

# Hot Air



## Message from the President

June 2015

I am glad that the issues affecting Entradero Park have calmed down and we can get back to just flying. I think that is why I joined this club in the first place. Sometimes the fun part - building and flying - gets pushed to the back burner.

A quick status on Entradero Lake, I mean Park.

If you have been to Entradero Park lately, you know that the sump improvements back fired and we now have what appears to be a permanent pond butting up to the outfield fence on the field from which we fly.

The ducks appear to be enjoying the pond. However, the water retention creates a few problems. The outfield grass is saturated in places, you don't want to lose control of a plane over the water and the mosquito's will have a field day, but the City is now working with the contractor to figure out a way to get the sump to drain. Initially, it sounds like the City is going to have the contractors drill some holes that will penetrate the clay layer. Doesn't sound like a long term solution to me.

If you have a float plane, charge it up and head down to Entradero.

I have been working with the City and they have replaced the pedestrian gate on our field. I placed a combination lock on the gate. See a club officer for the combination. Please lock up when you leave the field and let me know if you have any problems with the lock.

The main gates to the park can now be locked. The combinations have not changed. The City has asked

us to ensure that the gates are locked at all times, if no workers are in the Park.

There has been no further word on the status of leasing the field to a baseball organization. As we head into the summer, Little League is winding down but club baseball and summer baseball camps are ramping up. I'll provide schedules for these activities if and when I get them.

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday,  
June 3rd**

**La Romeria Park  
7:30pm**

This month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be Saturday, June 6th. Charge up a glider or two and head up to the hill around 12:00. The Entradero Fun-Fly will be Friday, June 19th. Flying can start as early as 8:00 AM.

As I mentioned earlier this year, John Spielman would like to hand off the club Secretary job at the end of this year. Please consider supporting the club and taking on this position. Now is the perfect time to take on this role, as John can help with the transition through the second half of the year. Contact a club officer if you would like to take on this role.

### Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro      June 6th  
Entradero     June 19th**

If you have any questions regarding the continuing saga at Entradero Park, come to the club meeting this Wednesday, June 3rd, and I'll do my best to answer your questions. Jerry will run the raffle if we have enough members in attendance. See you at the meeting or one of the fields. Fly safe.

- Jeff



Notes from the Vice President...

I was planning to get these pictures ever since I heard the bombers were coming to Torrance. I had a spot picked out right at the approach end of the runway and planned to park in the old strawberry stand lot nearby. Early on the first day of the event, I went over to the Western Museum of Flight to hang out with some buddies and try to get a little advance notice of the arrival, so I could get positioned. The airplanes were coming from Santa Barbara but the day was overcast and no one seemed to know when the overcast would lift enough for them to takeoff. The best guess was a takeoff at about 12:30 PM and arrival at Torrance about 45 minutes later.



Around noon, I got hungry and decided that I could get to the In-N-Out near Home Depot for a nice cheeseburger. I got the burger and decided to eat it in my car while parked at HD. As I got through about half the burger, I looked westward and saw something that looked a lot like a B-24 approaching! I quickly decided that it was a B-24 and dropped the burger to hustle over to my parking spot. At that point I thought for sure he'd land before I got there. Luckily the pilot decided to do a flyover and I had time to get positioned before his landing approach. I got the attached photo's of the B-24 and subsequently the B-17 and some ground



shots later on. The B-25 flight was scrubbed due to a lack of propellers (they didn't get out of the shop in time for the event). I eventually returned to my car and ate the rest of my cold burger and fries.

- Jerry







Event of Interest

The Scale Squadron of Southern California is hosting the 9th Annual Warbirds and Classics Fly-In on June 5th - 7th in Irvine, CA. It looks to be a pretty cool event, so check it out at [the website](#).

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**9th ANNUAL 1/4 & 1/8 SCALE AIRCRAFT FLY-IN**

**WARBIRDS & CLASSICS**

**JUNE 5-7 2015 - IRVINE, CA**

Fee: \$25.00/person (Scale Aircraft Only) Saturday Night Banquet: \$29.00/person Dry Camping: \$10.00/night Awards in Several Categories Opportunity Drawing Fundraiser Food Available On-Site Pilot Pre-Register, Details, Requirements <a href="http://www.flyocma.com/events_what_to_do.htm">http://www.flyocma.com/events_what_to_do.htm</a>	Event Location: OCPMA Blackstar Field 3305 Santiago Canyon Road Follow Blue Diamond Road to the end Field GPS Coordinates: 33deg 46'18.07" N 117 deg 41'32.79" W <a href="http://www.flyocma.com/Directions.htm">http://www.flyocma.com/Directions.htm</a> More INFO: <a href="http://scalesquadron.com">scalesquadron.com</a>
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**Banquet Special Guest Speaker: Col. Robert Thacker**

