

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 \$800.36) 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 2017 the decision was made to keep the membership at \$50 for 2017. Flying fees for 2017 (the per contest field rental fee for all non-fund flyers) will remain at \$5.00 per contest. As a result of a very generous gift of motors (50-100 or so) and a lot of

assorted kits by Craig Stout we now have a special fund that has reached \$6612.96 at this point. Craig asked Doug Galbreath to put these on E-bay which he has been doing and they have been moving well. Craig’s vision had 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!

Unfortunately, Craig passed away recently (October 27th) from a rather sudden bout with cancer. He hadn’t been feeling well and was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. At the end of the first round of chemo and radiation he went into intensive care and was gone in two days. Rest in peace 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 Fund” members. Without them, we would be in trouble. As before, checks for 2017 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 NCCFFC