

# Hot Air



## Message from the President

December 2018

Chris Newton, our PSF newsletter editor, was enjoying the Hawaiian Islands last month. When he returned from his vacation, we were approaching the middle of the month, so we decided to forego sending out the November newsletter and combine it with December.

We will be having a meeting this Wednesday, December 5th, in the community building at La Romeria Park. We have a lot to discuss. I had a meeting with the baseball field manager at Entradero Park regarding field availability, which I will detail below. We also need to discuss club officers for 2019 and to urge members to renew their memberships for the upcoming year. Please come out to the meeting this week.

I attended the recent AMA Expo and was pleasantly surprised by the number of sailplane vendors on hand. The last few years, Soaring USA was the only vendor in attendance. Also, there were several balsa-and-ply kit suppliers, including Steven's Aeromodels and their fun line of laser-cut kits. The convention hall was interesting, with the vendors and swap meet all in the same room. The swap meet area was disturbing in that it looked a little too much like my garage and attic. Some of the photos are included here and all can be found on our website.

Two members brought their latest projects to the November meeting and you'll find photos of them and some build notes later on. Charlie Berry brought his newly-completed Yellow Jacket to the November meeting. It should have flow by now. It is a beautiful plane and Charlie stated it was fun to build.

Alan Templin is always one to do a little kit modification. Recently, he added ailerons and other things to a Sig 40 electric. This is a really stable platform which is perfect for Entradero Park.

If you have a project underway or newly-completed, why not bring it to the next meeting to share with the members?

### Next Meeting

**December 5th  
La Romeria Park  
7:30pm**

As for Entradero, I had a long conversation with the field manager of the field from which we fly. As many of you know, Marymount University's baseball team was using the field for practice in the morning this fall. Their practices are over for the year, but may resume in January. If Marymount continues to use the field, they will most likely practice 2-3 days a week. Their practices will finish by 9:00 AM and the field would be available for flying by 9:30. As we have seen this past year, weekends may be tied up with baseball tournaments and practices.

I was assured that we are welcome to continue our relationship with the baseball organization. They have no issues with us flying from the field on a non-interference basis with their activities. However, due to the limited availability of the field for flying, we as a club need to determine how we want to proceed in the future. Please come to the meeting and provide your thoughts on how we should proceed at Entradero Park.

### Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro      December 8th  
Entradero      None**

If you need the gate combinations, please contact a club officer. 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. Remember that only club officers can distribute the



combinations.

There will not be a Fun-Fly at Entradero Park in the month of December. However, this month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be held Saturday, December 8th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is for a few clouds and winds out of the west-northwest at 7mph. If the wind direction holds, we will not be able to fly at Del Cerro. Keep your eyes on the weather, as it may improve.

As I mentioned above, it's time to renew your PSF

membership. Easiest way to get it done is to attend the club meeting, where Don will have forms available. You can also download the forms from the [website](#) and send them to Don via mail. And don't forget to attend this month's important meeting. I look forward to seeing you there to discuss access issues to both of our flying sites.

I hope you all have had a great 2018 and have an enjoyable holiday season with family and friends.

All the best,  
Jeff

### Charlie Berry's "Yellow Jacket"

Yellow Jacket is a 2m F3-RES class model, designed, laser cut and kitted by Corky at Sonoran Laser Art (aka Cloudsniffer, on RCGroups). I got interested in this class and then this plane, while talking with the SULA guys that gather at De Portola park on Tuesdays and Thursdays for some friendly F3-RES like competition.

Since I've not built anything since the 90s, I spent many hours looking at all kinds of websites. Taking 25 years off from building, really sets you back on what's happening in the hobby. In addition to the links above, rcgroups has a F3-RES resource page with links to all kinds of class information, and kit builders all over the world.

F3-RES is a fairly new class competition that started in Europe. It has gained a lot of followers in the US in the last 12 months or so. The planes have to be built up, all wood with a few parts that can be carbon fiber such as spars, leading edge, tail boom, etc. Competition is a high start launch with specific rubber, line and tension specs, then, timed flights with target circle landings.

Yellow Jacket was getting excellent press and some good comments from others at De Portola. Reading the blogs, I was sold and ordered the 2m Lite wing version. (There are four configurations available.) I got the kit in the mail about a week after ordering from Corky's site in early Sept. I balanced it yesterday, 2nd week of November, and it's ready for a test glide. So a couple of months fairly focused,

excepted for a full time job with business trips, and a full time wife.



The kit is precisely engineered and laser cut perfectly. It's amazing what a computer-controlled laser can do with balsa and ply parts! Fit is like a glove. The test glide will have to wait til next weekend as I am headed out on a biz trip tomorrow AM.



Yellow Jacket Resources

- 1) Creator and vendor: [Sonoran Laser Art](#)
- 2) Build log on [RCGroups](#) (fantastic, must-read contributions by many builders)

A Few Photos from the October AMA Expo





*See all the Expo photos on our website!*

## December Modeling Meets in California

The AMA changed their website and the format does not allow me to post an event calendar summary, I have in the past. However, you can access the December calendar [here](#).

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