

Hot Air



Message from the President

February 2024

It's that time of year again! If you've not already done so, please mail your membership application and fees to Don. You can find the application and instructions on [our website](#). Please remember to include a copy of your 2024 A.M.A. membership with your paperwork.

As I have previously mentioned, The F.R.I.A. (FAA Recognized Identification Area) applications for Del Cerro Park and Entradero Park have been approved and the [FAA map](#) confirms it.

The Entradero Park flying boundaries on the F.R.I.A. map are not accurate. Part of the flying area is not within the shaded area. I am working to get this corrected. The F.A.A. is focused on reducing the F.R.I.A. application backlog, so it may take awhile to get the boundaries corrected.

With the recent wind and rain, flying opportunities have been limited. I've been working on a few projects. But because I am a sucker for WW2 aircraft, I've been heading out to the local museums. Over the past two months, [Planes of Fame](#) at the Chino Airport has flown their P-40, Mitsubishi Zero and Mig 15. Pretty cool stuff.

I also made my first trip to the [Lion Air Museum](#), located at the John Wayne Orange County Airport. They have a small, but meticulously restored collection of flyable aircraft. They also have a varied collection of cars and military motorcycles and vehicles. Lions also has one of Hitler's convertible touring cars that is all original. I have included a few photographs.

If you are looking for a winter project, I still have a good selection of glider and power kits. If you are interested in a building project, please [contact me](#).

As we move into the New Year, the A.M.A. event calendar for [February](#) is starting to fill. The Lost Hills flying site has several glider events listed. If you attend any of these events or do any local flying, please take a few photos and write up your thoughts for the March newsletter.

The field at Entradero Park is soaked with standing water in the outfield. Please avoid walking on the outfield and infield clay when it is really wet. West Torrance Little League will be starting their program this month (February). Per our agreements with the City of Torrance, we do not fly when there are organized baseball activities on any of the fields.

Upcoming Fun-Flys
Del Cerro **February 10th**
Entradero **None**

Due to land movement and debris on the roads, sections of Palos Verdes Drive have been closed or reduced to a single lane this week. I don't believe Del Cerro or the roads in that area have been impacted. However, if you head up to the hill, be aware that the trails on the front of the hill could be treacherous. Currently, the long range forecast for Saturday the 10th is for north-northwest winds at four mph. This is obviously un-flyable at Del Cerro. If the weather shifts around to the southwest and the winds increase, we will hold the Fun Fly. Guys usually show up around noon if conditions are flyable.

Once again, please mail your 2024 PSF application to Don or bring it to an upcoming meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Don or another of our club officers.

All the best,
Jeff



Recent War Birds Sighted at Planes of Fame



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



A Sampling from the Lion Air Museum



See all the photos here and more at our [website](#).