

# Hot Air



## Message from the President

July, 2012

Happy 4th of July, everyone! I hope the half way point of the year finds everyone well. Since the 4th falls on our club meeting day this month, we will not be having a meeting at La Romeria in July. All the more reason to make the monthly Fun-Fly's. Put the dates on the calendar and come out to the fields. The Del Cerro Fun-Fly will be held **July 7th**. Continuing with the Friday Entradero Fun-Fly's, this month's date will be **July 20th**.

Although work has been keeping me busy, sometimes the travelling gives me the opportunity to see some things I might never get to see. This past week I was in sunny, wet, humid central Florida. I had a little off time and managed to get over to Titusville to spend some time at the Valliant Air Command Museum. The museum is located at a small municipal airfield and I didn't expect to see the collection of aircraft they have on display. They are a volunteer organization with three hangars packed with aircraft. Many of the aircraft are flight-worthy, privately owned and displayed by their owners at the museum. The volunteers put a lot of work into the aircraft and many of the aircraft are undergoing restoration.

The museum used to give rides in their C-47 until a ground loop damaged a wing and a hydraulic leak torched an engine and nacelle. The wing has been replaced and the nacelle is being rebuilt. This C-47 was built in 1947 in Long Beach, CA. Its real claim to fame is its long history. It flew

three flights on D-Day, dropping forward observers prior to the landing, towing a glider over and ferrying troops and supplies. She also flew at Market Garden, Battle of the Bulge and the Berlin Airlift. Following the war, she flew in the Norwegian Air Force and then the Denmark Air Force, where the venerable aircraft ferried the king and queen around Europe. This C-47 has a lot of stories to tell and came to the museum in 1983. Pretty impressive.

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday,  
August 1st  
7:30 pm**

**La Romeria Park  
19501 Inglewood Ave**

The museum is hoping to be flying this C-47 again early next year. Due to the engine fire, they are concerned about being able to get the insurance to fly visitors. A number of photos I took while there are included in this newsletter. I hope you can get a feel for the collection at this neat little museum.

### Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro      July 7th  
Entradero     July 20th**

At our last meeting, Richard Pouncy walked us through his scratch-built quadcopter design which he has developed to be a stable, easy-to-fly camera platform. Richard has been very innovative with the design and has found reasonable sources for all of the components which has kept the cost of building this platform surprisingly low. I hope Richard can document for us the build process and the sources he uses for the components. This thing is too cool not to build one!

Some of the guys have been getting in some Saturday morning flying at Entradero. Give it a try but be flexible if the baseball guys show up.



There is no baseball schedule available at this time. Once again, have a great holiday and see you at the fields!

-Jeff

Photos from the Valliant Air Command Museum



The C-47 Jeff described in his opening message. A long and distinguished history!





More from the Valliant Air Command Museum...





## Richard Pouncy's Quadcopters



## August Raffle



*Next month, we will likely have another great raffle, if enough members show up.*

*Come on out for the fun!*



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