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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

May 6 Sat Club Metting Cactus Park 9:00 AM

May 25 Sat 8:00 AM Pylon Race Cactus Park

Greetings Weedwackers -

We're passing the sad news that former member Bob Muhleman passed away earlier this week at his home.

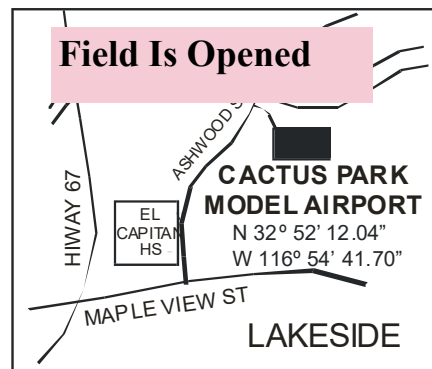
Bob was active in many club activities including our participation at the Wings Over Gillespie air shows.

Bob was a Weedwacker from 2009 through 2018. He also enjoyed flying control line models.

More information will be passed as we get it.



NEXT MEETING:
Sat May 6, 9:00 AM
at Cactus Park
Lakeside, CA





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8 April Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Board members were scattered to the wind – no VP or Secretary to take notes. Scott, our Treasurer, was my backup along with 20 members. The meeting started at 0900 with the Pledge of Allegiance followed up with asking if there were any new members - nope – not today.

Started meeting with good news. We had a county inspection of the field. It went great and the inspector was very impressed with the conditions and how clean it was. We got an **A** from the county. I was told that the condition of our field is one of the best he had seen. More good news, we retained our Gold Leader Club status. Thank you for all the hard work you guys did. Thanks for all the work from Keith and the Board prior to my present position. Minutes were approved and seconded by Steve Shepersky.

Treasurers Report. I don't remember exact amount but it was over 9K. Members approved.

Safety Officer Report. Rule number 10 – stay behind fence when flying. I'm concerned you might be hurt by landing aircraft as you watch your plane and not see off center landing or hear **LANDING**. Just be safe guys, stay in the gates.

Tabled Business. Still working on roof material for shed.

Upcoming Events

Races 22 April 2023. Frank Gaglardi provided his racing flags for the club. He also brought boxes of goodies to the field for everyone to pick through. Leftovers stayed at the table by the pin box for members not at the field during drop off of items.

I would like to thank Jeff Coskey for the job he did on the lawnmower overhaul then mowing weeds in the field. It would have been scary to be a weed.

The runway is making it hard to fill cracks but with rain staying away we will try again to fill the cracks. Not sure if water is moving under runway taking sand with it. Time will tell.

And, finally, thanks to members approaching me with ideas for the field. I will take them to the Board or not, some can't be done due to \$\$ or rules with county, and some just can't fit in with our current situation.

Please don't stop telling me how you feel and what you would like to change and why.

Due to lack of interest, the raffle at meetings have been discontinued.

Drawing for free membership, member selected was not at the meeting.

No new models to share.

No comments on Good of the Order.

Meeting concluded at 0945.

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President's Message

Where has the year gone, here it is May already and the heat of summer is on the way. I would like to finish projects we started before its 90 degrees in the daytime.

The storage shed has a bunch of stuff that we don't need or use so I would like to clean it out and take it to the dump. I'm going to ask for help from members – it should not take more than a couple hours. The roof on the storage shed is still in the planning mode. Jeff has some ideas so when we get materials to the job site we can start.

The cracks in the runway along with weeds need to be dealt with; I have tools and crack filler we can use.

Placing fire extinguishers by the North gate is another little project to complete.

The **May meeting is 6 May 2023**. More discussion will take place then; all ideas are welcome.

I'm in the process of meeting with the owner of the polo field to see if we can work out a compromise and keep him happy. As soon as this happens I will inform the members. There will be a wedding at the polo field on 27 May. **The field will be closed at noon that day.**

Thanks again for all your support and as always call me if you have any issues or concerns.

Ron
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From Steve Shepersky: "Parker did chores for his father around the house to earn enough money to buy this habu, we're going to do a maiden flight next week, did taxi test for 10 minutes this afternoon





FPV Rules

Members who fly model airplanes or multi-rotor copters (all are considered “drones”) that are equipped with cameras are reminded that use of the drone’s camera feed or navigation screens is considered flight by first-person view (FPV).

Our club rule 13.b says “FPV flights must follow regulations of AMA Document 550. Most importantly, FPV flights require an FPV pilot to have a spotter next to him/her maintaining visual line-of-sight with the FPV aircraft throughout its flight.”

AMA Document 550, Unmanned Aircraft Operation Utilizing First-Person View, hence becomes part of our rule set and must be followed. The entire document can be downloaded from the AMA web site.

Here are some key points that we need to adhere to.

First, the definition of FPV: “FPV refers to the operation of a radio controlled (RC) sUAS using an onboard camera’s cockpit view to orient and control the aircraft.” This isn’t limited to using FPV goggles. FPV includes any operation during which the pilot is navigating or controlling the model via a head’s-down-display (HDD) other than by direct visual line-of-site (VLOS).

“All FPV flights require an AMA FPV pilot to have an AMA FPV spotter next to him or her maintaining VLOS with the FPV sUAS throughout its flight. The AMA FPV pilot must brief the AMA FPV spotter on the FPV spotter’s duties, communications, and hand-over control procedures before FPV flight. The AMA FPV spotter must communicate with the AMA FPV pilot to ensure that the FPV sUAS remains within VLOS, warning the FPV pilot of approaching aircraft, and when avoidance techniques are necessary. During an FPV flight, the FPV spotter must be prepared to acquire the transmitter/control from the FPV pilot and assume VLOS control of the sUAS at any time safe operation of the flight is in question.”

Thanks!

Keith



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