

# Hot Air



## Message from the President

October 2015

As we approach the end of 2015, it is important that we start planning for the upcoming year. Due to the expected approval of a new baseball lease holder at Entradero Park, I expect next year will require our club President and Vice President to be working with the City of Torrance and the baseball organization to ensure PSF access to the field/park. We will need to have club members supporting these discussions by providing input to club officers as to how we proceed, as demands are placed on our access to the facility. How do you provide this support to the club officers? By attending club meetings and e-mailing your officers. We need you to get involved!

Speaking of getting involved, your club needs your support - we need club officers. I have made multiple requests at the club meetings and through this newsletter for volunteers to fill the Secretary and Treasurer positions. These positions do not require a lot of time or effort. However, we need members to step up and fill these roles so that the club President and Vice President can focus on dealing with the City, baseball and their other responsibilities. Please let your club officers know if you are interested in helping out. Don't be shy, we need your help.

It's always great when club members bring their latest projects to the meeting for "Show and Tell". The September meeting was no exception. Long-time PSF member Mel Schwartzburg brought his beautifully-crafted Top-Flite Gold Edition 1/7th scale Spitfire Mk 9 to the meeting. Mel is an excellent builder and the plane really stands out. Mel airbrushed the fiberglass

coated balsa model with Warbird Colors Acrylic paints. You would never guess by the quality of the finish that Mel had never airbrushed a model before. The 60 size model has retracts and a Rimfire 80 for power. Since the model was designed for gas, some balancing weight was required to get the CG correct. Mel is planning to increase the motor to a Rimfire 120 and eliminate the balance weight prior to the first flight. Mel's Spitfire is a gem!

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday,  
October 7th**

**La Romeria Park  
7:30pm**

Patrick Shuss has been experimenting with using onboard GPS and down-linked telemetry to design a vehicle that can autonomously drive itself to a set of GPS coordinates and hold station. Once Patrick perfects the system on land, he plans on transitioning to the much more challenging marine environment using thrusters for propulsion. This is a very interesting project and I am sure Patrick will provide status as he moves forward. Pretty cool stuff. Please bring your projects to the meeting with the membership. It's always great to see what our members are up to.

The Del Cerro Fun-Fly will be held Saturday, October 10th. Members will start showing up around 12:00. A hot day is being predicted, so make sure to bring plenty of fluids. The Entradero Fun-Fly will be held Saturday, October 24th. Flying will start at 8:00. This date may change to the 23rd if a conflict with baseball develops. Watch your e-mail for developments.

### Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro  
Entradero**

**October 10th  
October 24th**

Once again, please volunteer for one of the open club officer positions. We need your help.

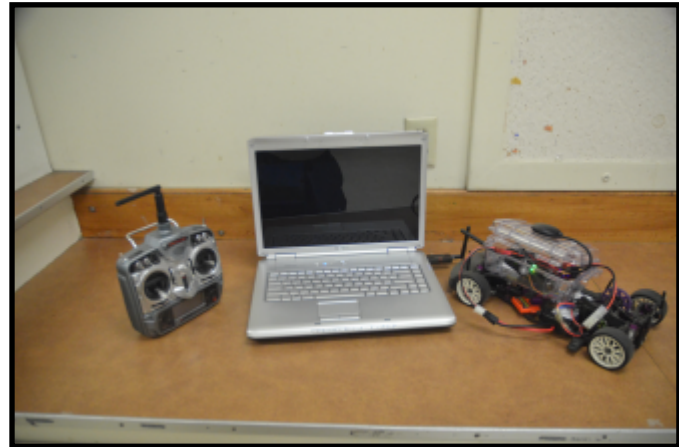
- Jeff



From the Workbench



Mel Schwartzburg shows off his beautiful Spitfire Mk 9 - really excellent craftsmanship!



Patrick's GPS-based autonomous navigator

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for 2015**

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