

Hot Air



Message from the President

May 2019

Whoosh! ... and April is gone. It is amazing how quickly the days fly by.

In the mid-nineties, I worked at Northrop Aircraft on the development of the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet. It was a thrill watching the first aircraft get in the air and follow the progress during the flight test program. In parallel with this activity, some of my co-workers were working on the restoration to flight of the Planes of Fame Museum owned Northrop N9M flying wing. The first flight of the N9M was a huge accomplishment and was as exciting for the folks that worked on it as seeing the Super Hornet Fly.

Seeing the N9M fly at the Torrance Air Show, when it was still held, or at Chino was always a thrill. It was tragic to hear that it crashed last week, taking the pilot's life in the accident. The plane was completely destroyed. I was looking forward to seeing this predecessor of the B-2 Bomber fly at Chino next weekend. Info about the plane and crash can be found [here](#).

The annual [Planes of Fame Air Show](#) at the Chino airport is scheduled for this coming weekend, May 4-5th. This show is always a great opportunity to see a lot of warbirds fly.

Bob Okita never seems to stop building. At last month's meeting Bob brought a 4.5 ounce glider compiled from a hand launch free-flight glider wing and some spare components he had in the workshop. He described it to me as follows:

"Well, it's made from stuff I had lying around. It has

two cheap China 4.3g servos, a 6 channel Minima (HiTec compatible) receiver, a 210 mah LiPo, about 10 grams of lead ballast, a 34 inch WS rubber band launch glider I picked up as part of a "buy", 30 pound Spectra fishing leader for a pull control system, a revised tail cut from 1/16 inch balsa sheet. Some experimentation for CG location (was required) to compromise between hi speed and low speed aerodynamics'. Since it weighs only 4.7 oz, there is very little stress to the shoulder during launch. Being so light, it has amusing "flittering" flight characteristics during both flat-land and especially slope flight."

Next Meeting

**May 1st
La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

This plane would be great fun on super-light lift days and at the strand in Redondo Beach, since it easily fits under the weight restrictions. A few pictures are included.

Alan Templin is also a prolific builder who has been sharing his arsenal of planes with us since rejoining the club. Alan brought his scale World Models Pawnee 25 to the April meeting. This is an electric conversion of a gas kit. As a result, the plane is way over-built. The plane has flaps and slows down well. It flies well on a Rimfire 32 providing 900 watts of power. This is a great-looking plane, as you can see from the photos!

I have also included a photo of Lonnie Cope's scratch-built electric boat that he enjoys motoring around at the local parks. Lonnie stated that the boat is outfitted with components he had around the shop and is fun to operate.

It's always great to see what our members are up to. Obviously, we have a lot of very talented builders in

Upcoming Fun-Flys
Del Cerro May 4th
Entradero None



the club. Please consider bringing your latest project to the club and sharing with the membership.

Chris Newton stated via e-mail that our web site is back up and running. Please let us know if you feel something should be added to the site or needs updating.

We will be having a meeting this Wednesday, May 1st, in the community building at La Romeria Park. Don has your application forms pre-printed and available if you need to renew your membership. If you prefer to mail them in, the link to the forms can be found on our [website](#).

Baseball is in full swing at Entradero Park and will continue into June. The field is available weekday mornings, as players are in school. However, it's tough to get on the field on the weekends, with early Sunday being the only potential (if unlikely) option.

Don has created new badges for everyone flying at Entradero Park. A current list of PSF members who have signed up to fly has been provided to the baseball organization. They will be checking badges.

Guests are not allowed to fly at Entradero unless coordinated with a club officer and must have confirmed proof of AMA membership.

Please note that the field gate combination changed

a couple of months ago. Contact one of the club officers for the new combo, if you don't have it.

Please ensure that the gates are locked when you enter and leave the facility. The main park gates have been left open by our members while they are flying, which allows anyone to enter the park.

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.

Remember that it is up to every member to ensure our field rules are followed which will protect our ability to continue using the facility.

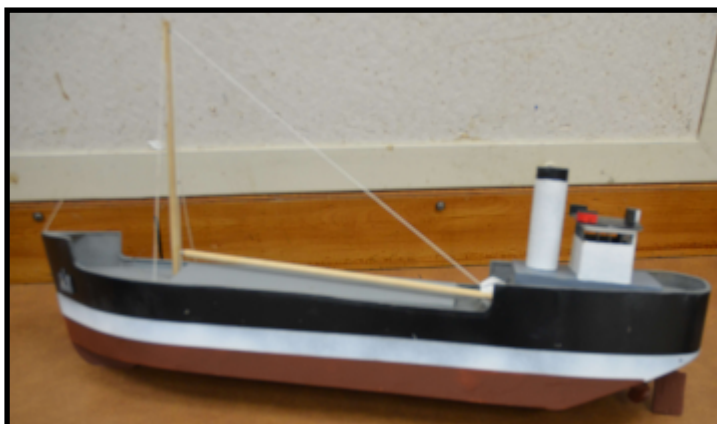
There will not be a Fun-Fly at Entradero Park in the month of May. However, this month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be held Saturday, May 4th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is for southwest winds averaging 13 mph with sunny skies. Bust out the sun screen and charge up a plane for this Saturday!

John let me know that he has received the 2019 Del Cerro badges from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and that they are going out via mail.

See you at the meeting or at one of the flying sites.

All the best,
Jeff

Lonnie Cope's Scratch-Built Electric Boat

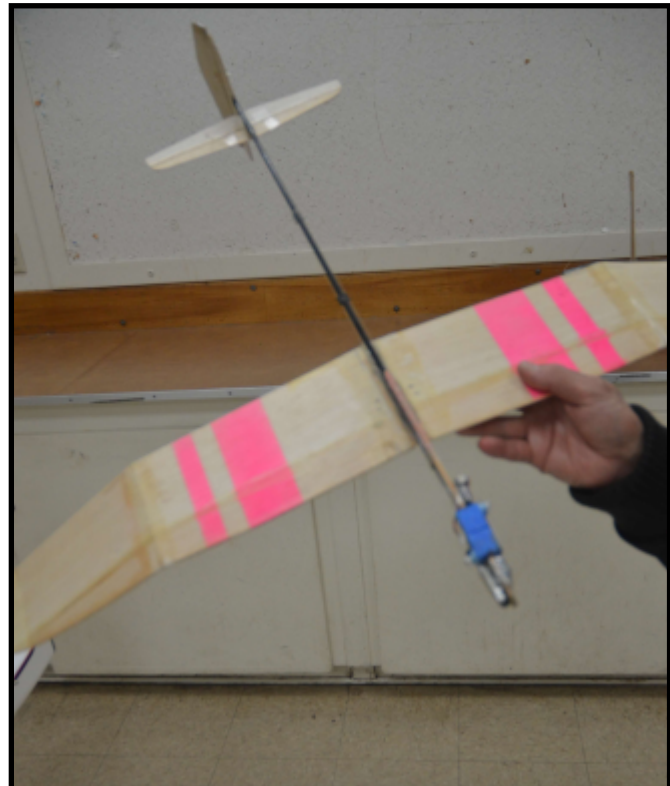


Please renew at the monthly meeting or download the membership packet from our [website](#).

Thanks!



Bob Okita's "Ultra-Light" Glider & Alan Templin's Pawnee 25



May Modeling Meets in California

The AMA changed their website and the format does not allow me to post an event calendar summary, as I have in the past. However, you can access the May calendar [here](#).

If you attend any of these events, please consider providing photographs or a write-up to Chris for the Newsletter.