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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

May 15 Sat Scale Fly In & silent Auction, , Cactus Park

Next Club Meeting Tuesday May 4 is a Virtual Meeting

Members receiving the PDF version can click CTRL + click on the links here to join the meeting:

meet.google.com/shd-sesj-mzs

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.

Pat Hood sent this: I regret to inform you that my father passed away peacefully Sunday, April 18 at 7:10 pm.

He had gone to the ER a week earlier and was subsequently admitted to Hospice of Dayton a week ago yesterday. He was intimately involved in all his medical decisions and was very well prepared for passing. I spent a lot of time with him last week and Hospice did a great job keeping him comfortable and pain free. He passed away peacefully on Sunday.

He was mentally sharp up until the end. He expressed how much he enjoyed his life with my mom, family and good friends. He had done everything he could ever imagine doing in a lifetime and a little bit more. I plan on taking his ashes to San Diego to be placed with my mom sometime this summer when traveling is a little easier. I will provide additional information as I make plans.

Thank you all for being a part of his remarkable life.

Best regards, Pat Hood



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Meeting Minutes April 5th, 2021

Bruce Allen

The meeting for April 5th, 2021 (because of the Covid-19 restrictions) was carried out via Video Conference from members homes. These Minutes have been compiled from my notes. (No Audio transcript available)

Present on the call:

Keith Miller President & Invigilator, Jeff Coskey VP, Scott Graupman Treasurer & Bruce Allen Secretary, Ron Keith Safety Officer.

Don Westergren

(Other members attended the meeting intermittently)

Opening Comments

Attending Video members names will be added into the January Banquet Raffle 2022(?) (Apologies if I missed anyone, please email me so I can make an addendum)

Treasurers Report

(Due to sickness the Report is not available but will be provided with May's)

Tabled Business

Old Business

Club AMA Charter, Insurance Certificate Applied for. Arrived today via email

Ron Keith – Safety Officer.

Reminder – Take care when exiting the field onto the highway, especially when turning left out of the field. If not sure take a Right turn out of the field, then left on Willow.....



Field Rules:

10. Pilots must stand behind the fence in one of five flight stations for Takeoff, Flight & Landings. (5 Maximum at any time).

New Business

Plan Runway Sealing last done May 2018?

Estimate total \$6500

Sealing ~\$5700

Paint ~\$500

Discuss at May's meeting,

Armed Forces Day

Saturday May 15th 2021

Scale Fly In & silent Auction

At Weedwackers Field

8:00 – 9:00 am Check in

9:00 am -1:00PM Flying

11:00 (approx.) Lunch.

Old Business

MRCS equipment

Jeff: met w/Frank MRCS – offered up conex box, and as many tables as we want.

Tables are 4x8'

Jeff spoke for 5 tables.

Jeff spoke w/towing company \$125 / hr, 2 hr minimum.

6 hours would be \$750.

Vote: approved in March meeting

Worked with Art to prep an area;

Will need RR ties for base.

Plan is to put it in place of our current shed

Likely mid-late April

Meeting finished 19:30 hrs





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President's Message May 2021

Monthly Meeting

We'll continue our series of virtual monthly club meetings using Google Meet on Tuesday **May 4th**. The link is <https://meet.google.com/shd-sesj-mzs>, and it starts at 7pm. I apologize for missing the April meeting. We'll cover plans and funding for an upcoming Scale Fly-In, which I'll cover later. If you have anything you'd like to bring up or recommendations for club operations, please consider joining us! If you can bring a show-and tell model or item in front of your computer camera, that would be nice!

Swap Meet on Sat Apr 10th - What a HUGE turnout we had, the biggest EVER! Thirty-three paying sellers, and at least as many buyers filled our parking lot to capacity!

It was apparent that the local Southern California modelling community was in dire need of this type of event. I hope that we continue to see more meets soon, such as the DHW Fathers' Day event.

The club brought in \$165 at the gate, and \$191 from remnants of prior estates and donations.

I would like to thank those who ran the meet; Ron Keith, Tim Peterson, Bob Frazier and Rich Brown monitored the gate, managed the starting line and helped direct parking for all of those vehicles.

Also, Carl Lewallen from the SEFSD and Alpine clubs put out a great ad for us on Craig's List. Thanks Carl!



Mowing Day – Several of us gathered on Sunday 4/11 to knock down the greenery around the runway and, in general, *everywhere*!

Jeff Coskey led a team of dedicated and gracious members for about three hours in a dirty, grueling battle against all things weedy. Dick Milhausen trained grandson Cody Adams to take the reins of the riding mower, and Cody had a blast! Weed whackers and leaf blowers

were operated by Rich Brown, Lester Moore, Paul Hogue, Kevin Pothier, Dan Higdon and Craig Graham. Ron Keith was on site for his routine First Aid kit upkeep. I arrived after most of the work was done, so I tried to get our gas-powered vacuum cleaner to run. I failed. These guys dug in, got *dirty and sweaty*, and our field looks SOOO much better, like having a fresh haircut! They are most certainly deserving of our thanks. When you see them, say so.

Potential acquisition of MRCF CONEX box

– UPDATE: Jeff's goal is to arrange pick up and transportation of the MRCF CONEX box from Miramar to our field right around the 19th or 20th of May.



With that, he'll schedule a day before then to move our existing storage shed out of its current position around the 17th or 18th of May. The old one will stay on site for now, just out of the way. During the move, we'll need several sets of hands to empty contents, move some dirt, level some ground and to assist the heaving lifting machinery operators (namely, Art).

Please consider setting some time aside during that week, if able, to help out.

As always, I fully expect that members who use our facilities come out and help when the time comes. We'll put the word out as the exact dates approach.

Ken Lawrence Builds – In 2020, Ken put together a wide variety of unique models that, unfortunately, he's not been able to show us at our normal meeting venue.

His delta wing Old School Model Works "Comet" was piled in on takeoff a year ago, after several successful flights. Here it is after a re-build, all ready to go again. The Lazy Bee was a 2020 project. That's Calvin in the

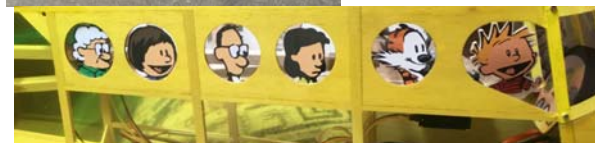




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pilot's seat, with Hobbe, his Mom and Dad, Susie Derkins, and his teacher, Mrs. Wormwood, as pas-



sengers. His Rogallos is "Black Fin" which was followed by a rebuild of his Eagle 2 which is "Black Fin 2".

Arnolds new Cloud Clipper – and just 2 weeks after finishing his Mini Bell, he brings out the 71 Cloud Clipper and a Bingo 20.



This Time Last Year –In April of 2020, nothing was happening. Nothing to report. The field was closed. Nothing. Nada. Weeds started to grow. Our virtual meetings began. Sigh.

Upcoming Events – We DO have a calendar of events for 2021, viewable on the Events section of our web site (<http://www.weedwackers.org/ww/events/>).

In the immediate future, we have:

Armed Forces Day Scale Fly-In on Saturday May 15th: Finally, a flying event! The first in more than a year! Bring your kit-built, scratch-built, ARF – whatever, as long as it represents a full-scale aircraft. Appearance Awards will be provided for Best Military, Best Civilian, People's Choice and Judges' Choice. No flying skills will be judged. In fact, participants need

not fly – just bring a plane! Each participating pilot will have their name entered into a raffle for a special participants prize. The Event Coordinators Art Flores and Dick Milhausen are also bringing \$750 in raffle prizes for anyone who wishes to purchase tickets. The landing fee for pilots is \$10. We're asking \$5 donations to offset lunch, but participating pilots eat for free! Lunch will be served in a non-contact manner. Check-in is from 8-9a, with flying and judging going on through 1pm. Lunch will be around 11am, with Chef Bobby in charge! In addition, we'll have a Silent Auction of some recently acquired donations. Photos and details to follow. Bring lots of cash! I take PayPal, and even checks from members in good standing J.

Field Clean-Up Day Saturday May 8th 8-9am:

Traditionally, we close the field on the Saturday before our Scale Fly-In to do a top-to-bottom field day. However, given the significant effort put out last week, we'll do only a brief clean-up of the pit area and the grill. We'll close the field briefly to do a quick clean-up of any trash, leaves or debris in the pits and on the runway, and we'll clean up the picnic area.

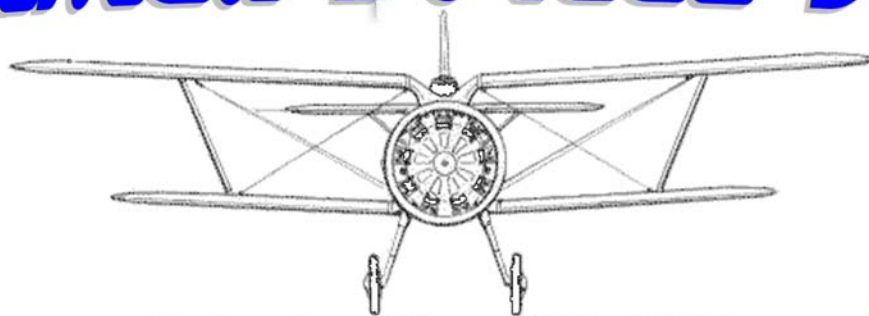
Fun-Fly Saturday June 19th: We'll hold a Fun Fly during which we'll have a handful of events to test our flying skills, courage and depth of our wallets. More to follow.

New members

Welcome to Lewis Dotson and Henry D'Souza! At the time of this writing, I understand there are possibly three more applicants joining us from the Alpine and Miramar clubs. Great to have you!

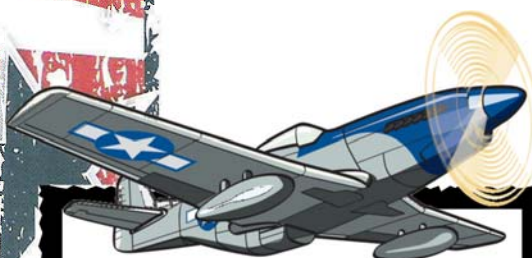
Until next time -
Keith

Armed Forces Day



Saturday, May 15th, 2021

Scale Fly-In & Silent Auction



Awards for:
Best Civilian
Best Military
People's Choice
Judges' Choice

Schedule:

8:00-9:00 AM Check in
9:00 AM—1:00 PM Flying
11:00 (approx.) - LUNCH

\$10 Landing Fee

\$5 for Lunch (participating pilots eat FREE!)
Scale and Semi-Scale models welcome—ARFs too!

Event Coordinators
Art Flores 619-715-1842
Dick Milhausen
(619) 561-5323

Rain Date: Sat, May 22nd

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Event site: Weedwackers are located at:
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Lakeside, CA
Across from the BMX track

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