

Hot Air



Message from the President

August 2014

Bizarre weather. Cool to hot and then hot and muggy. The hot and muggy accompanied by just enough rain to ensure the humidity stays on the really uncomfortable side. All of this has conspired to make sure that there isn't any lift, slope or thermals, when I want to go chuck a glider. The slope gods are not on my side. Back that up with the weekday baseball camp at Entradero and my flying has been minimal.

Fortunately, the baseball camp has concluded activities for the summer. Their last session was August 1st. We should be able to resume weekday morning flying as of this writing.

The sump enhancement work at Entradero is on hold with no new dates coming from the City. The latest rumor is that the heavy equipment will be brought in early September. Based on past performance I wouldn't bet on it.

Torrance schools resume classes Thursday,

September 4th. With all the stars aligning, we should be able to use Entradero on a much more regular basis through the end of the year. Del Cerro is not seeing a lot of glider activity. I suggest you dust off your favorite glider and head up on the hill when the wind is blowing right. We have one of the premier glider sites for light-to-medium weight slope and thermal aircraft. In addition, the view is phenomenal. Let's see what we can do to increase the usage of Del Cerro and maintain this site for the future!

The Del Cerro Fun-Fly will be held Saturday, August 9th. The Entradero Park Fun-Fly will be held Friday, August 22nd. Bring your latest project to the monthly meeting at La Romeria Park, Wednesday, August 6th. See you at 7:30.

Oh, and help me with an incantation to your favorite lift god. I would really like to get a glider in the air.

- Jeff

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
August 6th
7:30 pm**

**La Romeria Park
19501 Inglewood Ave**

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro August 9th
Entradero August 22nd**



Message from the Editor

Those of you who are regulars at Entradero have probably noticed that I've not been around very much lately. This is due primarily to preoccupation with a new passion - flying gliders of the full-scale variety. Thinking this might be of interest to club members, I thought I'd share a little of the adventure here.

Back in March, I fulfilled a life-long ambition by obtaining a license to fly gliders. Since I already had a private license to fly powered aircraft, this was a relatively simple endeavor leading to an add-on rating to my existing license. I flew to a well-known soaring center in the Arizona desert south of Phoenix and spent a week immersed in ground and flight training, which culminated, on the 5th day, with an oral exam and checkride with an FAA examiner. With a newly-minted rating, I was ready to explore soaring sites closer to home in So. Cal.

One of the best known local sites is located in Warner Springs, a small town southeast of Temecula in the mountains of north San Diego County. Lucky for me, I'm able to fly my Cessna 182 there from its home at Torrance airport in about 50 minutes. This enables me to spend a full day soaring and return home before dark on these long summer days.



Of course, now all I needed was my own sailplane. Renting aircraft is fine, but if you really want to

move into the sport in a high performance ship, you need to look for your own. I'm happy to report that



in the past two months, I've selected and purchased a Schweizer 1-35 sailplane from a long-time soaring pilot located near Salt Lake City, Utah. After a visit to checkout the ship, we closed a deal and I returned a few weeks later to collect my new new diversion.

Sailplanes are typically stored disassembled in trailers, which makes transport of them easy on the ground. With the deal done, I drove to Utah, picked up N135RD and towed it to Warner Springs.

Now, flying a single-place sailplane for the first time is challenging, since there's no way to experience it with an instructor prior to your first solo flight. Preparation on the ground ahead of that first flight is very important. Right now, I'm working with an instructor experienced in sailplanes of this class, to make sure I can be as prepared as possible. At this point, I expect to take that first flight in my own ship within the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

-Chris

***Don't forget the raffle at
this month's meeting!***



Of Interest...

On September 27th, Compton Airport EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) will be sponsoring a family and school-oriented Airplane and Model Expo. They are seeking people, schools and clubs to exhibit, demonstrate and/or fly their models to the public. It is free to exhibitors. The airport will be open for R/C model flying that day. For more details, please visit their [website](#).



Treasurer's Report

**Peninsula Silent Flyers
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014**

	<u>Jun 30, 14</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Raffle Fund	600.00
WFCU Checking	2,159.71
WFCU Savings - Entradero Fund	1,562.54
Total Checking/Savings	<u>4,322.25</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,322.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,322.25</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	3,411.35
Unrestricted Net Assets	-467.39
Net Income	1,378.29
Total Equity	<u>4,322.25</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>4,322.25</u>

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(again) for 2014**

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