

Hot Air



Message from the President

May 2023

We will have a meeting this coming Wednesday evening, May 3rd, at the La Romeria Park community room. The meeting starts at 7:30.

As you are probably aware, there have been ongoing discussions between commercial drone fliers, hobbyists, the Academy of Model Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation administration regarding the sUAV (small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles). The current rules are somewhat confusing but will impact everyone flying RC aircraft that weigh over 250 grams. My interpretation is that as long as we fly at one of our AMA-registered fields we do not need to add transponders to our planes. The new rules take effect this September. Check out this [article](#) in Model Airplane News that explains the history of these rules and summarizes the requirements.

I attended the air show at March Air Force Base on April 23rd. Every branch of the military had aircraft in attendance. Even U.S. Border Control and fire suppression aircraft were on display. A Canadian military parachute team put on two demonstrations. The Thunderbirds flew. Planes of Fame had 14 warbirds restored to flying condition in attendance. It was really cool to see the F/A-18 Super Hornet and A, B and C versions of the F-35 fly, since I had worked on these programs. It was a great air show. I have included a bunch of photographs from the event.

There are a lot of AMA-sanctioned [events](#) this month. If you attend one, please take some photographs and write up your observations.

Baseball activities continue at Entradero Park.

Practically speaking, weekday mornings are the only time we have access to the field, due to the full baseball schedule. Guys have been flying Monday and Friday mornings. Please remember that we do not fly if there are organized practices or games on any of the fields at the park. Enjoy the field and let me know if there are any access issues.

As I mentioned last month, there are rattlesnakes out and about at Del Cerro Park. I saw a medium-size rattler on the park side of the fence last week. Be on the look-out for critters as the weeds on the slope are extremely high. Black Mustard are the tall plants with yellow flowers.

The long-range forecast for Saturday, May 6th - this month's Fun-Fly - is for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid-sixties and southwest winds to 12 mph. The conditions should allow for some good flying, if the forecast holds. Guys usually show up around noon.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the club and flying at our fields, please point them to our [website](#), where they will find the PSF membership package.

If you haven't already submitted your paperwork and fees for 2023, please do so. Contact Don regarding any membership questions you may have.

I hope to see you at the May meeting this coming Wednesday. If you can't make the meeting, hopefully I will see you at one of the fields.

All the best,
Jeff

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 3rd
La Romeria Park
7:30 pm

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro **May 6th**
Entradero **None**



March AFB Air Show



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