

Hot Air



Message from the President

October 2021

I'm saddened to report that one of our long time members recently passed away. Lonnie Cope was a passionate modeler who loved flying control line and free-flight rubber-powered and hand-launched gliders. In recent years, Lonnie was unable to fly RC models, but would come to the Entradero field to watch. Lonnie was hospitalized recently with a lung condition. Shortly after his release from the hospital, he contracted COVID-19 from which he could not recover. Lonnie's wife was hospitalized with COVID at the same time, but I have not been able to ascertain her condition.

I am often asked why our club requires AMA insurance to fly at Del Cerro Park and Entradero Park. The main reason is that our AMA club insurance policy is valid only if the pilot involved in an incident is an AMA member. Our policy includes riders that cover the cities in which our parks reside, city employees and the homeowners adjacent to the parks. You can find more information about our AMA policy at the [AMA website](#).

I headed back out to Chino and the Planes of Fame Museum in early September. They gave a presentation on the history of their P-40N Warhawk, fired her up and flew her. It's really pretty cool getting up-close-and-personal with the planes at this museum. It's even more impressive that so many of them are flight-ready. I hope you enjoy the photos here in the newsletter. Unfortunately, the air show originally scheduled for later this month has been cancelled, due to the uncertainty of COVID-19.

Once again this month, there are a lot of different AMA-sanctioned events scheduled in California. This month's listing can be found [here](#). Consider sharing photographs and your impressions in our

newsletter if you attend one of these events.

Flying at Entradero Park on the weekdays is pretty much unimpeded until middle afternoon, when school lets out and some baseball activity occurs. This time of year provides a great opportunity to fly at the park without activity on any of the fields. Enjoy the field by putting a plane or two in the air.

Next Meeting

No meeting in October

If you are new to flying at Entradero Park, you will need to fill out the City of Torrance [Release of Liability form](#) for COVID-19. If you have previously submitted the form, you do not need to fill out the form a second time.

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, so contact a club officer if you need them.

The new parking policy at Del Cerro Park and the adjacent street parking appears to be having the desired effect. The number of folks parking in the reserved slots is way down. Most folks are parking for free on Crenshaw Blvd. north of Crest Road. The requirement to make reservations the day before and the cost are driving folks away. It's ironic that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is now considering increasing the parking rate because the fees collected are not covering the cost of the online system and security guards. In my opinion, they have just replaced one problem with another.

Regardless, it is still a great place to fly. I have had several week-day sessions at the park and the flying has been great when the wind is out of the southwest. I park away from the spots requiring

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro	<i>None</i>
Entradero	<i>None</i>



payment, load up my foldable wagon that holds my gear and planes and walk to the park. I hope to see you on the hill.

Parking information can be found (and reservations made) at [ParkMobile](#).

If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to get your membership package submitted for 2021. The membership package can be found on our [website](#).

The City of Torrance has indicated that we may be able to start using the meeting room at La Romeria

Park later this year, or early 2022. Hopefully, we can start having in-person meetings again soon.

Please consider writing an article for the newsletter and sharing some photographs of what you are up to.

Enjoy the fields. Stay safe.

All the best,
Jeff

Planes of Fame P-40N WarHawk

