

Message from the President

April 2023

The weather during March negatively impacted my ability to fly a plane. Hopefully, some of you were able to get out and put a plane in the air.

We will have a meeting this coming Wednesday at the La Romeria Park Community Room. The meeting starts at 7:30. Bring your latest project to the meeting to share with the other members in attendance

A big thank you to Don Rohweller, our PSF club secretary. Don completed our A.M.A 2023 charter package which was submitted and approved. You should be getting your 2023 Entradero

and/or Del Cerro badges from Don and John shortly. It isn't too late to renew your PSF membership. Don will be at the meeting Wednesday to help you with your paperwork and answer any questions you may have.

I'm a sucker for P-38 Lightnings. I know I have included a few photographs of the Planes of Fame P-

38 in the past, but I really enjoy seeing this plane fly. So, I headed out to Chino Airport this past Saturday with a friend to see the Lightning fly. The sound is so smooth.

This month's flight was more eventful than in the past. The pilot cut the flight short when the electric prop pitch governor failed. He was concerned that the prop speed would run away, so he idled the engine and brought the plane in on the other engine. Turns out that the carburetor on the same engine failed the day before during a practice flight. Flying 75+ year-old restored airplanes isn't for the faint of heart. I've included photographs of a few of the planes seen on Saturday.

There was an F5J duration event at Visalia this past weekend. I didn't attend, but my neighbor competed and put a <u>video</u> of the competition together.

April has some interesting <u>events</u> scheduled for California. Takes some photos and write an article for the newsletter, if you make it to one of these events. The link below will take you to the A.M.A. events scheduled for April:

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 5th La Romeria Park 7:30 pm

Upcoming Fun-Flys

April 8th

None

Del Cerro

Entradero

Baseball activities are in full swing at Entradero Park. The fields are busy with practice and games weekday afternoons and weekends. Please remember that we do not fly if there

are organized practices or games on any of the fields at the park. With all of the recent rains, sections of our flying field are saturated. Please minimize traffic in the outfield areas where there is a lot of moisture. With temperatures increasing this week, the field should dry out.

There are a lot of weeds on the slope at Del Cerro.

Recovery of an airplane on the front of the hill in the heavy growth areas can be difficult and somewhat dangerous. Additionally, the thick growth can hide critters like skunks

and rattlesnakes. I have seen both over the years and they always make my heart beat a little faster.

The long range forecast for this weekend and our monthly Del Cerro Fun-Fly is for sunny skies (you heard that right), and south-southwest winds to 12 mph. Very flyable! Charge up a glider or two and head up to the hill around noon.

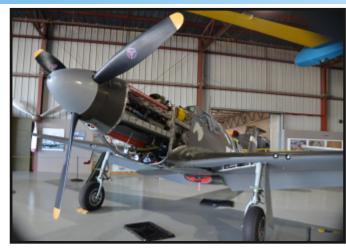
If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the club and flying at our fields, please point them to our membership package on our website.

Please submit your 2023 paperwork and fees when you get the chance, if you haven't already done so. Contact Don regarding any membership questions you may have.

Please attend the meeting this Wednesday if you have the time. It is always great to hear what everyone is up to. I hope to see you there or at one of the fields.

All the best, Jeff

Warbirds at Chino Planes of Fame













You can find these and the rest of Jeff's photos this month, including those from Chino, on our <u>website</u>.