

Hot Air



Message from the President

August 2015

PSF needs your help. Alan Templin is finalizing his move to Denver, Colorado. Alan had agreed to take on the Treasurer's job for the Club. Obviously, his plans have changed and he will not be able to take on the position. Additionally, as I have mentioned in several newsletters this year, John Spielman would like to step down as Club secretary at the end of this year.

So, we have two Club positions to fill. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you have any questions regarding what would be involved once you accept one of these slots, contact one of your Club officers and we will fill you in.

My wife and I completed a vacation in Alaska in July. We had a great trip. One of the more interesting things for an aircraft buff was to see the wide variety of aircraft used in the state. Since there are a limited number of connecting roads between towns, aircraft are a necessity. We saw float planes galore. There were also a lot of planes equipped with oversize tires to handle unimproved airstrips. I think Alaskans have acquired every DeHaveland Otter and Beaver made - they were everywhere. It was amazing to see the number of docks and haul-outs to accommodate the float equipped aircraft.

There is also a great little air museum near the anchorage airport which documents the history of air travel in Alaska. One plane appeared out of place - a replica of a Nieuport. It turned out that a local pilot was a member of the Lafayette Escadrille in World War 1. Included in the displays are a couple of actual fuselage skin panels with the

famous Native American emblem of the squadron from his planes. Pretty cool.

How many air museums have you been to that have a large collection of aircraft skis? This museum definitely gives you an appreciation for back country pilots and aircraft.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
August 5th**

**La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

A great attraction at the museum is a control tower that allows you to watch the float plane activity at the airport. Planes were coming and going pretty much continuously. The airport includes runways for commercial passenger aircraft, the National Guard, float planes and private aircraft. A really diverse viewing experience. The museum was a great way to spend a couple of hours waiting for our flight home. I have included some of the photo's from our trip. For more information, go to the Alaska Air Museum [website](#).

Our August Del Cerro Fun-Fly will be held on Saturday the 8th. Flying should start after 12:00, if the wind cooperates. The AMA has declared August 15th as Model Aviation Day. We will get an early start on the celebration and hold our Entradero Fun-Fly on Friday the 14th. Flying will start after 8:00 AM.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro
Entradero**

**August 8th
August 14th**

Once again, please consider supporting your club by volunteering as either Secretary or Treasurer. All of your fellow Club members will appreciate your help.

Enjoy the fields and fly safe.

- Jeff



Photos from Jeff's Trip to Alaska





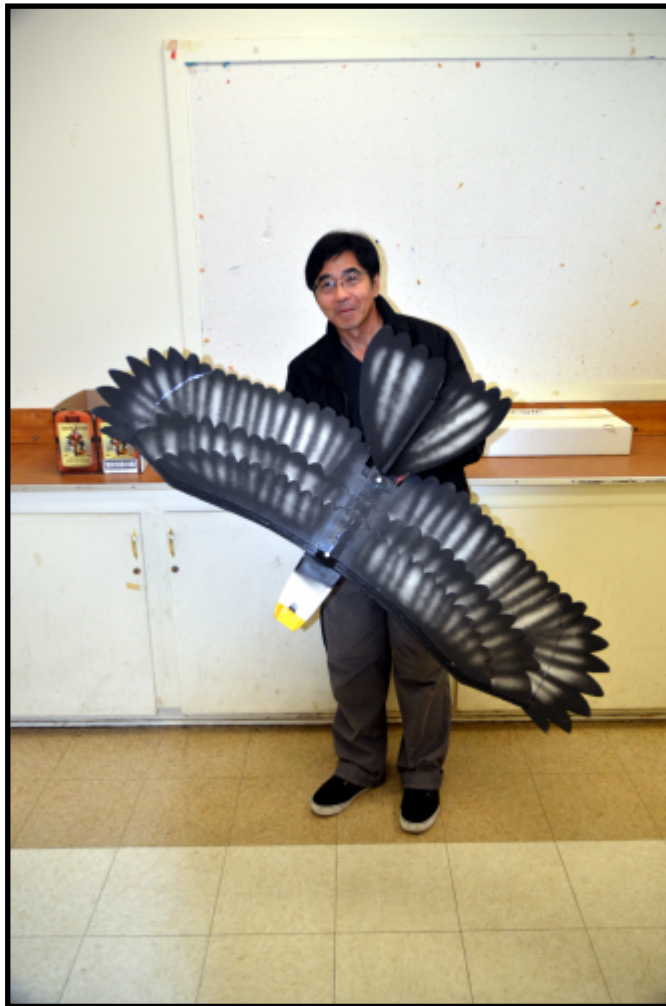
See the rest of Jeff's photos on the club's [website](#).





Project Corner

Bob Okita has been at it again! Here are a couple of his latest projects, shown off at a recent club meeting.



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