

Hot Air



Message from the President

August 2018

The heat has made it tough to get out and fly over the past month. It isn't a lot of fun to be out in the sun when the temperatures are as high as they have been in July. A broad brimmed hat, sunscreen and a lot of cool drinks are a necessity. And if you like to fly gliders at Del Cerro, climbing the hill to recover a plane would be a real challenge and just plain dangerous. Be careful out there.

Speaking of Del Cerro, the City of RPV is considering removing the parking lot at Del Cerro Park to alleviate access concerns to the driveways of the adjacent homeowners. What a mess that would be.

Our club vice president, John Spielman, has been staying on top of this issue and has provided a summary in this newsletter. Please consider voicing your own opinions and concerns to the City of RPV in support of maintaining access to the park.

The City of Torrance has also responded to homeowner complaints and has made changes to the way vehicles access Entradero Park. Basically, all vehicles are now required to enter Entradero Park via the south gate and leave via the north gate. To be clear, you need to enter from Hallison and exit onto Towers street. The service road that runs through the park has been rendered a one-way street. The City has tried this before, with very limited success. We shall see...

Be aware that you will need the Little League lock combination to enter and exit the facility. Please contact a club officer to get the combination. Also remember that only a club officer can distribute the park gate combinations. Please ensure that the gates are locked when you enter and leave the facility. Please contact a club officer if there are any issues with gate or field access.

We will discuss these access issues concerning our flying sites at our upcoming monthly, Wednesday August 1st at La Romeria Park. Please try to attend and share your opinions. The meeting starts at 7:30.

If you or one of your flying buddies hasn't renewed your PSF membership this year or is interested in joining the club, please take the time to submit your

PSF application and field fees to Don for 2018. All fees are the same as last year. Don will have the paperwork at our next meeting, should you plan on attending. Otherwise, all of the forms can be obtained from [our website](#).

There will not be a Fun-Fly at Entradero Park in the month of August. However, this month's Fun Fly will be held Saturday, August 4th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is for sunny skies, a high in the upper seventies, with the wind predicted to be 10 mph out of the southwest. It should be a very flyable day. Charge up a plane and head up to the hill. Stay cool out there. Let someone know if you head over the fence to retrieve a plane.

Don't forget to renew your Peninsula Silent Flyers membership and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting to discuss access issues to both of our flying sites.

All the best,
Jeff

Next Meeting

August 1st
La Romeria Park
7:30pm

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro	August 4th
Entradero	None



Access to Del Cerro - Changes Coming?

Over the last few months, the Rancho Palos Verdes City Council has been looking at options for dealing with the increased traffic and parking problems in and around Del Cerro Park. In recent years, social media has increased awareness and usage of the park and adjacent open space by many more hikers and bikers.

The resulting increase in traffic and parking has upset those living in the area. One of the options the City Council has been considering is closing the parking lot at Del Cerro Park, with the exception of one handicap stall.

Last month, I learned that the City of RPV had, indeed, chosen the "close the parking lot" option and is planning to move forward with it. This action will basically close the park to anyone who doesn't live within walking distance. It also impacts our activity, because most PSF members will not bother flying there if they have to park back on Crenshaw and walk about ¼ mile to the flying site, carrying a full load of planes and equipment.

At their July 31st meeting, the City Council is scheduled to vote to award a contract to close the parking lot.

Suspecting that this is the brainchild of our friends living on Park Place, I contacted my peeps in RPV not living on Park Place and asked what they thought of the idea. As expected, no one liked it, including about 20 people who saw a post I put on NextDoor. Many of these people (mostly non-PSF members) wrote letters to City Council expressing their desire to keep the Del Cerro parking lot open.

Recently I got some feedback from one of the Council members indicating that, after reading all the letters, they think the idea should be revisited before awarding a contract but they're not sure if the rest of the council will go along with it. Stay tuned for the post July 31st City Council Meeting results.

J. Spielman



August Modeling Meets in California

8/4/2018 - 8/5/2018 -- Perris, CA (AMA record Trial) SCAT BLACK CUP 2018 AUGUST`. Site: Sal Tiabi Field. Jim Parker CD PH: 818-404-3834 Email: n89015@aol.com. Sanction #18/1564. Events; 150-156, 158-159 CAT I (JSO). Free flight FAI fun fly including F1s. 7 Flights, standard event max times. 2 min max prorated to 3 min. Tie breaker is most entertaining flight as judged by the CD. CD Bill Booth, 706.889.3201. Sponsor: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AERO TEAM

8/10/2018 - 8/12/2018 -- Santa Maria, CA (C) 1ST ANNUAL WARBIRDS OVER SANTA MARIA. Site: Elks Unocal Event Center. Clark Stiles CD PH: 805-258-3552 Email: clark.stiles@corix.com. Visit: trivalleyrcmodelers.com. Sanction #18/517. Warbird fly-in on the cool Central Coast. Any warbird will do. (Non-warbirds also welcome) Landing fee \$20. Dry camping free. Food and drink available for purchase on Saturday. Proof of AMA required at registration. Night flying ok. Call Clark 805-258-3552. Sponsor: TRI VALLEY RC MODELERS

8/11/2018 -- Lake Balboa, CA (C) MODEL AVIATION DAY/TRY N FLY. Site: Apollo XI Field. Robert Smith CD PH: 661-609-2730 Email: bobthesmith2003@yahoo.com. Visit: valleyflyers.club. Sanction #18/1156. Join us in celebrating Model Aviation Day. We are combining this event with our Try N Fly format, where new comers can get there feet wet flying R/C aircraft, with buddy box support to insure a safe flying experience! Sponsor: SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RC FLYERS, INC

8/11/2018 - 8/12/2018 -- Oakdale, CA (AA) WQARD HENDRICKS IMAC SHOOTOUT. Site: Ward Hendricks Field. Elmer Dickey CD PH: Email: wdickey@wavecable.com. Visit: rcflyersunlimited.com. Sanction #18/261. Come fly with us. IMAC contest with all classes flown including Seniors and Freestyle. Normal IMAC patterns will be flown. Beautiful site with no noise restrictions. Dry camping allowed on site. See you there! Sponsor: RC FLYERS UNLIMITED INC

8/19/2018 -- Thousand Oaks, CA (C) TOSS SC 2. Site: Sapwi Trails Park. Michael Reagan CD PH: 805-990-1602 Email: mdreagan1@gmail.com. Sanction #18/1644. Location; Between Kannan & Avenida N Westlake Blvd. Sponsor: THOUSAND OAKS SOARING SOCIETY T.O.S.S

8/25/2018 -- Salinas, CA (A) TRIANGLE SERIES RACERS PYLON RACE. Site: Club Field. Robert Shaver CD PH: 831-920-8159 Email: irontiger59@gmail.com. Sanction #18/1134. Triangle Series Racers Rules Pylon Race Event EF-1,T-34, 46 Modified War-bird2018

*Please renew at the monthly meeting or
download the membership packet from our
[website](#). Thanks!*