

## **Please Note “Friends of Waegell Field”**

This year, to save costs, we are not mailing our request for donations to the entire mailing list.

After you decide to donate to the “friends fund” you may send your “\$50” to:

Chris Borland 1520 40th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95819

Please remember, Friends of Waegell Field do not have to pay field rental fees at any contest on Waegell Field.

***Please be a friend!***

## **DEAR FRIENDS of WAEGELL FIELD**

In late 2000, the Friends of Waegell Field Fund was established to financially ensure the preservation of what we have had for the last 50 or 60 years. This is the only field currently available in Northern California suitable for holding free flight contests. After a letter was sent out that established the Fund and explained how membership in the Fund would ensure the use of Waegell Field, the response was outstanding. The first year, 70 people contributed \$50 each to the fund and became members for the year of 2001. In 2011 we had 52 members contribute, (some much more than \$50), many of whom never flew a flight at the field but contributed to help support a sport they have lived and loved for a lifetime. Lately the membership has dropped to about 40 each year bringing in enough (about \$2400) to cover our annual field lease. As a result, it was decided in 2015 that the individual clubs would now pay for the porta-pottys for their contests. This is even more important now as the field fee went up \$500 to \$2500 last year.

We need to keep a cushion (presently \$1251.34) in case of any serious downturn in donations, as well as possible mowing and other site work. George Waegell seems to be happy with us being there, just keep the gates closed as usual. Since we do not have a real sense of how many will renew their membership for 2016 the decision was made to keep the membership at \$50 for 2016. Flying fees for 2016 (the per contest

field rental fee for all non-fund members) will remain at \$5.00 per contest.

As a result of a very generous gift of motors (50-100 or so) and assorted kits by Craig Stout we have a special fund that has reached over \$4000 at this point. Craig asked Doug Galbreath to put these on E-bay which he has been doing and and they have been moving well. Craig’s vision has failed and he felt this was the thing to do with his large collection. This, for a while at least, will allow the Fund to pay for the contest porta-pottys again and also provide a much needed cushion. We all thank you Craig!

Our modified field is proving to work reasonably well and moving to various launch sites so far has caused few problems. Combining some events has worked well and of course the mass launches are always the highlights of the contests.

All of the flyers, past and present are extremely grateful for the support we have received from our Friends of Waegell Field. Without them, we would be in trouble. As before, checks for 2016 membership in the fund are to be made out to the **SIERRA EAGLES** (Not FWF Fund or Chris Borland) and mailed to:

Chris Borland, 1520 - 40th St. Sacramento, CA 95819

***Thank you - Chris Borland - Sect.-Treasurer NCFFC***