

Hot Air



Message from the President

November 2020

It was sure quiet in my neighborhood this Halloween. It was the perfect commentary on how 2020 has gone. I hope everyone is healthy and doing well.

Even though a lot of our normal activities are on hold, I have enjoyed flying, building (sometimes that would be better described as repairing) and following some of the RC forums on the web. The one negative is that I have been doing most of my flying alone or in very small groups. The fields are available and are a safe place to get outside and get some air. Hope to see you out there.

I am completing a Willy Nillies mini-Gentle Lady for Del Cerro. The kit was in beta form when I got it with the plans being developed. There were other build logs and notes on line which were helpful. Many of the guys are building it as a motor-glider. I'm building the glider version. Bottom line: it is a well laid out and easy build. The wing span is 48 inches. I am working to get an all-up weight under 150 grams. The lazer cut kit is available [here](#).

The second plane I have been playing with is a V-Tail sixty-inch glider I built quite a while ago and never flew. The plane weighs 13.2 ounces and has potential. I haven't quite got the V-Tail trimmed out, as the plane has a tendency to yaw slightly to port. Otherwise, it likes to float in light winds. I've included photos of both.

If you have a project on the work bench, consider sharing it with the rest of us. Snap a few photos and jot down a few notes. Send them to Chris or me and we will do the rest.

We won't be holding monthly meetings at La Romeria any time soon. The City has not indicated

any plans to open the meeting rooms. We will continue to let everyone know what is happening with the meeting rooms and the fields in the newsletter. Please contact a club officer if you have any questions or information to share.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are now required to sign a [participant waiver](#) form prior to flying at Entradero Park. The forms are also required of all the baseball folks. If you are signed up with our club to fly at Entradero - even if you're not currently flying there - please sign the form and get them to a club officer. We need to show the City that we are active, in order to maintain our access to the field. You can return them to me or Don via e-mail or drop them by. If you have any questions or problems obtaining the forms, please contact one of us.

The latest on the upgrade to the settling pond at Entradero is that the large field we fly from will not be impacted by the dredging of the pond. The excavated material will be used to shore up the East hillside. The City is in the early planning stages and no date has been established for starting this project.

Face coverings and social distancing are required at the field. The City emphasized that we need to respect this requirement if we want to use the facility.

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 combinations.

I have been flying during the week at Del Cerro.

Next Meeting

No meeting in November

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro	November 7th
Entradero	None



However, I recently trucked up to the hill on a Saturday to see if anyone was flying. John Gil-Gomez showed up with his Thunder Tiger E-Hawk. The winds were light and shifting. The motor came in handy a couple of times, demonstrating the versatility of a small lightweight motor-glider. The glider is a 60-inch wingspan v-tail which is perfect for Del Cerro in light winds. Unfortunately, this plane is no longer available. However, there are a number of similar planes produced by other vendors.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is experimenting with parking at Del Cerro. The parking lot and some street parking continues to be permit-only for RPV residents. I don't see this situation improving anytime soon, as the hikers are still out in force on the weekends.

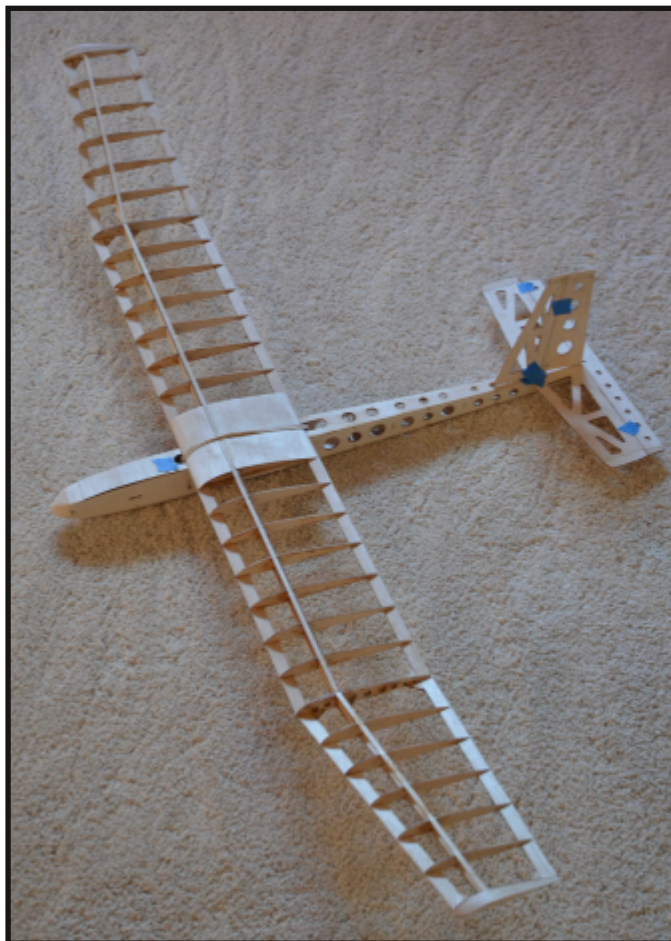
Saturday, November 7th we will try to have our monthly Del Cerro Fun-Fly. The weather looks iffy with strong westerly winds 20-25 mph and a chance of rain predicted. Keep an eye on the forecast and maybe we will get a window to fly on Saturday.

If you haven't renewed your membership for the current year, please do so. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our club, point them to the membership package on [our website](#).

Hope to see you at one of the fields. Be safe and take care.

All the best,
Jeff

Jeff's Latest Projects



The Mini Gentle Lady



The V-Tail 60-Inch HLG