

Hot Air



Message from the President

September 2024

We will not be holding a meeting this month, Wednesday September 4th. Our club officers are busy with work commitments and vacations. We will hold a meeting in October.

There are a number of flying sites around the Peninsula that can be flyable when the wind direction at Del Cerro isn't favorable or baseball keeps us off the field at Entradero. One site that is a little farther afield that I haven't flown in years is Bluff Park in Long Beach. I drove there on a recent Saturday with a couple of planes as I had heard that a group was still meeting there. Some of the regulars were packing up by the time I arrived but I got a few flights in. The guys fly at the south end of the park between Coronado Avenue and Redondo Avenue on East Ocean Blvd. They setup pop-ups for shade. The park area is flat and grass covered. The slope provides smooth consistent lift and the guys I met are friendly. If you don't mind the drive, this site provides a low stress flying opportunity.

The Skypark recreation area near Lake Arrowhead has been promoting RC soaring for larger gliders the last few years. There is a fee to enter the facility and park. The landing is a little primitive, but the guys promoting the facility have been working on brush removal and grading. This site provides an opportunity to fly larger scale and sport gliders that are difficult to fly locally. There was a recent event held at the site which is documented in a [video](#) produced by Flitcomp (Flitcomp sells competition level gliders). Here's another video showing a [wood B-25 sloper](#) being flown at the site.

For Skypark facility info and a general discussion

see [this link](#) on RC Groups.

As many of you know, I am a fan of aircraft museums and air shows. This month, the Central Coast [Airfest](#) will be held at the Santa Maria Airport September 21 and 22. The Planes of Fame Museum took over the management of the air show last year. This was evident, as military aircraft of all types were well represented on the ramp and in the air. I will be attending Sunday, the 22nd. I'll report back in the October newsletter. I would definitely plan on attending if you are interested.

The September A.M.A. [calendar](#) for California is full of end-of-summer events. There are a lot of different fun-flies and contests. If you do attend any of the listed events, please consider taking some photos and write up your thoughts for next month's newsletter.

Torrance schools are back in session. So, Entradero Park is available for flying weekday mornings. Weekends continue to be a challenge for flying, due to games being played on all fields by club teams. Please refrain from flying if there is baseball activity on any of the fields. Please let a club officer know if you have access issues to the park or the field we fly from.

We are heading into a heat wave later this week, based on the current predictions. Temperatures are predicted to be in the upper eighties locally. Heat warnings are posted for the inland areas including Los Angeles County.

The high-pressure system driving this heat is supposed to start breaking up through the weekend. However, the temperatures for Del Cerro are still

Next Meeting

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See you in October!**

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro	September 7th
Entradero	None



predicted to be in the mid eighties with a west wind at 13 miles per hour. The westerly direction will make the hill un-flyable.

Once again, we will not be holding a meeting this month on Wednesday, September 4th.

See you on the slope!

Keep an eye on the forecasts. We may get a window to fly. If so, show up around noon on Saturday, the 7th.

All the best,
Jeff

If you know someone who wants to join our club, please send them to our [website](#).