

Hot Air



Message from the President

December 2020

Somehow, we have made it to the end of 2020. This year has been challenging for everyone, including clubs like ours. With our inability to have monthly meetings, our flying sites being restricted due to “stay-at-home rules” and a general reduction in flying at our two flying sites, our membership is down.

Most of our members don’t know how much work goes on behind the scenes. If you are interested in supporting the PSF in any of the club offices, contact me and I can answer any questions you have. Also, if you have any suggestions as to what we can do (pre and post-COVID) to improve the club, let us know.

With everything that has taken place this year, a reduction in membership was inevitable. A loss of membership has hurt many clubs and organizations. Many have closed up shop. We will do everything we can to keep our club and flying sites active. You can help by renewing your membership for 2021. It is time to get your applications in to Don. You can get the application from the [website](#) or you can contact Don directly.

In previous newsletters I have mentioned John Woodsfield’s YouTube channel. John is a prolific glider builder and guider flying out of England. In John’s latest video, he flies an own-design glider that he covered in a very unique way. He dusted the framework with various colors of paint and covered it in clear Mylar. The result is pretty cool. Check out the [video](#).

Next Meeting

No meeting in December

In spite of our membership being down, the effort required to run our club doesn’t change. John Spielman, our club vice-president, continues to be our liaison with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. John maintains a good working relationship with RPV, which is critical to keeping Del Cerro available as a flying site. As our secretary, Don Rohweller handles all thing AMA. This includes re-chartering yearly and handling all of our membership requirements. These responsibilities are not one-and-done, as we have new members coming on board year round.

If you have a project on the workbench, consider sharing it with the rest of us. Snap a few photos and jot down a few notes. Send them to Chris or me and we will get them into the newsletter.

We won’t be holding a monthly meeting at La Romeria the month of December or any time soon. With the latest stay at home rules in Los Angeles County, the virus is obviously out of control. We will continue to let everyone know what is happening with the meeting rooms and the fields in the newsletter. Please contact a club officer if you have any questions or information to share.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro December 5th
Entradero None

Chris Newton is our newsletter editor. Not only does Chris publish the newsletter monthly, but he gets our notices out to the membership and works on the website. I would like to personally thank John, Don and Chris for everything they do to support our club. Thanks guys.

Thanks to everyone who filled out the Torrance waivers for flying at Entradero Park. The field was shut down until we submitted these forms, but has re-opened and is available for flying. A group of guys have been flying Tuesday and Friday mornings. Don’t hesitate to use the field. Flying is one of the



few enjoyable activities we can still undertake in these crazy times. However, remember that face coverings and social distancing are required at the field. The City emphasized that we need to respect this requirement if we want to use 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 to club members. The gate combinations changed a couple of months ago. Contact a club officer if you need the combinations.

Del Cerro Park is available for flying at this time. This coming Saturday, December 5th, is our

scheduled Fun-Fly. However, the long term forecast is for northwest winds. This will make the hill at Del Cerro un-flyable. If the forecast changes, guys usually start showing up around noon.

I haven't heard of any changes to the parking policies at Del Cerro Park and the surrounding street surface streets. If you know of any upcoming changes, please let us know. I will keep everyone updated as new information becomes available.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and has a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

All the best,
Jeff



*Happy Holidays
to all our members!*

*Please stay
safe and healthy.*