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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

Mar 4 Sat 9:00 AM Club Meeting, Cactus Park

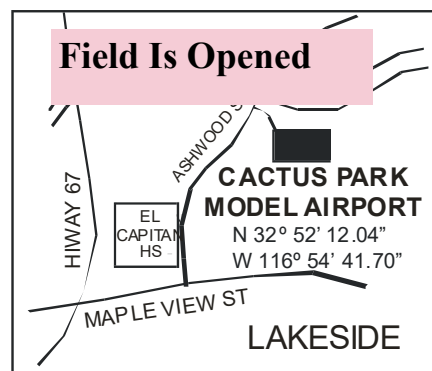
Mar 24 Sat 8:00 AM Pylon Race Cactus Park

Apr 8 Sat SEFSD Pylon Races (second Sat)

Apr 22 Sat 8:00 AM Pylon Race Cactus Park

Well the weather is sure affecting our schedule. Rain canceling our pylon race at the end of February. As of this publication, the long range forecast is for good weather for our March Club Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:  
Sat March 4, 9:00  
AM at Cactus Park  
Lakeside, CA**





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## Meeting Minutes Feb 2023

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am at the field. Club officers present were the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A total of **nineteen** members signed the roster, but many more were present.

The meeting was kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the September meeting was moved by Steve Shepersky, seconded by Richard Brown, approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Beg bal	\$7,989.39
Income	\$5,405.20
Expenses	\$5011.37
Closing Bal	\$8,383.22

The report covers the period from 10Dec through 13January. Expenses include our annual County lease (\$500) and banquet costs (which were, for the most part, recovered).

(Secretary's note: Our treasury balance this time last year was about \$6,600)

Motion to approve – Keith Miller, seconded by Vernon Gilmore, approved.

A member asked if the club was subject to income tax based on account holdings above some value.

A: The club is a "Social and Recreational" corporation exempt from state income tax. As long as our annual net proceeds are less than \$50,000, we need only file an informational e-postcard form 199A.

Tim Peterson, our webmaster, polled the members if anyone uses the web site to renew their membership. None raised their hands. Keith mentioned that a few (not present) members may have because we received PayPal payments that were indicative of the \$77.50 button value, less PayPal fees of \$2.73 which give a net payment of \$74.77. Keith asked Tim if the website button could be modified to use the "friends and family" function, avoiding the PayPal fees. Tim took for action.

**Safety Officer Report:** Fishing Line in River Bed: Ron reported that El Monte Park has reports of the homeless in the river bed have been stringing monofilament fishing line (and apparently hooks) across the horse riding trails in the river bed. Be careful when walking through the river bed!

Ron also reminded us that, with the recent rains, stinging nettles and poison oak are coming in strong.

A field day is planned for Saturday 2/11 to briefly address the nettles and recent weed growth. "Mr. Bob" Frazier was recognized for having mowed very recently which made the field look very nice during the pylon race event. Ron described his efforts to put a fire extinguisher adjacent to the east gate within a sealed PVC pipe. Large diameter PVC pipe is very expensive! Stand by for future updates.

Ron praised the club for good use of the red battery cans for LiPo disposal.

On the matter of battery fires, Ron talked about the most important action if an electric car (i.e. Tesla or the like) were to catch fire in our parking lot; RUN! They explode spectacularly!

The AED pads have gone beyond their expiration date, so Ron has a new set on order.

Calling out runway intentions: Bruce reminded the members to call out intentions at the flight line loudly, and regardless of how many pilots are at the flight line. Even if there's no one else in the air, members relaxing in the pit area need to made aware that someone's preparing a maneuver on or around the runway. Very often, it's the take-off and landing that may pose a risk in the pit area.

### **Previous events:**

Annual Awards Banquet Ron presented Keith with a framed photo of his expression when



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opening his prize of a trip to Las Vegas. Thanks Ron!!!! Ron also reminded those present that the event really is quite enjoyable and a good value, and to keep it in mind next year.

Schedule of events: The remainder of the 2023 calendar is populated and viewable on the club web site and includes all of the annual events we normally run.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Pylon Racing is now on the club calendar every fourth Saturday of each month (*opposite of the SEFSD schedule of every second Saturday*). On the matter of the specific racing rules, one member pointed out that our web site and the SEFSD's site rules don't jive. While the meat of the rules is included on the race flyers sent out to the club, Keith took action to work with Glen towards a complete rule set posting on our web site. The rules in summary are that the FMS 800 mm T-28 V2 can't have any modifications to the airframe other than turning around the nose gear (to avoid prop strikes). Main gear wheel door covers must be installed. The stock motor must be used with either the stock 3-blade prop or an APC 7x6E prop. The battery must be LiPo with no greater than three cells. There's no limit to battery capacity (mAh). Any ESC can be used, since the stock ESC is insufficient (20A) to handle the current draw when flying with 3-cell packs.

Fun Fly is planned for Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Old Business:**

Remote ID and FRIA: Keith reminded the club of the recent emails from the AMA that they're recognized by the FAA as a Community Based Organization. Our FAA-recognized identification area (FRIA) application was submitted to the AMA and is in-process

## **New Business:**

Rules Change for Station "H" Heli-Pad: The rule change proposed in the February newsletter was moved by Keith Miller, seconded by Dave Roche and approved with one member voting against. Discussion on the rule was that there's concern if a helicopter/multirotor is flying above the height of the adjacent fence, they could be a hazard to those in the pits. Members were reminded that the intent is to provide a low-altitude (not higher than the fence) hovering and trim area at which the pilot is well protected from errant take-offs and landing by the tallest fence in the pits. That being said, pilots are encouraged to stand near the trash bins or just west of the tall fence, for best protection.

Paper towels in the head: With the new bi-weekly outhouse servicing, we've been running shy of paper towels. Ron will stock up on some extra paper towels and keep the extra in the chair cabinet.

Combat: Keith described the recurring event held by the Palomar club and polled the members for interest. If there's interest, we may try a similar event. It seems their plane of choice is a Crash Test Hobbies "Assassin". From their site (<https://www.palomarrcflyers.com/event-combat-trifecta>), they hold three types of events; 1) Traditional stream cut, 2) Skirt Chase (all planes chase one target plane with a streamer and 3) Horseshoes (all pilots cut motors and land as close to a runway target/cone as possible).

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

Drawing for November: John Irwin was drawn. Sorry! Must be present to win.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.



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## All Hands,

### **February Field Work Party**

The field work party was awesome - it looked like a bunch of people on a mission! I have participated in a lot of field maintenance work parties but this one was one of the best. We got things done in one hour; it was amazing!

Chuck Aguilar  
Lyle Black  
Rich Brown  
Jerry Conklin  
Jeff Coskey  
Noal Dalton  
Bob Fraizer  
Vernon Gilmore  
Rob Kile  
Keith Miller  
Lester Moore  
Tim Peterson  
Rob Rink  
Branden Taylor  
Dan Woodruff

### **Things that need to get done – short list (as soon as the rain leaves town we can get started):**

- 1 Repair roof on storage container
- 2 Haul unused equipment to the dump
- 3 Repair runway cracks – the asphalt crack filler has been ordered
- 4 Place pool noodles on east fence. The pool noodles are hard to find this time of year. If anyone finds them, please let me know.
- 5 Fire extinguisher training - Lakeside Fire Department may be included
- 6 I would like to see the Field Marshalls be a little more active

If you have any ideas to improve Weedwackers, please reach out and let me know. Once again, thanks for all your hard work and participation.

Ron



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