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## NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER AEROSQUADRON AMA CHARTER July 2023

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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

July 8 Sat Club Meeting Cactus Park 9:00 AM

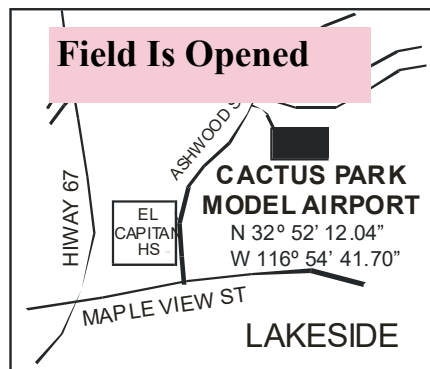
## Greetings Weedwackers

The monthly Club meeting normally scheduled for the first Saturday of the month, falls within the 4th of July weekend (on July 1st).

To accommodate membership holiday celebration and travel, the club meeting is moved to the following Saturday July 8th at the same 9:00 a.m. time.

Thanks for your understanding.

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Sat July 8, 9:00 AM**  
**at Cactus Park**  
**Lakeside, CA**





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## Meeting Minutes 03 June 2023

**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 **twenty** members were present. The meeting was kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the May meeting was moved by Steve Shepersky, no second, approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Scott temporarily lost on-line access to our account while Union Bank transitions to US Bank. The accounting here is a two-month summary but won't be reconciled until he regains account access.

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|-----------------|------------|
| Opening Balance | \$9,912.42 |
| Income          | \$638      |
| Expenses        | \$1,656.17 |
| Ending Bal:     | \$8,804.25 |

**Board Business:** Ron asked Scott to contact Waste Management to deliver a second grey trash bin per our account agreement.

**Safety Officer Report:** Ron reminded members to stay hydrated and eat breakfast to stay healthy in the upcoming warm months.

**Field Maintenance:** There was continued discussion about trying to get volunteers to pick a day to work runway cracks and the shed roof. The issue with trying to set weekend dates is the number of conflicts with flying events. Glen Merritt moved that a specific weekday be selected and members invited to participate in the work. To that end, Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> was selected for runway crack filling (11 am) and shed roof work will be on Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am.

**Rules Review:** Rule #16 requires that all members wear their badges while flying at the field. Jeff (the Vice President) also reminded us that we need to avoid flying over people. This applies when vehicles are passing on the dirt road or members are in the field searching for things. Pilots must adjust their flight pattern to fly in airspace away from people.

### **Previous events:**

**Pylon Races:** Glen provided a summary of the recent fun, with eight to twelve racers participating in the last few events. Our races start at 9:15 a.m. and are usually done in an hour. To promote the fun, Glen will add two "Race What You Brung" heats following our June 24<sup>th</sup> T-28 race series. All members are encouraged to bring and fly anything they want in these 10-lap heats. We can fly anything we want; trainers, warbirds, UMX, nitro, electric, gas, etc. The intent is to share the fun in racing around pylons with a group of our peers.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Pylon Races at the Weedwackers is every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. SEFSD (Mission Bay) hold their every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

Fun Fly on June 10<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

Father's Day Swap Meet is Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Discount Hobby Warehouse.

National Model Aviation Day, Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>

Fun Fly Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup> is TBD.

### **Old Business:**

**Wedding Closure:** Ron thanks us all for clearing out and keeping the field closed last Saturday (June 27<sup>th</sup>) in support of a wedding ceremony held at the equestrian center.

**Speed Limit Sign:** The County re-planted our speed limit sign that they knocked over, but in the wrong spot. It may be OK where it is.

Keith thanks club for the gift! At the Awards Banquet this last January, Ron and the club very



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graciously presented me with \$1,000 towards a vacation trip. Michelle and I spent a week in Las Vegas, toured Freemont Street, Michelle won \$1,000 at the classic Golden Nugget, we played Top Golf, had a buffet and took in the Cirque du Soleil show "O". We thank you all very much for your generosity and kindness!



## **New Business:**

**UMX Pitts offered:** Bruce Allen offered for sale his essentially-new UMX Pitts biplane. Interested members can contact him.

**County Parks Business:** The county is expected to mow down the brush buildup between the bare-wire and chain-link fences within the next 30 days. [As a reminder, our field is situated on



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top of a retired burn-site landfill. The area between the bare-wire and chain-link fences is referred to as the capped area controlled by the EPA to control rainwater runoff, limiting contaminants from the buried retired burn-site materials from entering the San Diego River flowing below ground.]

Ron also reported that the recent County Real Estate inspection went very well and that they're very happy with how well we're maintaining the site.

**Drawing for Free Membership:** At each meeting, we hold a random drawing from names on the club roster. If the member is present at the meeting, they win a free membership for the following year.

Drawing for June: Lester Moore. Sorry – must be present to win!

**Show and Tell:** None this month

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 am.

## **Member Photos**

Julian Sonderegger was seen with his fleet of models





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## All Hands,

On June 19<sup>th</sup> there was a critter party that scattered trash and leftover food around the pits. The crows, squirrels, coyotes, and raccoons had a party! In the future, if you eat at the field, please put discarded food and trash in the gray, plastic trash cans and close lid tightly.

I was informed that a rattlesnake has taken up residence under the sheds. **BE CAUTIOUS!** Be careful looking for A/C parts in the weeds and around the field; the snakes blend in very well with the dry grass and weedy areas around the field. Keep your distance from the snake. Let me know if you have another encounter with a snake.

The runway is still a problem with crack filling. We are working on different methods to see what is best for the asphalt. We also need more members to volunteer. Remember, the more people we have the faster it gets done so we can return to flying. We will start work on the storage shed when the runway is finished.

I tweaked my back and it required a little treatment – ouch! I have been somewhat laid up and have not been able to venture out to the field as often as I'd like. I'm happy to report I am on the mend and will be back to the field more often. **Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, our next club meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup> at the field at 0900.**

I'm happy to report that pilots are much better at NOT flying over the polo grounds. No call during the last 31 days! THANK YOU!

An added note about the sheds, if you lock the door, make sure the combination numbers are facing **UP** so it is easy to see when trying to unlock.

Have a great July 4<sup>th</sup>!!

As always, if you have any ideas to improve Weedwackers, please reach out and let me know.

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