

Hot Air



Message from the President

October 2022

Chris had a hard drive failure last month, which prevented our September newsletter from being distributed. The issue has been resolved and Chris will distribute both the September and October newsletters this month.

We will be holding a meeting this Wednesday, October 5th at La Romeria Park. Meeting starts at 7:30. Bring your latest project to the meeting and let us see what you are working on or flying. If you can't make the meeting, please consider taking a few photographs of a project or at the fields and get them to Chris or myself and we will get them in the newsletter.

September has been pretty quiet and the glider flying has been spotty. So, there is not a lot to report. I have been able to toss small gliders at the Esplanade in Redondo Beach the last couple of weeks. These days it is easy to build a plane that is under the weight restrictions. It is really cool to fly at the beach in the late afternoon. Beautiful views and a steady breeze are the norm.

Last weekend was the 49th Fall-fest Glider Classic in Visalia. This event is all things soaring. There were woodies, F5J, aero tow, hand launch, winch launch, etc. I was not able to attend, but there are a series of videos on the Southwest Soaring Society Facebook page. [Video #1](#) and [Video #2](#) will give you a flavor of the event.

A.M.A events in California for October can be found [here](#). There are a lot of M.M.A. club sanctioned events this month. Fun-Flies, competitions, float-flies, scale, etc. If you attend any of the events listed, consider snapping some photo's and sharing them with us.

There's been no real change at Entradero Park with regard to our access. There are a lot of baseball activities on the weekends. Sunday mornings are sometimes open, but very difficult to predict, since there is no comprehensive schedule that shows the Little League and club baseball schedules. However, the field is available weekday mornings.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday, October 5th
La Romeria Park
7:30 pm**

Flying at Del Cerro has been spotty with the heat waves we have been experiencing. When the high pressure systems settle in, the prevailing onshore winds are disrupted. Now that it is cooling off, flying should be more predictable. I've been flying weekdays and you basically have the hill to yourself.

The long range weather prediction for Saturday the 8th is for sunny skies and southwest winds at 12 miles per hour - perfect conditions for our Fun-Fly. Charge up a glider or two and head up to the hill around noon.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro October 8th
Entradero None**

If you know anyone that is interested in joining the club and flying at our fields, please point them to our PSF membership package [here](#).

Get out and enjoy our fields. Hope to see you at the meeting on Wednesday.

All the best,
Jeff



Jeff's Notes from September's Newsletter

Starting off September with ridiculous heat and humidity is no fun. It is really hard to get motivated to go outside and deal with the heat. The high pressure plays havoc with the normal wind patterns and makes slope flying a crapshoot.

So, what do you do when it is hot along the coast? How about go someplace hotter? On Saturday, September 3rd a couple of friends and I went out to the Chino Airport to watch the Planes of Fame P-38J fly. It was 122 F on the asphalt in places. The skin of the P-38 was so hot to the touch that the ground crew was having trouble assisting the pilot. The pilot, Steve Hinton, was soaked when he parked the plane after the flight. In some respects I was

surprised they flew it. Regardless, it was great to see my favorite WW2 fighter fly. I've included a few pictures. There is also a picture of the PoF B-25, which had returned to the museum following a movie assignment. The weathering was added for the filming and washes off.

It looks like the heat will break this week. I'm looking forward to getting out to our fields. We have had some issues with some of the members not receiving the monthly newsletter. Please confirm the receipt of this newsletter with Chris or myself. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you haven't received it.



Sorry for the missing newsletter last month. I've included the main topic and related photos here. Better late than never, I say!

[Editor]

