

Hot Air



Message from the President

December 2019

The high pressure systems that have hung over the area for the last couple of months have broken and we are definitely into an unstable rainy cycle. It can prove difficult this time of year to find a flyable window, especially with gliders up at Del Cerro. That said, it is a great time to watch a little football and work on the latest project.

New PSF member Jeff Harrington and his son William have been busy building and flying a variety of aircraft. Several of these are of cardboard construction, which is inexpensive and durable. Jeff has been pleased with the performance of the glider shown in one of the photographs provided. The build of these models is quick and straightforward. Other photographs show some of the planes they are flying or that are in the build process.

Bob Okita never shies away from a challenging project. Pictured is a Hobie Hawk that Bob recovered. Monikote was used to cover the wing. Bob stated that the re-covering was pretty straightforward, in spite of the horror stories posted online. The other challenge was to build a new canopy. Bob made the mold and used a heat gun to soften the plastic in order to shape it. No vacuum was used. Downward pressure against the mold did the trick. The end result was an excellent fitting canopy.

If the Hobie looks a little short in the wing, it is because the previous owner took out a few panels of each wing tip. I wonder if the extra wing length would make the re-covering more difficult due to the more pronounced ellipse in the tip area? Well, there is a Hobie Hawk in my attic waiting to find out.

We will be having a meeting at La Romeria Park in Torrance, Wednesday December 4th at 7:30 PM. Bring your latest project to share with the members in attendance.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
December 4th
La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

It is time to renew your PSF membership for 2020. Don often brings your renewal forms to the meeting. Stop by the meeting on Wednesday this week and save yourself the trouble of downloading and mailing them. Remember to bring your proof of AMA membership. The forms can also be

found on [our website](#) and submitted to Don.

With all the heavy rains that we've had recently (and more forecasted), please minimize leaving deep footprints on the clay and grass portions of the field at Entradero Park. Damage of this nature to the playing surfaces is difficult to repair.

The field and park lock combinations were changed last month. If you do not have the new combinations, contact Don or myself.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro December 7th
Entradero None**

Please remember to keep the gates secured and protect the combinations. Please contact a club officer if there are any issues with gate or field access. Remember that only club officers can distribute the combinations to club members.

Remember that it is up to every member to ensure our field rules are followed. This will help protect our ability to continue using the facility.

This month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be held Saturday, December 7th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is for south-west winds to 10 mph and rain showers.



Hopefully, the rain will hold off and we will have a window to fly. Keep your eyes on the forecast - hopefully, it will improve.

If I don't see you at the December meeting or one of the fields, have a great holiday season. All the best and enjoy our flying sites.

- Jeff

Show-and-Tell at the November Meeting



Jeff Harrington, his son William and some of their adventures in cardboard



Show-and-Tell (Cont.)



Bob Okita's re-covered Hobie Hawk with new canopy



Jeff Harrington's ASW-28 glider



December Modeling Meets in California

The AMA listing of events for December can be found [here](#).

December is always a light month for sanctioned AMA events. There are a couple of Toys for Tots events listed. If you attend any of these events please consider providing photographs or a write-up to Chris for the Newsletter.