

Hot Air



Message from the President

July 2020

I hope everyone is doing well and that you haven't had to deal with the COVID-19 virus.

The few folks that I know who have caught the virus have had a really tough time beating it. Fortunately, they are all okay, but are still dealing with residual effects impacting their breathing and stamina. My wife teaches at West High. One of her students' father died of the virus. He was in his forties and had no secondary conditions. This disease is no joke. Make sure to wear a mask and practice physical distancing when flying at our fields.

The City of Torrance has not yet authorized use of the La Romeria Park meeting room. Therefore, we will not hold a meeting again this month. We will let you know if the room is available in August.

I have started following a British slope flyer, John Woodfield, on YouTube. He has an extremely large inventory of planes. Some of the planes are converted old-timers, some are conventional slopers and some are his own design. Most of his planes are two channel, light wind gliders. Many of his older videos have little to no narration. That has changed in more recent videos and he provides a short description of the model, followed by a flight video. Many of his planes would be great Del Cerro planes. If you would like to see for yourself, check out his [YouTube channel](#).

If you haven't renewed your membership for the current year, please do so. If you know of anyone interested in joining our club, please point them to our [website](#).

Although West Torrance Little League has officially suspended their season at this time, some of the

coaches/parents have held practices on their fields at Entradero Park. I have only observed these practices in the afternoons when we don't normally fly. However, if these practices occur when you are flying there, please discontinue flying, per our club guidelines. When I have seen these practices underway, physical distancing and masks are not being observed. This is another reason to head home and be safe.

Next Meeting

No meeting in July

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 and that it's up to every member to ensure our field rules are followed, in order to protect continuing use of the facility.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro *None*
Entradero *None*

There will not be a Fun-Fly at Del Cerro this month. Since, this weekend is the July Fourth holiday, the crowds will likely make access to the park difficult, at best. With the increased number of COVID cases in L.A. County, the park may close again. Keep an eye on the news before heading up on the hill. We will let you know if we hear anything about closures.

I have found the park accessible weekdays when the wind makes the hill flyable. I have really enjoyed goinh solo and getting a plane in the air during these crazy times. Bending the sticks has brought a little bit of normalcy with all that is going on.

All the best and take care,
- Jeff