

Hot Air



Message from the President

November 2019

I attended the AMA Expo in Pomona this past weekend and took a number of photos, some of which are included in the newsletter. They show a variety of RC model static displays, many of which were award winners in their categories. There are still some great craftsmen producing highly detailed models.

The Expo, itself, was somewhat disappointing. Due to reduced attendance by AMA members over the years, the number of vendors displaying their wares is also reduced. For the first time I can remember, Soaring USA was not in attendance. Many of the larger vendors either reduced the size of their booths or were also not in attendance.

I had a long discussion with the District 1 AMA representative about the state of the Expo and the AMA, in general. As we are all aware, the membership of the AMA is aging. Membership is down at both the National and club level. Increasing membership is difficult because there are so many competing activities for youth today. Also, airplanes in general don't have the allure they once did. Many youth are interested in multi-rotors, but the interest is fleeting. The platforms are generally pre-assembled and there are only so many photo opportunities to keep their interest. FPV racing is the exception.

There is a program in place to promote STEM activities with youth. This includes free AMA membership and insurance. However, it appears that the vast majority of these youth do not transition to regular AMA members over time. Promoting and growing AMA membership is a challenging issue

that may not be solvable. As far as the EXPO in Pomona is concerned, this may be its last year. Even the big Toledo Weak Signals convention is struggling with reduced attendance.

The AMA appears to be focused on working with the FAA regarding regulations that will impact its current membership. Altitude restrictions are the primary concern.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
November 6th
La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

This month, we will hold our meeting at La Romeria Park on Wednesday, November 6th at 7:30 PM. Bring your latest project to share with the members in attendance.

We will have the 2020 membership package available soon. In the meantime, if you know of anyone interested in joining the club, they can do so at any time and the Entradero fee will be pro-rated for the remainder of the year. The current forms can be found on [our website](#) and should be submitted to Don.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro November 9th
Entradero None**

As mentioned last month, school is back in session and there are no conflicts with flying at Entradero Park on weekday mornings. Weekends remain difficult, as there are usually games scheduled on our field Saturdays and Sundays. I will let you know if I get confirmation of open weekends.

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 distribute the combinations to club members.



Also remember that it is up to every member to ensure our field rules are followed to protect our continued use of the facility.

Keep your eye on the forecast - hopefully, it will change.

This month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be held Saturday, November 9th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is for west-northwest winds to 10 mph, clear skies with temps in the low 80's. If the forecast holds, the hill may not be flyable due to the wind direction.

It benefits all of us to promote our hobby and invite new members to join the AMA and PSF.

All the best and enjoy our flying sites,

-Jeff

A Sampling of Jeff's Photos from the AMA Expo



*These are just some of the photos taken.
You can find them all on our [website](#).
Please browse!*



Expo Photos (Cont.)





November Modeling Meets in California

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

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

Final Flight...

It's with sadness that we report that Haldayne (Hal) Brumbelow passed away at 1:00pm, November 2, 2019. His health had been slowly declining for months, due to congestive heart failure. At 98 years of age, this member of The Greatest Generation and brave WWII Veteran now resides in heaven with his wife, Grace. His son, Michael, reported that he was aware the

end was approaching and was prepared. His family loved him and will miss him dearly. Besides his son, Hal leaves behind his daughter Kris, 3 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. As he had requested, there will be no services. He will be cremated and his ashes spread at sea.