

Hot Air



Message from the President

March 2023

Has it been wet enough for you? This past month may be a good reminder of the old saying, "Be careful what you ask for". Obviously, with the heavy rains and winds, finding a window to fly has been challenging. Building a new plane or repairing the fleet is an option. I know I've been patching a few of my older planes.

I've included a picture of Bob Okita's recently recovered Hobie Hawk. The plane now sports an electric power pod. Also included is the Herr Engineering Aqua Star that Bob recently completed and brought to last month's meeting. Bob doesn't need a stretch of bad weather to motivate him to work on a model. He's the most prolific builder/tinkerer I know.

The heavy rains have saturated the field at Entradero Park and scoured the trails at Del Cerro. Please try to minimize walking on the grass at Entradero to avoid leaving foot prints in the soft soil. If recovering a plane from the front of the hill at Del Cerro, watch your footing. The rains have washed soil away and loosened rocks. The trails are not the same as they were a couple of months ago.

We will be having a meeting this week, Wednesday, March 1st. The meeting will start at 7:30 at the La Romeria Park community room. Our club secretary, Don, will not be in attendance. However, you can bring your club application and fees to the meeting and I will get it to him. Otherwise, please mail the application and fees to Don so that he can include them with the paperwork for our AMA club re-charter.

As you are probably aware, I have been attending

the monthly flying demo at the Planes of Fame museum in Chino. Along with flying one of the museum's warbirds, they also raffle off a flight in one of their WW2 trainers. The raffle is free for museum members. The last couple of months, my raffle ticket has been within a couple of numbers of the winning ticket. Maybe this month will be my lucky raffle. Last month, the museum flew their P40-N Warhawk. This is a beautifully-restored airplane that looked great in the air. I've included a few photos. This Saturday, March 4th, the F4U-1A Corsair will take to the air. All the details can be found on their [website](#).

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 1st
La Romeria Park
7:30 pm

We must be moving towards spring, as there are a number of interesting events listed on the AMA calendar in March. Combat, F5J, swap meets, etc. You can find them on the [AMA website](#). If you attend any of the events listed, consider taking a few photos and submitting them with your impressions for inclusion in the newsletter.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro **March 4th**
Entradero **None**

As I mentioned, the field we fly from at Entradero Park is saturated with standing water in the outfield. The field manager recently put a lot of work into leveling the playing surfaces and reseeding the grass. Until the field dries out, please refrain from walking on the grass unless it is absolutely necessary.

The forecast for this coming Saturday, March 4th at Del Cerro Park is for south-southwest winds around 11 mph and partly cloudy skies. Very flyable if the prediction holds. We are in a very unstable weather pattern. Keep an eye on the forecast as we move toward the weekend.



As I mentioned last month, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes received a claim for damages from a resident at Del Cerro claiming roof and subsequent water damage due to an RC aircraft landing on his home. The City rejected the claim due to a lack of evidence. Make sure that you avoid flying over any homes adjacent to the park.

Please submit your 2023 paperwork and fees when you get the chance. Contact Don regarding any membership questions you may have. And remember - we will have a meeting at La Romeria Park this Wednesday at 7:30. Bring your latest project to share with the members. I hope to see you at the meeting or flying at one of our fields.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the club and flying at our fields, please point them to our [membership page](#).

All the best,
Jeff

Bob Okita's Latest Projects & P40-N Warhawk



You can find these and the rest of Jeff's photos this month, including those from Chino, on our [website](#).