

Message from the President

April 2019

Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the spring weather and have been able to get out and bend the sticks.

If you are an Entradero Park flier, please read the section below regarding guest usage of the field and your responsibilities as PSF members.

The annual <u>Planes of Fame Air Show</u> at the Chino airport is scheduled for the weekend of May 4-5th. This show is always a great opportunity to see a lot of warbirds fly. Take a look at the following link for all of the information regarding the show.

Bob Okita has always been one of our more inventive members and is always looking for new challenges. Bob recently purchased a one meter, Tech 1 DLG to learn how to program telemetry. The glider weighs 7 ounces. At this point, Bob

is receiving RF Power and Battery voltage as telemetry. Bob is using an FR Sky Tyrannus transmitter which uses open source software allowing him to program telemetry. This is a 24-channel radio which should provide Bob with all the programming challenges he needs. A photo of the glider and radio can be found below.

Alan Templin also brought one of his builds to the March meeting. The plane is a foam Viggen (Saab) from Test Flight Plans. Alan stated that the plane weighs in at about 2 pounds.

The plans are free and a short kit is available. Assembly of the plane is fast using hot glue sticks for adhesive. The ducted fan is 70mm with 12 blades. Speed of 80 mph can be achieved using a 4s 4000 mAH battery, providing 750 watts of power. Alan states the plane has very good slow flight

characteristics which makes landings easy. A couple of pictures are included.

Please bring your latest project to the meeting and share it with the members. It's always great to see what you are building and flying.

Some of our members have been participating in Dragon Flight 95 RC sailboat racing at the King Harbor Yacht Club. You do not need to be a full member of the club to participate. Annual dues to join the DF 95 fleet are only \$20.00. Contact me for details. A few pics from the last regatta are included in this newsletter.

Next Meeting

April 3rd La Romeria Park 7:30pm

Upcoming Fun-Flys

April 6th

None

We will be having our usually monthly meeting this Wednesday, April 3th, in the community building at La Romeria Park. Don has your application forms preprinted and available if you need to renew

your membership. If you prefer to mail them in, you can find the package on our <u>website</u>.

The number of PSF members using Entradero Park is increasing, which is great. However, the field manager has voiced concerns about non-members flying from the field with the permission of our

members. Based on these concerns, I have stopped by the field a few times. On one occasion, two non-PSF members were flying from the field with multiple PSF members in attendance. This is unacceptable.

Only PSF members should be on the field.

The field manager stated that when he asks our members about non-members flying from the field, our members have stated that the non-members is a guest. Apparently, this has been going on for awhile. I have been asked to stop by regularly and check on field usage.

Our policy has always been that a non-member can fly as guest once and must have current AMA membership. I am going to propose at this month's meeting that guests must be pre-approved by a club officer prior to flying at the field. This will allow us to verify current AMA membership and notify the field manager that a non-member will be on the field on a specific date. Please attend the meeting if you would like to be part of this discussion.

The Marymount College baseball team is no longer using the field. Apparently, they were not respecting the field and cleaning up after themselves. This means that the field is available to us Monday through Friday starting at 8:00 AM! However, weekends are difficult, due to Little League baseball practices and games.

Please note that the field gate combination changed a couple of months ago. Contact one of the Club officers for the new combo if you don't have it. Please ensure that the gates are locked when you enter <u>and</u> leave the facility. The main park gates have been left open by our members while they are flying which allows anyone to enter the park.

Please contact a club officer if there are any issues with gate or field access. Remember that only club officers can distribute the combinations to club members.

There will not be a Fun-Fly at Entradero Park in the month of February. However, this month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be held Saturday, April 6th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is for west-southwest winds at 16 mph. Time to get the heavier planes charged up if the forecast holds! Be careful on the hill, the rattle snakes are out!

See you at the meeting or at one of the flying sites.

All the best, Jeff

Dragon Flight Racing at King Harbor





"Show-and-Tell" at the March Meeting







Please renew at the monthly meeting or download the membership packet from our website.

Thanks!

April Modeling Meets in California

The AMA changed their website and the format does not allow me to post an event calendar summary, as I have in the past. However, you can access the February calendar here.

If you attend any of these events, please consider providing photographs or a write-up to Chris for the Newsletter.