

Hot Air



Message from the President

March 2021

Covid-19 levels in L.A. County continue to restrict many activities. This includes our monthly meetings. However, both Entradero and Del Cerro Parks are open and available to our members to meet and fly. I hope all of you are able to get out and put a plane in the air.

Remember to wear a mask and follow distancing guidelines.

I found an interesting [video](#) documenting an F5J contest held last month. F5J is a timed, multitask motor-glider event. The event was held in Arizona and the conditions were challenging. The first day's flying was suspended due to winds. It was interesting to see flying impacted by sprinklers killing the lift on adjacent fields. I may need to make a trip to Visalia later this month (27th and 28th) to watch the next contest. You can watch the video of the Arizona contest at the following link:

Bob Okita continues to inspire with all the projects he has been completing. I will attempt to summarize some the planes Bob has been working on. Photos are included in this newsletter.

Bob has a 118-inch wingspan Viking that he is interested in selling. As you can see in the photo, Bob had a camera mounted on the power-pod. He would sell it as a pure glider or help you set it up with a motor. Shoot Bob an email if you are interested at rhokita@aol.com.

The Pilatus Porter got new landing gear. The original plastic gear was replaced with a carbon fiber and brass combination which should be more robust. The balloon tires give it a rugged, backwoods look.

The UMX Pitts got an upgrade with an auto-level SAFE Control Board from the original AS3X Control Board. The SAFE board should provide improved stability. Bob worked on the model for one of his flying buddies.

In last month's newsletter, a number of photographs documenting Bob's Borne-Free glider were included. Bob has since installed an electric motor and folding prop, ESC and battery. This is a very clean installation.

These are only a few of the projects moving through Bob's shop. If you have any questions and want to discuss what Bob is up to in more detail, shoot him an e-mail at the address above.

Don has finished the new membership package and it's been uploaded to our [website](#). Please get your application into Bob if you haven't already done so.

Entradero Park is open for flying! If you are new to flying there, you will need to fill out the City of Torrance [Release of Liability form](#) for COVID-19. If you have previously submitted the form, you do not need to fill it out a second time.

Face coverings and social distancing are required at the field. Please follow these rules.

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.

The gate combinations changed a couple of months ago. Contact a club officer if you need the

Next Meeting

No meeting in March

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro	March 6th
Entradero	None



combinations.

Del Cerro Park is available for flying. This coming Saturday, March 6th, is our scheduled Fun Fly. The long range forecast is for cloudy skies and rain moving through the area. West-southwest winds of 16 miles per hour are also predicted. If the forecast holds and we get a window to fly, guys usually start showing up around noon. Charge up a plane that likes moderate winds and head up to the hill if the weather permits.

If you know of any changes to the Del Cerro

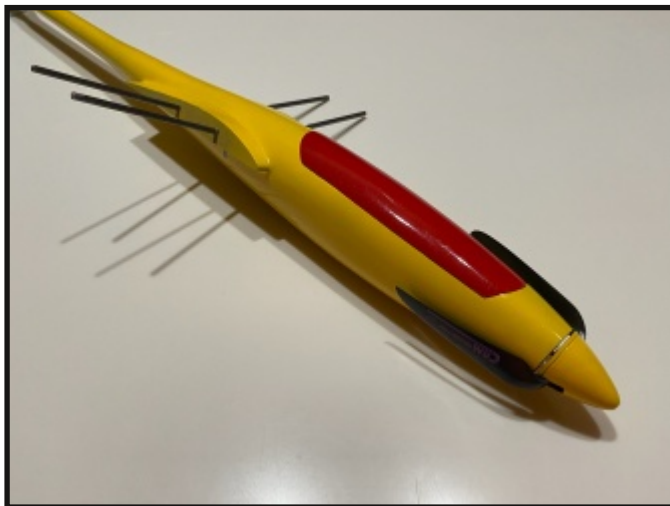
parking situation, please let us know. I will keep everyone updated as new information becomes available.

Once again, please get your membership package submitted for 2021

Hope to see you at one of the flying sites. I hope you and your families are all healthy and safe. I think I can see a light at the end of this very long tunnel.

All the best,
Jeff

Bob Okita's Latest Projects



*Please send in your
2021 membership today.*

Thank you!