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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 2021

Aug7 Sat Runway Stripe & Upkeep—Field Closed
Aug14 Sat National Aviation Day Pot Luck Fun Fly
Aug28 Sat John Hood Service All Souls' Episcopal Church
Sep 4 Sat Swap Meet (Chula Vista) TBD
Sep 11 Sat Fun Fly Cactus Park

Services for John Hood

The following is an email from John's son Pat:

Friends and Family;

I have arranged for a funeral services for my father in San Diego at All Souls' Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd., San Diego, CA 92107.

The service is planned for 10:30am August 28, 2021. He will laid to rest alongside his wife Barbara at the columbarium at the church following the service.

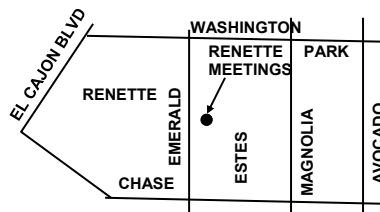
Please feel free to pass on this information to any additional friends and family. (My dad's contact list is a little sketchy.)

Best Regards, Pat

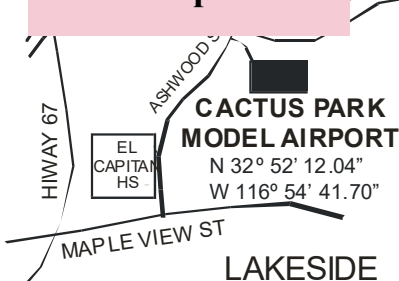
NOTE

There was no official meeting in July—just a few members showed up—too few to have a meeting. So there are no Minutes in this newsletter

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Aug 3, 7:00 PM



Field Is Opened





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President's Message Aug 2021

I should have called it back in June; knowing that our July meeting fell on the 6th immediately after a long holiday weekend, and in the midst of vacation time, that we'd have few attendees at our regular meeting. And so it happened that only two members arrived, one of them brand new!

So, we cancelled the official meeting, and no business was discussed or recorded.

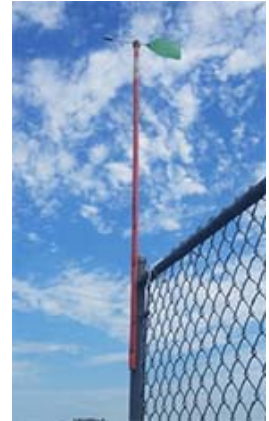
We did chat a bit about hobby and club things, but everything else was tabled until the August meeting.

July saw some significant improvements at the field. We had a mowing day during which we focused on clearing the growth around the runway perimeter.

Jeff also led a small team of guys who continued to level the area around the "new" storage container and the picnic area. That was some back-breaking work. The winner of the Wheelbarrow Off-road Hill-Climbing competition was Scott Graupmann with a forward summer-sault half gainer followed by a clean dismount!

Thanks to each of you - Pete Hampton, Max Brouard, Scott Graupmann, Dave Pothier, Dan Higdon, Jeff Coskey, Kenny Schwenck and Mark Huyser.

Also contributing to field appearance and op-



erability was Steve Shepersky who straightened out our small wind vane.

Jeff had taken the brush trimmer (the monster of the weedwackers) home a couple of months ago and brought it back to a strong life. That thing is a MUST for the terrain that we have to contend with.

Pete Pease hooked us up by refilling all of our gas cans at the end of the day. Very nice!!

On Saturday July 17th, Ron Keith presented a training session and demonstration focused on firefighting equipment and methods that apply to our field. He reminded us that, should the battery bank in the shed catch fire, we need to completely empty the CO2 extinguisher into the vents located on the side of the shed. Those vents are specifically installed to direct CO2 directly onto the battery bank.





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Ron also demonstrated a very helpful method to put out small fires should you have bottled soda on hand, such as at a picnic or at the beach. He shows that a 2-litre bottle of soda packs quite a punch when shaken up and allows the combatant some range and flow velocity. And when the fire's out, you can lick your fingers clean!



The TRUST exams This is "The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)" exam that's been the focus of the AMA's blogs and emails. I took the test. On the two questions that I guessed wrong, the system simply let me keep clicking until I got them right! It costs nothing. But as you're aware, the TRUST completion certificate is federally required. Oddly, and to our advantage, it isn't tied to our AMA membership, or the FAA Recreational Pilot registration. It's just another card that we get to keep with us at the field to show any potential FAA or law enforcement official that might happen by the field.

Pylon Racing – Since our last newsletter, I've had no additional response from anyone interested in racing. Tim Peterson posted a poll on our Facebook site that 12 people responded to. That's super!

As soon as we get a race chairman to step up, we'll select a class and start planning a race series.

Congratulations to Cass, who recently began flying under Steve's tutelage. Cass started with the SAFE RTF models just a few

weeks ago, and in this photo, she's flying Steve's huge Waco biplane!

Joe Cullum Estate By the time this is published, we will have held an estate sale at the home of departed Joe Cullum. I'm hoping my methods of passing the word through regular emails is reaching you all in time for you to take advantage of this type of opportunity.

This Time Last Year –In July of 2020, we got a new allotment of folding chairs in a dedicated cabinet. Our virtual club meetings shifted from WebEx to Google Meets.

Upcoming Events – To view our calendar of events for 2021, visit (<http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/events/>).

In the immediate future, we have:

National Model Aviation Day Pot Luck and Fun-Fly – Saturday Aug 14th. We'll likely repeat some of the events from this month, and maybe cycle in some new ones. Keep your eyes peeled.

Fun Fly – Saturday Sep 11th – more of the same fun!

Also on the horizon, maybe in August or Sept, will be a **Celebration of Life for our friend Joe Cullum**. His widow, Tana, asked if there's anything we could do for such an event, and the answer was "yes! of course!". Details will follow.

New members

Welcome to Greg Cook and Frank Gagliardi! Frank, as you all know, is a leader in the San Diego modeling community and joins us from MRCF. Great to have you!

Current statistic: 139 members, from 10 to 90 years of age, averaging 58.63970588, geometric mean is 52.8596516 years. Finally! I'm "above average" at something!

Until next time -
Keith





**Ron Smith Memorial Flying Field
BBQ & Pot-Luck Lunch, Silent
Auction and Fun-Fly
Saturday, Aug 14th, 2021
9:00 am until 12:00 pm**



Join us and the Academy of Model Aeronautics Foundation in celebrating model aviation for the **seventh** annual National Model Aviation Day. National Model Aviation Day was created to encourage clubs to celebrate the hobby and share it with the public.
\$5 donation requested to offset BBQ
\$5 Fun-Fly entry fee (to offset prize cost)
Auctions include many estate items that benefit both the families and the club!



**Auction bidding
closes at 10:30 AM**

Prizes for each Fun-Fly event!

Auction lists will be published by email and on our web site.

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