

# Hot Air



## Message from the President

February 2025

We will be holding our monthly meeting this coming Wednesday, February 5th. The focus of the meeting will be to help with 2025 membership renewals by answering any paperwork questions you may have and collecting club fees. Please remember to bring proof of current A.M.A. membership which is required for Don to process your PSF membership. As always, the meeting will be at the La Romeria Park meeting room in Torrance. The meeting starts at 7:30.

Even if you can't make the meeting on Wednesday, please mail your membership package and fees to Don as soon as possible. We are in the process of renewing the PSF charter with the A.M.A. The process is a whole lot easier for Don if we can submit an accurate roster at the time of charter submittal. As always, the membership package can be found on our [website](#).

With our field at Entradero Park unavailable the first two weeks of January and the wind uncooperative on the slopes, I didn't get a lot of flying in last month. So, I headed to a couple of museums to get my fill of things with wings. Planes of Fame in Chino never disappoints. PoF flew their Dauntless dive bomber at their monthly open house. This is a pretty rare airframe to see flying. It was pretty cool to see the pilot flying the plane with the cockpit open. I've included some photos from that trip.

I also went to the [General Patton](#) and [Palm Springs](#) Museums a couple of weeks later. I had never been to either of these museums before. I won't go into all the details but they are both worth a visit. I visited both on the same day. I would definitely visit them again.

Field leveling and maintenance concluded as planned on January 15th. The field has been available for flying since then. The field gate lock combination has changed. The Towers Street entrance gate to the park is unchanged. Please contact a club officer for the combination.

Some of our members regularly meet at the field Tuesday and Thursday mornings. However, the field is available for flying whenever baseball is not taking place on any of the fields at the park. Please do not fly if there are organized baseball activities taking place at the park. West Torrance Little League is about to start their spring activities. This will make flying after school weekdays and weekends unavailable through the season. Please let one of the club officers know if you have any access issues.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has been very proactive closing the parks and hiking trails during the recent fires. This made gaining access to the various slopes and Del Cerro Park difficult over the last few weeks. Everything has reopened, but the rains may change that. Keep an eye on the [RPV website](#) for closures.

After the rains move through this week, the wind for Saturday is predicted to be out of the west-northwest, making the hill at Del Cerro un-flyable for gliders. Even with partly cloudy skies and winds to 12 mph forecast, the wind direction will probably shut the hill down. Keep an eye on the forecast. Maybe we will get a flyable window. Guys usually show up around noon if the hill is flyable.

There is an interesting variety of [A.M.A. events](#) scheduled for February, Free-Fight duration, RC

### Next Meeting

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

### Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro**      **February 8th**  
**Entradero**      **None**



racing and fun-flies are included. If you attend, please snap a few photos and submit them for the newsletter.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in joining our club, please feel free to pass along the link below:

Head out to the fields and put a plane in the air! Not only is it fun but flying planes is the best advertisement for the club and hobby we have. I hope to see you flying at one of our fields or the meeting this Wednesday.

All the best,  
Jeff

## Dauntless Dive Bomber at Planes of Fame, Chino, CA



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