

Hot Air



Message from the President

December 2023

We have received confirmation that our FRIA application is in queue for review for Del Cerro Park. The list of applications is large and contributed to the delay in the start date for FRIA and remote identification requirements being enforced. The current date for enforcement is March 2024. We will see if that date holds. Once we have additional status on the Del Cerro application, we will communicate that information to you.

I had a family commitment that pulled me out of town last month. The trip required a road trip to Seattle. I managed to make good time and was running ahead of schedule and decided to make a side trip and visit the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon.

This is an impressive museum with two main galleries. One building is devoted to aviation, the other to space (with a few aviation displays here and there). For those of you who follow Southern California's aviation history, you will know that this museum houses the Howard Hughes H-4 Hercules, better known as the Spruce Goose. The museum covers the beginning of aircraft development to the present day with an amazing number of rare and beautifully restored and maintained aircraft (manned and unmanned) and space artifacts. I highly recommend you visit the museum if you are in the area. I have included a selection of the photographs I took at the museum. More details are available on their [website](#).

Because I just can't seem to get enough of old aircraft, especially when they fly, I went out to Chino this past weekend for their monthly flight demonstration. This month they flew their Mitsubishi A6M "Zero". This is the only aircraft of its kind flying in the world on the original Japanese

engine. This aircraft is fully restored and probably in better shape than when it was new. I have included a few static photographs of the aircraft.

I continue to sell glider/slope and older power kits on RC Groups. I still have a good selection of kits. If you are interested in a building project, contact me via [email](#).

The only AMA sanctioned event for December in California is a Toys-for-Tots toy drive in Encino on December 9th. If you attend, please take a few photos and write up your thoughts for the January newsletter. See the [event calendar](#).

West Torrance Little League often holds a baseball clinic over the holiday week between Christmas and New Years day. I haven't seen a confirmation of this activity being scheduled for this year. I will let you know if I hear anything regarding the clinic. If you head to the park and the clinics are being held, please don't fly, as doing so is unsafe and would violate our club rules for the site.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

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As I mentioned above, the FRIA application for Del Cerro is in work. We will let you know when we hear anything. The long range forecast for his Saturday, December 9th, is for winds out of the north-northwest at 8 miles per hour. This wind direction will be un-flyable. If the wind direction shifts to the southwest, we will hold a Fun-Fly. Sunny skies are predicted. Keep an eye on the forecasts. Members usually show up around noon this time of year if the conditions are flyable.

It is time to start the process of renewing club memberships. Please submit paperwork and fees to Don, our club Secretary. Remember to include your renewed AMA membership with your application.



If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the club, the PSF membership package can be find on our [website](#).

Hope to see you at the fields and I hope you have a Happy Holiday season with family and friends.

All the best,
Jeff

Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum - McMinnville, OR



If you know someone who wants to join our club, please send them to our [website](#).



You can find these and all the rest of Jeff's photos on our [website](#).