

Next Meeting

No meeting in

September

Message from the President

September 2021

Apologies regarding the lack of a Newsletter in August. Life got in the way of completing my input. By the time things got back to normal, I decided to wait for September.

As we move into the fall, some major changes have occurred regarding parking at Del Cerro Park. The

City of Rancho Palos Verdes has been struggling to find a parking solution there and at Abalone Cove Preserve for several years. The vehicle congestion has been significant at Del Cerro (i.e. folks using the hiking trails), resulting in complaints by the

residents living in the vicinity of the park and the surrounding neighborhoods.

I am not a fan of the latest plan. However, here's a summary of the new parking requirements:

- 1) Parking permits are still available for residents of Rancho Palos Verdes that allow parking in reserved parking spaces in the parking lot at Del Cerro Park.
- 2) There are parking spaces available in the Del Cerro parking lot and on the road **Upcoming Fun-Flys** adjacent to the park. These spaces are broken up in zones and must be Del Cerro reserved at least one day in advance **Entradero** of use. Unfortunately, there is a \$10.00 fee (plus a \$0.35 service charge) to reserve a parking spot for a 2 3/4 hour slot. Reservations can be made by using the RPV Park Mobile app or by
- 3) Free parking is still available on Crenshaw Blvd. north of Crest Road. Free reserved parking is available at the park weekday mornings between 7:00 and 8:45. This window for free parking won't help us glider pilots - no lift, no fly.

calling the reservation number.

Additional information about the Del Cerro parking

issue can be found in the Daily Breeze newspaper article here. The Del Cerro parking reservation link and additional information can also be found here.

This new parking system at Del Cerro has a significant impact on our ability to use the park. I've included some photos of the new signage. Please let

> us know your experiences using the new reservation system. I will let everyone know if these parking regulations change in the future

There are a lot of different AMA sanctioned events scheduled in California for September. Consider sharing photographs and your impressions in our newsletter if you attend one of these events. You can find the schedule here.

This Saturday, September 4th, the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino will be flying their P40N Warhawk. These monthly fun-fly's are a lot of fun, since you can get up close and personal with the plane and pilot. Engine start is 12:00 noon and will

> be preceded by a presentation, including P40 history. Details here.

September 4th Weekday baseball is pretty much over for the summer. There are still games

and practices on the weekends. The field usage during the week is pretty much unlimited in the mornings through early afternoon. Enjoy the field. Some of the guys fly Monday and Friday mornings. I've been trying to get out either Tuesday or Thursdays. See you there.

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.

None

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 the combinations.

This coming Saturday, September 4th, is our scheduled Del Cerro Fun Fly. The long range forecast is for west winds of 12-14 miles per hour. If the wind direction holds, the hill will not be flyable. If the wind becomes favorable, guys usually show up between 11:00 and noon.

It is not too late to get your membership package submitted for 2021 if you haven't done so. The package can be found on our website.

Please consider sharing some photos of your latest build or of your flying. Hopefully COVID will be brought under control in the not-too-distant future and we can start having meetings again. Stay safe.

> All the best, Jeff

New Rancho PV Parking Signage









NOTICE: Parking at Del Cerro

Rancho Palos Verdes has initiated a new parking reservation system for Del Cerro Park. You can find all the details at the RPV website.