

Hot Air



Message from the President

September 2020

Once again, we will not be holding a meeting at La Romeria Park this month. The City of Torrance continues to keep the meeting room off limits. In the last notice, the City stated that anyone holding a meeting would be permanently banned from the use of the facilities. Apparently, a group held an unauthorized meeting at one of the facilities.

PSF member Bill Simpson has passed away. I was told he fell at his home and suffered injuries that he was unable to recover from. Bill flew gliders, electrics and gas over the years. He was also an accomplished builder. Bill will be missed.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is again changing the parking in the vicinity of Del Cerro Park. I am sure that the City is responding to residents' complaints about congestion on the local streets. Electronic signs indicate that no parking will be allowed on Crenshaw Blvd. south of Crest Road, starting September 1st. My suggestion at this point is to be careful where you park and double check the signage. In the mean time, we will talk to the City and see if there are any options for PSF members. We have had a relationship with the City since the 80's, but I doubt that we were a consideration when the decisions were made.

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned John Woodfield and his really cool YouTube channel of slopers of all kinds. He recently posted a video of a [micro-Gentle Lady](#). The plane has a thirty-inch wingspan and weighs in at only 45 grams. It uses a Parkzone or equivalent brick with linear servos. It is twitchy, as to be expected for a floater this small and light.

The plane, along with a micro Airtronics Aquila and

a micro Sinbad can be ordered from Alien Technologies. He doesn't have a website, but can be found on RCGroups. He goes by Alien_Tech and has ads and build logs. He is in Palmdale and his e-mail is RedTheAlien@GMail.com. Check out his [micro-Gentle Lady ad](#).

If 45 grams is on the light side, I went down a rabbit hole and stumbled across something a little bigger. How about a 48-inch wingspan Gentle Lady? This is close to the size of older hand-launch gliders. This kit is produced by [Willy Nillies](#).

They have a bunch of park flyer balsa kits. The Gentle Lady easily comes in under six ounces and comes with the bulkheads to mount an electric motor. These planes finish under the Redondo Beach strand rules. I've ordered one of each and will have some photos next month.

If you would like to share your latest project, send Chris or me some photographs and a write-up and we will get it out to the membership.

If you haven't renewed your membership for the current year, please do so. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our club, please point them to our site, where they can find the [membership package](#).

Torrance schools are back in session, online and the Entradero Park field is available weekdays. There may be some conflict on the weekends, especially this Labor Day. Please don't fly if there are practices or games on the fields.

Face coverings and social distancing are required at the field. The City emphasized that we need to

Next Meeting
No meeting in September

Upcoming Fun-Flys
Del Cerro None
Entradero None



respect this requirement if we want to use the facility.

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. Contact a club officer if you need them.

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

There will not be a Fun-Fly at Del Cerro this month. This coming weekend is Labor Day and it should be

busy at Del Cerro. Additionally, it is predicted to be hot again. The current weather predictions show the wind out of the wrong directions for the hill to be flyable.

Once again, please consider sharing your latest project for inclusion in the newsletter. Enjoy the fields and put a plane in the air. Be safe and we will let you know if access to the fields changes.

I hope to see you at the fields.

All the best,
Jeff



*Stay safe out there, dear
members!*