

Hot Air



Message from the President

October, 2012

This past week, I went out to LAX to watch the Space Shuttle Endeavor arrive at LAX atop the Boeing 747 transport. The crowds were quite large. The media presence was surprisingly large as well. News helicopters were everywhere. The shuttle was tracked and followed all of the way across the country. Seeing the Shuttle atop it's carrier with the two NASA F-18 chase plains was impressive to say the least. I have included some photographs I took of the fly byes and roll-out.

A lot has been discussed in the media over the last couple of years about the retirement of the Shuttle fleet, the fact that there is no equivalent replacement for the shuttle and that the good 'ole USA has no means of getting astronauts into space without paying the Russian Space program to do it. It is all quite disappointing. However, I believe the real example of the lack of NASA leadership with regard to the future of the US Space Program is that the only way NASA has generated the level of interest shown last Friday in many years is by retiring a thirty-year-old piece of technology. It is all quite sad.

I know there is a justified amount of frustration from some of our Entradero flyers with the continued difficulty knowing what the Babe Ruth field usage is by the baseball teams. I am continuing to work this with the baseball guys and will let everyone know if we start to get some visibility into their schedule. Right now, there is no schedule I have been able

to get visibility into that shows the activity for the field we use and the various Little League fields. The baseball activity this time of year is sporadic and teams that come down to practice are not publicly coordinating the field usage.

That said, we will shoot for the Entradero Fun-Fly **Saturday, October 20th**. I will notify the baseball guys of our intent to be on the field from 8:00 AM till 12:00. The Del Cerro Fun-Fly will be **Saturday, October 6th**. Let's hope the weather cools off a little bit and the wind decides to cooperate.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
October 3rd
7:30 pm**

**La Romeria Park
19501 Inglewood Ave**

As I mentioned in a recent newsletter, it is really interesting to see what some of our members or into from a modeling perspective. The photos of

Bob's Quad Copter don't do it justice. Bob has been very innovative in using as many low-cost, off-the shelf items as possible and really kept the cost down. Bob took us through the components he used and the design features he incorporated which generated a lot of questions from the members in attendance at our last meeting. But what I thought was really cool was the LED lighting used for night flying. Bob did his best to demonstrate the flying characteristics of the Quad after the meeting. This bird really looked cool in the dark as it hovered over the ball field at the back of the park. It was pretty gusty for the little copter, but it sure looked great in the air.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro October 6th
Entradero October 20th**

If you have something unique you are working



on, bring it to the meeting on Wednesday the 3rd of October. We would all like to see what you are up to.

Have fun and fly safe,

Jeff

Photos from the President



Jeff took these photos during the arrival of the shuttle Endeavor to LAX

Bob's quadcopter at the last club meeting





October Raffle



Next month, we will likely have another great raffle, if enough members show up.

Come on out for the fun!

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A short newsletter this month. If you have interesting info. to share with the membership, please send it to me. I'd be happy to help get it into a future edition and out to the membership.

-Chris