

# Hot Air



## Message from the President

October 2019

October? I don't know how we got here so soon. It is crazy how fast the time can disappear.

The weather has finally turned and glider flying is becoming a challenge. Wind directions are more variable and it has forced me off the hill a couple of times in the last month. Rocky Point has bailed me out with some very consistent west winds and strong lift. The only challenge at Rocky Point is avoiding the strong rotors that can be generated as the slope lift is sheered as it comes above the cliff. I have been landing a good fifty feet behind the cliff to avoid having the plane tumbled.

Bob Okita and Charlie Berry both brought wings to the last meeting. Of course, Bob's Aerobeez wing is FPV. Bob stated that the wing is very stable. If you have been following Bob's builds, he seldom states that a plane is anything but stable. Stability seems to follow good pilots. I believe Bob said that he bought the wing at the Rose Bowl swap meet. I tried to find the kit online without success.

Charlie's wing is the Crash Test Hobbies 39-inch Assassin. The plane was built per the URLs he found online. Charlie stated that the plane is "squirrely" in the air and he is working to tame it. We discussed motor incidence and torque as areas to be investigated. There was nothing that jumped out upon inspecting the airplane. Charlie will provide updates as he experiments with the wing.

We will be having a meeting at La Romeria Park in Torrance, Wednesday October 2nd at 7:30 PM. Bring your latest project to share with the members in attendance.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2019 or know someone who would like to join, it isn't too late. Entradero fees will be pro-rated. The forms can be found on [our website](#) and submitted to Don.

As mentioned last month, with school back in session, there are no conflicts with flying on weekday mornings at Entradero Park. Weekends are 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.

Remember that it is up to every member to ensure our field rules are followed. This will protect our ability to continue using the facility.

This month's Del Cerro Fun Fly will be held Saturday, October 5th. Guys usually start arriving between 12:00 and 1:00. The long range forecast is for west-northwest winds to 12mph with temps around 80 degrees. If the forecast holds, the hill may not be flyable due to the wind direction. Rocky Point anyone?

I hope everyone has a great October! All the best and enjoy our flying sites.

-Jeff

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday,  
October 2nd  
La Romeria Park  
7:30pm**

### Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro  
Entradero      October 5th  
None**



Recent Projects from our Members



*Bob Okita's FPV  
Aerobeez Wing*



*Charlie Berry's  
39-inch Assassin*

October Modeling Meets in California

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

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

***Del Cerro News***  
*John Spielman reports that new restrictions have been imposed by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes on the Del Cerro parking lot. Unless you're an RPV resident, you cannot use the lot anymore.*