huge raffle.

Keith is BBQing hamburgers and hot dogs.

\$5 per head – pay when you pick up your plate.

Bring a potluck to share.

Keith Miller moved to approve the allocated amounts for food and raffle prizes, \$200 & \$600 respectively. Vernon Gilmore seconded. The motion was approved.

Art Flores will run the event – let him or a board member know if you want to assist with judging..

Richard Brown will run the raffle

Ron Keith will get the trophies.

Donations of kits or good airplanes will be acceptable for the raffle.

Awards will be:

Best Sport/Civilian

Best Military

Best Flight

Judges' Choice

January 11, 2025 – Annual Awards Banquet at VFW Lakeside.

4:00 PM

\$25/person

Old Business:

Table resurfacing – Jeff Coskey reported that November will be Table and Field Maintenance month. Still looking for ¾” plywood 4’x8’ and 3’x5’.

Vernon Gilmore & Gerry Conklin can get the landfill permits.

Safety Officer Report:

The current safety officer is out today. Nothing to report.

Rule review:

No flying at Cactus Park on Red flag Warning Days.

CA zone 250 is our area.

Look at the national weather service to get information.

New Business

Our club has recently been contacted by a Ramona Church regarding donation of an RC estate.

The owner was able to get planes at a low cost in exchange for test flying.

Ron Keith and Butch Weiser will preview the items.

If the donations are in good shape we will accept a 50/50 split with the church when the items are sold. Funds will benefit their outreach programs and our general club funds.

Ron or Jeff will distribute photos via email ASAP. Club members have the first pick. The rest will be sold at the November 2nd swap meet.

Richard Brown noted that inside the binder in the white cabinet is a roster with the phone numbers of club members in case you need to contact someone.

Keith Miller moved and Richard Brown seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.



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Results of Scale Flyin Nov 9,2024

Best Sport Ken Lawrence Polaris Sport
Best Military Butch Weiser Japanese Zero
Best Flight Steve Shepersky Ultimate Bipe
Judges Choice Jeromy Miller P-61 Black Widow



Views of Our Scale Veterans Day Flyin Nov 9 2024—Our Veterans and Models





November 2024 President's Message

Greetings and wishing you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

I am sorry to report we have sad news regarding Paul Hogue. We were notified that Paul passed away on 30 August. Apparently, he was hit by a car when he was jogging on Mapleview. The family is being contacted. At this point we are not aware of any funeral service. If we hear anything, I will send out a notice. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

We had a good turnout for the AED training at the field. Thank you to everyone that attended and a special thanks to Brian Kidwell, our new safety officer. Brian will be a great asset to the club with his vast experience. This was an important event that everyone should have attended.

We did not have a large turnout for the Veterans Fly In and raffle on 9 November, but we had a good time. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ, but I'd like to apologize for the potato salad. Ice melted into the salad and diluted the flavor. I will not let this happen again in the future.

We have several projects that need to be addressed such as rebuilding tables, pit roof repair, general cleanup, and the shed lock should be replaced. Please let me know if you can volunteer. If you assist with general cleanup, please bring a rake. Your help would be appreciated.

If you have nominations for Wingman awards, please let me know. We are currently accepting membership dues for 2025. When you pay your dues, you will receive a new membership card with a new combination starting 1 January 2025.

The next club meeting is 7 December, 0900 at the field. Pearl Harbor Day!!

Ron
(619) 988-7667



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First Weedwacker Aero Squadron Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday 1/11/2025

4:00 pm

Admission—\$25 per person

Beef, Ham and all the fixins'

- including -

Model of the Year Competition and Presentation

Big Raffle!

Tickets must be paid by Jan 1st. No exceptions.



VFW Carter Smith Post 5867
12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside CA

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