

Hot Air



Message from the President

September 2015

We haven't had anyone step up to fill the vacant PSF Treasurer slot. Additionally, we need to fill the Secretary position John Spielman would like to hand off by the end of the year. Please consider supporting your club by taking on one of these positions. Contact me or one of your Club officer's for information.

again.

The Del Cerro Fun-Fly will be held Saturday, September 5th. Flying should start after noon. The Entradero Park Fun-Fly will take place Friday, September 18th. Please refrain from flying before 8:00 AM.

I hope everyone has managed to stay cool and survive August. Hot and muggy is just not my favorite combination. As we move into the fall, the weather will hopefully cool off. Regardless of the weather, school is starting back up and our flying sights should start seeing less foot traffic.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
September 2nd**

**La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

Chet Schmidt brought his beautiful Westland Lysander to the August meeting. Enclosed are a few photographs. Chet scratch-built the plane from British plans. Electric power, of course. A fully detailed cockpit adds a lot to the planes' appearance. If you have a project that you are working on, please bring it to the meeting. Everyone would like to see what you are doing.

I have had reports of some great flying at Del Cerro. Sounds like there have been strong thermals working along with good slope lift. That is a great combination for testing your ability to range out and up from the cliff. Dust off your gliders and head up to the hill. Saturday early afternoon is usually when the guys gather to toss a glider. Head on up and check it out!

The Blue Angels will be boring holes in the sky at the Point Mugu Air Show the weekend of September 26-27. This has always been a great show and you never know what the Navy might put in the air. Definitely worth the trip to see the Blues perform. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Unfortunately, I have no new information regarding the letting of the lease to one of the baseball organizations interested in the field from which we fly at Entradero Park. Similarly, the lack of drainage by the sump is still being discussed. If the El Nino rains hit us as hard as they are being predicted, the park will flood for sure. When I was taking care of the field during my sons' baseball days, we had flooding that completely covered our field. You could not see the top of the outfield fence. We may see that level of flooding

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro
Entradero**

**September 5th
September 18th**

There has been a lot of discussion in the media about "drones" and privacy-related issues. Did you know that there is legislation that has already passed the California legislature that would prohibit a "drone" from flying under 350 feet above a private residence? That piece of legislation just needs Governor Brown's signature. There are a lot of other laws in the works that would restrict "drone" usage. What is interesting is that the definition of a "drone" is not made in these laws. For example, how do you differentiate



between a quad copter carrying a camera and a fixed wing airplane or helicopter carrying a camera? This issue just gets more and more complex. See the article published in the [Sacramento Bee Newspaper](#).

See you at the September meeting or one of the fields!

- Jeff

From the Workbench



Chet Schmidt shared his beautiful Westland Lysander at a recent club meeting. He scratch-built it from British plans - truly noteworthy craftsmanship.

In this age of disposable foamies and "printed" aircraft parts, it's nice to still see demonstrated the kind of skills required to create beauties such as this. Way to go, Chet!



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