

Hot Air



Message from the President

March 2020

I hope everyone is doing well. The old saying that time goes by faster as you get older appears to be true. We are into March and I am late writing this.

Don is in the process of getting our club re-chartered with the AMA. If you have not renewed your membership for 2020, please submit the completed forms to Don via email or come to the club meeting Wednesday the 4th and do it in person. Don usually brings the paperwork to the meeting to make the process easier for everyone. If you can't make the meeting, the PSF application forms can be found on our [website](#).

We had a very interesting meeting in February with some of the guys bringing in some unusual projects.

Jeff Harrington has been flying gliders at Del Cerro and electric's at Entradero, as well. He brought a ZOHD forward swept wing Dart to the meeting. The plane is flown FPV and comes ready to fly. As a foamy, it's really durable. Jeff says it flies fast and it sounds like it's a handful. I was not familiar with this platform. It is amazing how quickly the FPV technology has matured and how affordable these systems have become.

Chris Newton brought his stunter to the meeting. Take a close look at the fuselage in the photos. Notice anything unusual? The fuselage is 3D printed. Why? He wanted the challenge. This is Chris's first attempt at printing a fuselage and it sounds like he may refine the design and incorporate a few lessons learned in the next attempt. Chris stated that the plane is pretty heavy but performs all the maneuvers it did previously. Pretty cool project.

Not to be outdone, Bob Okita brought one of the more unusual projects I have ever seen. The platform is a dragon kite which in itself was kind of cool. However, Bob has created a truss and control system on the back of the kite. The motor is forward facing and fully gimbaled. The dragon hasn't flown yet. I can't wait to get a flight report. My engineering background wanted to question a lot of what is going on with this project, but I have learned not to underestimate Bob over the years. If anyone can make this thing work, Bob can.

Needless to say, there was a lot of interesting discussion at the meeting.

Consider bringing your latest project to the meeting and sharing what you are building or flying.

The Little League schedule has ramped up at Entradero Park. Weekday activities on the fields are scheduled every afternoon, starting at 4:00 PM, except Fridays. Saturdays the fields are booked all day. Although nothing is shown on the schedule for Sundays, practices may occur.

Note the above schedule is for the little League fields and does not include our field. This time of year, most club baseball activity is prohibited by CIF rules for high school players. However, there may still be activity on the field that would prevent us from flying Sunday mornings. Please be flexible and don't attempt to fly if there is activity on the field.

Please remember to keep the gates secured and protect the combinations. Please contact a club officer if there are any issues with gate or field access. Remember that only club officers can

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 4th
La Romeria Park
7:30pm

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro **March 7th**
Entradero **None**



distribute the combinations to club members. It's up to every member to ensure our field rules are followed - this protects our ability to continue using the facility.

day and staying close to the hill will be in order. Charge up a sloper and head on up to the hill this weekend.

This month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be held Saturday, March 7th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is not consistent across several sources. It looks like we are in for southwest winds to 13 mph and cloudy skies. Cool temperatures, a high of 62, means a cool

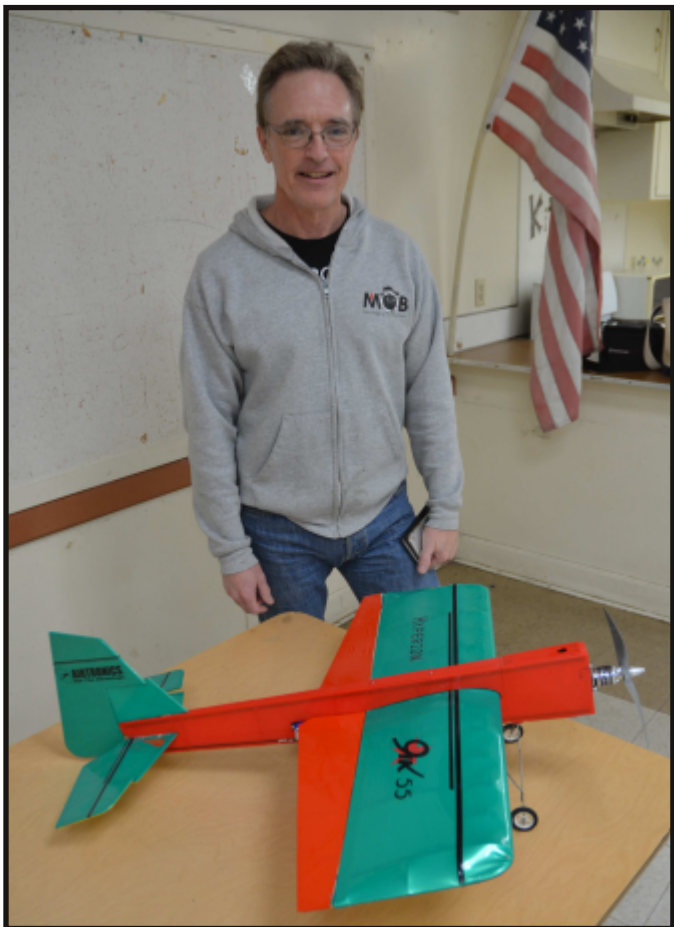
I hope to see you at the meeting this Wednesday or one of the fields. Please get your membership package in to Don if you haven't already done so.

All the best,
Jeff

Show-and-Tell at the February Meeting



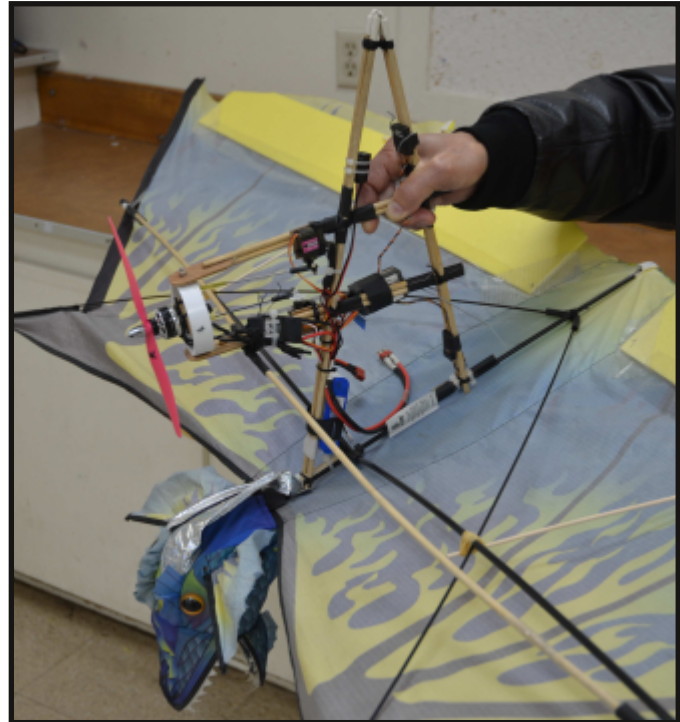
Jeff Harrington and his ZOH DART



Chris Newton's resurrected 3D bird with a printed fuselage



*Bob Okita's
motorized Dragon
Kite!*



March Modeling Meets in California

The AMA listing of events for March can be found [here](#).

There's a mixed bag of events including soaring, float planes and aerobatic competitions. If you attend any of these events, please consider submitting an article and photos for the newsletter.

*Come to the next meeting and
renew your membership the
easy way!*

