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NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER DECEMBER 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

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

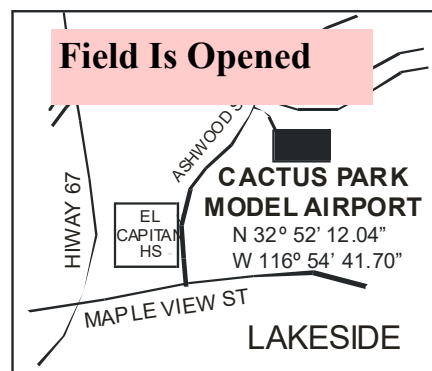
A note from Treasurer: The 2025 Name Badges are printed, and the cost is the same as last year,

You can pay with CASH, CHECK, or PayPal directions on web site how to use PayPal.

Thanks, Richard

Happy New Year to All and plan to attend the Annual Awards Banquet. Bring the family and models to show, plus cash for the huge Raffle. It is always a great time to see all your friends.

NEXT MEETING:
Sat Jan 11 , 4:00 PM
at VFW
Lakeside, CA





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Meeting Minutes 7 December 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, Treasurer, and the Secretary. A total of 20 club members were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes: Keith Miller moved the minutes of the October 26, 2024 meeting be approved as submitted. Seconded by Gary Rold. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance: \$14,156.42 November 1, 2024
Income: \$4,077.33
Expenses: \$2,313.61
Ending Balance: **\$15,920.14** November 30, 2024
Balance November 30, 2023: \$7,660.03

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

September Estate Sale: \$4,726.00
October Estate Sale: \$3,644.00
November Swap Meet: \$2,180.00
Total: **\$10,550.00**

Banquet budget :
 \$25/person
 \$1000 raffle
 \$250 women's gifts
 \$320 award plaques
 \$150 center pieces

Keith Miller moved the treasurer's report and banquet budget be approved as submitted. Seconded by Glenn Merritt. The motion was approved.

General Notes:

The club is taking \$ for 2025 dues
The club is still taking \$ for Toys for Tots
The club is taking \$ for the Awards Banquet on 1/11/2025
Sadly, it has been confirmed that Paul Hogue passed away on 8/30/2024
Richard Brown has repainted 4 tables – Thank you!

Field Maintenance:

Table work party after today's meeting
Upper lot needs to be raked to allow mowers to function
Runway was patched with concrete
Brian Kidwell has a contact for cones and delineators that we will get for vehicle protection when driving into the field
Shed clean-up to be scheduled. Ron has a trailer
Shed painting party to be scheduled



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Upcoming Events:

12/14/2024, 9:00 AM – Fire extinguisher training at the field conducted by Ron Keith and Brian Kidwell

1/11/2025, 4:00 PM – Annual Awards Banquet at VFW Lakeside

Old Business: None

Safety Officer Report:

New safety officer – Brian Kidwell, worked with Ron at San Diego Fire.

If you need anything for your personal first aid kit or want to attend any class he teaches, feel free to ask.

Reminder for nitro engines (also electric) – paint propellor tips white or yellow in order to see the arc.

Do not fly over or near the pitts

Rule review: None

New Business:

Propose changing the porta potty service for cost savings

Investigate buying a hand wash station for further cost savings

Looking to change the trash service as well

Good of the Order:

Richard will be travelling in late December so...by way of reminder:

A cash payment requires a receipt for record keeping

A check payment does not require a receipt

Indicate # of ham and beef for all banquet ticket purchases

Badges are alpha sorted in the lock box for membership renewals

Clarification on the collection of funds: Per (Article 3 A. (3)) “Club fees and dues may be collected by any club officer. Event related fees may be collected by any designated event coordinator.”

Reminder to Field Marshalls – be observant and speak out

Ron Keith moved and Keith Miller seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

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December 2024 President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope to see everyone at the banquet on 11 January, 4:00pm at the Lakeside VFW at Lindo Park. Once again, there will be model sharing and raffle. We have great prizes so be prepared to buy a lot of tickets! A fun evening with good company, dinner, and awards.

Projects completed in 2024 include removing the tree near the BBQ area, repairing the cracks in the runway, and filling the sinkhole. Also, the relationship with Jake improved considerably. Please continue to avoid flying over the property east of the runway. Lastly, Jeff is in the process of refurbishing the setup tables in the pits.

Rich Brown, our Treasurer, is always researching ways to reduce club expenses. His latest project is to lower the rental cost of the portable toilet.

I want to thank the Field Marshals once again for their help with rules and safety. Just a reminder, please stop taxiing from the pits to the runway and do not stand on the runway when operating the aircraft. Brian Kidwell, a retired firefighter paramedic, is the new Safety Officer. The fire extinguisher drill and AED demonstration is an example of his expertise. He will be a great asset to the club. If you or your family want to be CPR certified at no cost, contact Brian.

I have been in contact with San Diego County with ideas to benefit the club. Additional information will be provided in the new year.

If you have any questions, feel free to call. Once again, Merry Christmas and have a safe New Years!

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.



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