

Hot Air



Message from the President

December 2024

We will have a meeting at La Romeria Park community room in Torrance this Wednesday evening, December 4th, at 7:30pm. The focus of the meeting will be to collect/process your 2025 Peninsula Silent Flyers membership packet. Don will be at the meeting and will have updated paperwork for you. You can also get the forms at [our website](#). John will also be at the meeting to answer any additional questions you may have. The fee structure for club membership and field permits has not changed.

Next Meeting

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

I don't have a lot to report this month. Unfortunately, I've been fighting the latest version of COVID. It's no joke and doesn't appear to care if you have been vaccinated or not. I am through the worst of it and have been testing negative for a while. The cough lingers and I'm still looking for the truck that hit me. Of course, I blame my wife for bringing it home. Regardless I haven't been able to get out and fly. My hobby activities have been focused on completing some repairs of the current fleet. I hope to be able to get out before the weather turns to wet and cool.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro December 7th
Entradero None**

Unfortunately, one of our members lost a yellow T-6 Texan up at Del Cerro. If you find the plane, please contact me or one of our club officers so we can return it to him. Due to the drilling and other work taking place at the bottom of the hill associated with the Portuguese Bend landslide issues, all of the trailheads at Del Cerro or closed. When our club member tried to search for his plane, he was escorted back by a Rancho Palos Verdes park ranger. Keep trail access in mind if you plan to head up on the hill.

Very appropriately, Planes of Flame at the Chino Airport will be flying their Japanese Mitsubishi

A6M5 Zero this coming Saturday, December 7th. This is the only Zero in the world flying with the original engine! If you are interested in seeing this piece of history fly, check out the [museum website](#).

There are a couple of Toys-For-Tots fun-fly events listed on the A.M.A. calendar for this coming weekend. As always, if you attend one of these events, please consider submitting a few photos and some comments of your experience for inclusion in the newsletter. Check out the California sanctioned events on the [AMA website](#).

No changes to status at Entradero Park. It continues to be damp, with ground fog on occasional mornings, but flyable once the air heats up and the fog dissipates. Please let one of the club officers know if you have any access issues.

As I mentioned above, with the trailhead gates locked, access to the lower part of the hill can be difficult if you need to recover a plane. Otherwise, the park is available for flying, weather permitting. The long-range forecast for Saturday, December 7th is for west-northwest winds at 7 mph and sunny skies. If that forecast holds, the hill won't be flyable for a pure glider and would be a challenge for a motor glider as you need to stay away from the residences. It might be a day for Rocky Point. Guys usually show up between 12:00 and 1:00.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy holiday season. I look forward to flying with you in 2025.

All the best,
Jeff