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NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER February 2025

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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

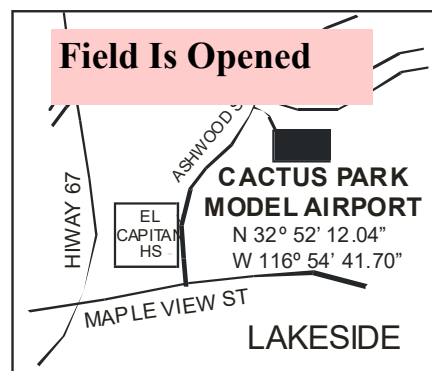
Feb 1 Sat Club Meeting 9:00 AM Cactus Park

Our Annual Awards Banquet was a great success.

We had a very good turnout of members and their families at the VA Hall in Lakeside. It was great to see many models on display and to recognize so many members of the club for their talent and service to the club through the year.



NEXT MEETING:
Sat Feb 1 , 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA





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January 2025 President's Message

Happy New Year!

The new year started with a successful banquet with over 90 folks in attendance including our special guests John and Julie Weaver from Discount Hobby. Thank you to John for his raffle donations! A special thank you to Rich and Janie Brown for setting up dinner and to everyone that helped set up and then clean up at the end of the evening.

At the banquet we handed out the following awards:

A special award from the AMA was presented to Frank Gagliardi. For many years Frank has devoted a lot of time and has helped numerous widows with their estate sales.

Weedwacker of the Year – Rich Brown
12th Man Award of the Year – Jeff Coskey
Distinguished Service Award – Keith Miller
Lifetime Membership – Keith Miller
Rookie of the Year – Kenny Santos
Best Scale Model (ME 163) – Steve Shepersky
Best Sport Model (J3 Cub) – Max Graupmann
Best ARF Model (P40) – John Knowles
People's Choice (Aeromaster) – Kurtis Senhoettenhelm
Builder of the Year – Wayne Aymar
Rebuilder of the Year – Steve Shepersky
Vintage Builder of the Year – Ken Lawrence
Most Stitches – Craig Graham
Most Demanding Recovery – Kevin Pothier
Most Crashes – Pete Pease

The Wingman Award was presented to the following members that stepped up when we needed special work projects or anything out of the ordinary to help the club:

Annie Allen
Lyle Black
Janie Brown
Art Flores
Frank Gagliardi
Bill Hines
Mona Horten
Brian Knutson
Mark Lukens
Glen Merritt
Lester Moore
Dick Milhausen
Tim Peterson
Kevin Pothier
David Roche
Steve Shepersky
Julian Sonderegger
John Weaver
Butch Weiser
Don Westergren



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2025 has started with several red flag warnings. Due to the thick, dry vegetation surrounding the field and the lack of measurable rain, please be extra cautious.

Jeff Coskey, with the help of other members, is in the process of refurbishing the setup tables in the pits and Rich Brown replaced the portable toilet with an improved model at a reduced monthly rate.

Ensure your aircraft displays the required FAA identification numbers. I will be checking. We recently had a fly-away and learned that the aircraft did not have any identification. It is difficult if not impossible to return if it is found. Also, a reminder to wear your badge at the field.

It is renewal time, don't forget to pay your yearly dues.

If you have any questions, feel free to call.

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