

Hot Air



Message from the President

April 2022

Hi everyone. I hope everyone is doing well.

We will not be holding a meeting this month. After the last few years of dealing with the COVID pandemic and having cancelled a handful of vacations, my wife and I are going out of town for the week.

The last West Coast AMA convention, pre-COVID, was poorly attended by vendors and AMA members. All indications were that the AMA would not hold a convention on the West Coast in the future. Over the last couple of years, the RCX convention also fell victim to the pandemic. However, RCX was able to hold its event this year (March 26th and 27th) at the Pomona Fairgrounds. The number of RC related exhibits was limited and was combined with an outdoor/off-road event. The AMA was present with a booth and a few representatives. I attended with fellow PSF member Lester Reams. I have included a few photographs to give you an idea of the exhibitors present.

All of you are aware that Bob Okita is a prolific builder, tinkerer and flyer. I've included a couple of pictures of Bob's Viking glider. One picture is of Bob launching the Viking recently from the Palos Verdes Drive East site. It was obviously a beautiful day to fly. The second picture is of the same plane with an electric power pod with FPV cameras installed.

On Saturday, April 2nd, I ventured out to Planes of Fame at the Chino Airport to see their GM TBM-3e Avenger fly. It was worth the trip. The Avenger is a large airplane carrying a crew of three. You may be aware that this is the aircraft that President G. W. Bush was flying when he was shot down in the Pacific during WW2. The plane cruises at around

150-170 knots and consumes about 70 gallons of fuel an hour at these speeds. Top speed is about 250 knots. As a torpedo/bomber the plane isn't very maneuverable. It appears to have been an easy target. I have included photographs from the event.

Next Meeting

No meeting in April

In May, the Arizona Commemorative Air Force group will be bringing their B-17 and B-25 bombers to Chino. Not only will they be flying the planes, but they will be selling rides. You can find more info. on their

[website](#).

There is quite a variety of events on the AMA event calendar in California for April. If you attend any of these events, please snap some pictures and write up your impressions for the newsletter. Go to the [calendar](#) for details.

As we move into spring, baseball is underway at Entradero Park. Please remember to not fly if there are organized practices or games on any of the fields at the park. Contact a Club Officer for the new gate combos. Flying is available weekdays, usually in the morning. Please let me know if you have any issues with field access.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro
Entradero**

**April 9th
None**

The long range forecast for Saturday April 9th at Del Cerro Park is for winds out of the south-southwest at 12+ miles per hour. Skies are supposed to be clear. It should be a beautiful day to fly if the forecast holds. Guys usually show up around noon for the Fun-Fly.

Once again, please get your PSF renewal completed and mail it to Don. You can find the membership package on our [website](#).

All the best,
Jeff



GM TBM-3e Avenger at Planes of Fame





Bob Okita's Show-and-Tell in March



RCX Convention in March





*Time to renew your membership!
Please talk to Don or download the
package from our website.*