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**NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST WEEDWACKER
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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

July 6 Tue Normal Club Meeting at Renette Park
July 17 Sat Fire Fighting Training, Cactus Park
Aug 7 Sat Runway Stripe & Upkeep—Field Closed
Aug 21 Sat National Aviation Day Pot Luck Fun Fly
Aug 28 Sat John Hood Service All Souls' Episcopal Church
Sep 4 Sat Swap Meet (Chula Vista) TBD

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.)

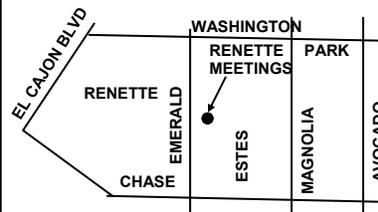
Best Regards, Pat



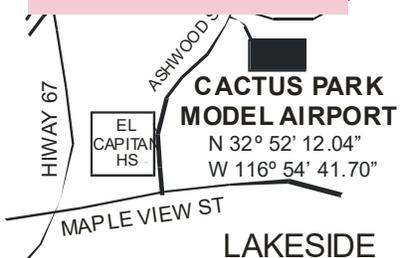
John Hood, 6,11,1925 4,18,2021

John joined the club in 1985 and moved to Ohio to be with his family in 2017, but remained on our club roster.

**NEXT MEETING:
Tues. July 6, 7:00
PM**



Field Is Opened





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Meeting Minutes June 1st, 2021



Bruce Allen
First meeting at Renette 2021!

This Photo by The meeting on June 1st, 2021, was called to order by the club President, Keith Miller at 7:00 PM and the membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the direction of the flag provided. In attendance were 12, including board members, Vice President Jeff Coskey, Secretary Bruce Allen (Treasurer Scott Graupmann could not attend)

Opening Comments

(Be sure to add your attendance raffle ticket to the tub for the drawing at the January banquet include your name)

Keith mentioned that Renette have increased cost of meeting room. We have Credit with them we can use for the next couple of months.

Question could we have meetings at the field?
TBD

Approval of Minutes in last month's Hangar News

Proposed: Ken Lawrence, Second: Ron Keith
Unanimous

PS- Ken Lawrence has been published in the February AMA Mag! He had also showed his magnificent "Lazy Bee" complete with 'Calvin & Hobbs' characters peeking out of the windows! Well done, Lawrence!

Proposed:

Treasurers Report

(Scott not available,

New Members

Bill Personius – Welcome Bill!

Safety Report

Ron Keith- Reminded the membership that you must NOT charge LiPo batteries or any other types in your car! This a RULE & a requirement of the County. Charge them at home or at the field using our solar charging system. Also, whilst charging, the Batterie(s) must be in a fireproof bag or container!

Reminder if you must call for help with a

crash & Fire, make sure the Fire services understand it is for an R/C Model Plane NOT a full-size Plane! (Saves embarrassment....)

The Crash kit in the locker is to be used for a crash, not for anything else! At the end of flying, it should be locked up in the locker before leaving the field.

Reminder- loudly Call all Take-off's & Landings! Also, if you must cross the Runway shout out & make sure it is clear.

Last reminder, if you lose a Plane in the woods or anywhere that involves a search, make sure you have communication back at Pits in case you need help! (Cell phones etc)

Discussion on future Fire Fighter & Defib training TBD.

Events

Check the Calendar at our Website.
www.weedwackers.org

(Information may be changed as needed)

MRCS – Equipment moves completed, many thanks especially to Jeff Coskey, Art Flores tireless work & others who helped with this mammoth task. We have & will welcome any ex-MRCS members. Looking at repainting etc (TBD).

Field Rules

2. Red Flag Warning due to high winds, storms etc. The field is closed for the duration & a Red Flag warning is posted on the gates. An email will be sent out to members.

Raffle

Kurt Mead – Screwdriver set

Bill Bryan – LiPo & cover

Keith Miller – Fuel

Julian Sonderegger- Poster, Work lite

Bill Personius – Toolbox

Don Westerham- E900 (Glue?)

??-Coasters

Meeting finished 20:00hrs



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President's Message July 2021

Wings Over Gillespie Flashbacks – Recently I posted a Facebook memory of my son Jeramy walking our 30% YAK out to the flightline of Gillespie field from back in 2012. For many years, both MRCF and the Weedwackers participated in either the Miramar or Gillespie air shows during either an early-morning or a mid-show demonstration of our models. Wings Over Gillespie cancelled their events beginning in 2016.



One of our long-time members Lance Edmunson saw the memory and sent me a link to a video he'd created during the 2015 Gillespie air show, which by that time was "Air Show San Diego". That awesome video can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/airvidssc/download/131381167/3079309965>.

Then, very oddly and unexpectedly, there I am flipping through Instagram 'cause I'm just that kind of social butterfly (nope) and I come across a picture of my huge Sig Senior Kadet towing up my Carl Goldberg Gentle Lady on my piggy-back cradle! Tim Peterson recalled (because it's his hexacopter in the foreground) that it could have been a photo taken by someone at the Gillespie Air Show maybe between 2012 and 2015 during which my son Jeramy, my father and I would all three fly during the demonstrations.

Then, no kidding, two days later the same per-



son posts another picture on Instagram of the Kadet/Gentle Lady pair, most likely from the same flight.

I miss those shows!

Polo Field Incursions – I've had reports that our weekday flyers continue to push out to the east beyond our boundaries. This comes from both the owners of the ranch and club member reports.

There's no reason for normal flight to be anywhere but in front of you or to the west (your LEFT).

We've modified the field boundaries to allow flight over the hill, providing us with more room to stretch out our flight path. USE IT please! If you're not able to land with an approach over the pump house, then don't fly.

Secondly, if you're losing control, have a problem, or simply get behind the airplane, don't try to white-knuckle it for the awesome save if it's anywhere to your RIGHT. For the sake of the club's longevity, put it down! We recently had a model crash squarely between two horses in a corral while the pilot was going for the save. Let's not put the entire club at risk; ditch the plane early! Fortunately, the pilot, our VP and I were all on scene and met with the ranch owners for some much-needed apologies.

We can go back to a boundary monitor if that's what it takes; posting a watch at the windsock with a horn or whistle. We did it for a while – we can do it again. I hope it doesn't come to that.

FAA Drone Zone changes, future of exams! I think each of you get the routine AMA blog notifications by email. The two that recently caught my eye are 1) changes to the FAA Drone Zone (faadronezone.faa.gov) application process and 2) the AMA being approved to administer the dreaded "The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)" exams.

On the first matter, the FAA registration under "the exception for recreational flyers" was made more complicated, driven by longer-term FAA requirements and attempts to grapple with all things sUAS. Fortunately, most of us (actually, it should be *all of us*) are



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already registered and it won't matter much until we have to renew. The [AMA blog](#) does a pretty good job of walking us through the new options and questions that the FAA asks. For example, we'll need to tell them at least one of our models by manufacture and name, but we *don't* need to provide a serial number and we simply check "no" that our model doesn't have remote ID.

On the second matter of the TRUST exam (I guess that's redundant..., like "ATM machine"), the AMA assures us that it's easy, and that we can't fail. From a little bit of reading on the [AMA blog](#), it's easy, it's mandatory (no exception), but there's no due date and there's no implication or impact on our AMA membership if we don't take it. I really don't know how something that's mandatory can go without any implications. So there you have it; take it or not – apparently nobody cares (yet).

Pylon Racing – I'm polling you all for interest in pylon racing! We had races for a few years that were a blast until the interest waned down to the scant same four guys at every event. I think we'll have enough renewed interest to run maybe a half-dozen races again in 2021/2022. Jeff and I are posing three

classes: 1) **FMS T-28** (800 mm span) 2), **Dura-fly Goblin** (820 mm span), and 3) **Micro** (anything powered by a 1S 165 mAh



pack or smaller). The Silent Electric Flyers of San Diego (SEFSD, aka Mission Bay) have had great success and fun with the T-28 class. The Goblin is a hand-launch little screamer that will surely boost our adrenalin. The T-28 runs \$140, and the Goblin is \$100, both plug and play (you supply the receiver and batteries). In the past, we've had great success with the Dura-fly EFX Racer which is still available on the market, but is a bit pricier at 150.



The Micro class would be simply a fun competi-

tion for all of those who already have a small RTF (or kit, for that matter) that uses a 1S 165mAh pack or smaller). Obviously, the course for this class would be quite short, but it would be fun to get all those little planes-in-a-box together around the pylons.

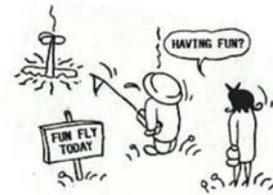
Fun-Fly results – What a HUGE turnout we had on Saturday Juneteenth. With fifteen entrants

A very special thanks to those who made it possible!

Kurt Mead cooked up some absolutely delicious carne asada with homemade guacamole and salsa! He and Ron Keith and Bill Bryan slaved over the grills. Ron was also instrumental in setup and food preparation along with watermelon that was really good on a hot day.

Dan Higdon assisted in cooking and was our main photographer. We should have the entire photo library out for you all to view before this newsletter comes out. Vernon Gilmore managed the flightline and ensured everyone understood the tasks. Don Westergren and Bruce Allen, photography Mark Huyser and David Pother were our chief foam particle distributors .

Jeff won two of the events – the Can Can and the Fly-and-Tax, while Jeramy won the 7-11 Craps event. Father/Son team Max and Glen tied in the Bomb Drop. But alas, the **overall**



points winner was Tim Peterson by scoring 2nd or 3rd in all four events. Congratulations gentlemen!

We also were very fortunate to have young Gavin and Wyatt participating! They performed extremely well and showed excellent concentration and focus during the events. Wyatt did well enough in the Can-Can to tie for third in that event, while some of us more "senior" pilots forgot to fly the plane, not the can! Good job boys!



Name	Can-Can (Bulls-eye)		Fly and Taxi (short time wins)		7-11 Crops! (short time wins)		Bomb Drop (Bulls-eye)		Overall	
	Score	Points	Time	Points	Time	Points	Score	Points	Score	Rank
Tim	16	12	00:34.4	13	00:14.9	12	8	12	49	1
Jeff	22	15	00:33.7	15	00:23.7	7	1	5	42	2
Jeremy	6	4	00:35.8	10	00:11.4	15	9	13	42	2
Glen	6	4	00:34.6	12	00:21.1	10	10	14	40	4
Max	8	7	00:45.1	5	00:12.7	14	10	14	40	4
Keith	12	9	00:36.2	9	00:22.5	9	7	11	38	6
Eric	14	11	00:33.9	14	00:13.7	13	0	0	38	6
David	12	9	00:35.7	11	00:24.7	6	6	9	35	8
Mike	8	7	00:38.4	6	00:17.5	11	5	8	32	9
Julian	20	14	00:37.2	8	00:25.8	4	2	6	32	9
Kevin	5	2	00:38.1	7	00:23.4	8	4	7	24	11
Wyatt	16	12	01:00.0	3	00:25.3	5	0	0	20	12
Gavin	4	1	00:54.7	4	00:43.9	3	6	9	17	13
Mark	7	6	00:00.0	2	00:00.0	2	0	0	10	14
Dick	5	2	00:00.0	1	00:00.0	1	0	0	4	15

This Time Last Year –In June of 2020, our flying times were extended to allow electrics as early as 7am. And there’s many folks taking advantage of that – awesome! We also talked about RF interference observed on the west end of the field, mostly experienced by Orange or Lemon receivers. Since then, we’ve learned of several “Orange” receivers that went down.



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

In the immediate future, we have:
Fire Fighting Training – Saturday July 17th at 9am; Our Safety Officer, Ron Keith, will go over fire extinguisher use, firefighting tactics and techniques, and review lessons learned from a recent field fire.

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 eye’s peeled.

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

Also on the horizon, maybe in July or August, 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.

Also, associated with Joe’s passing, will be the collection of his modeling estate which we’ll parse out and disperse or sell for Tana’s benefit. Information on that will likely already start coming out by club-wide email by the time you read this. We’ll be asking for helping hands and trucks to move this very large collection to temporary storage.

New members

Welcome to Roy Raphael, Thomas McLemore Jr. and Sr., Robert Mosley and Ken Schwenck! Great to have you!

Current statistic: 138 members, from 10 to 90 years of age, averaging 58.4, geometric mean is 53.2 years.

Until next time -
Keith



Welcome to:

Café 67 CALIFORNIA

Breakfast & Lunch

Take Home
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