

Hot Air



Message from the President

July 2026

Happy Fourth of July everyone! I hope everyone is doing well and has a great Fourth.

We will not have a meeting this month. Our club leadership, including myself, have commitments or travel plans this week. However, we will return in August.

My flying has been curtailed this month, due to a right rotator cuff tear. I am just about to the point in my recovery where I can launch a glider, but healing has been a very slow process.

There is a new group posting on Facebook called [Slope Junkies](#). The group originally focused on flying at Bluff Park in Long Beach. Flying at this location has gotten really popular and is growing. The Facebook site has grown as well and has morphed into a Southern California glider group. A few international posts have popped up as well. It is a great source for local activity and flying sites in our area. The planes being flown are above the 250 gram FAA limit for transponders in most cases. I don't know if anyone is using transponders or if Bluff Park is a FRIA site. The guys online are pretty quiet when I inquire which is probably all the answer I need.

The Soaring Union of Los Angeles (SULA) site at Field of Dreams is closed for the summer for park maintenance. This is typical for this time of year. My understanding is that the fees charged and the need for child protection insurance may limit the use of the field when it re-opens. I have heard they may need to limit usage to one day a week. Hopefully, SULA will be able to keep the site open. The location is a great venue in our area for flying larger/

faster planes.

Planes of Fame had a unique collection of planes flying earlier this month. They flew three Golden Age aircraft. The planes include there P-26 A (one of two original airframes left and the only one flying), a Beech D17s Staggerwing (probably the prettiest biplane ever made) and a Fairchild 24C-8F Argus built in 1936. Photographing the planes was difficult due to the grey overcast and my blown-up shoulder, so a friend of mine did some of the camera work. I've included some pictures.

Next Meeting

No meeting in July

See you in August!

This coming Saturday is Independence Day. I have no way to predict how much activity will occur at Del Cerro due to the holiday. I would imagine that the parking restrictions will limit the activity there. Regardless, it looks like a very flyable day at Del Cerro based on the current forecast. Winds are predicted to be 12-13 miles per hour out of the west-southwest. Head up to the hill if you are available. The guys usually show up around 1:00 this time of year. Don't forget to [reserve](#) a parking spot the day before unless you don't mind walking with your planes from the free locations.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro
Entradero**

**July 4th (?)
None**

With school out for the summer, there are more kids at the park, but the field is available for flying weekday mornings. Remember to lock the access gate behind you when you enter the facility from Towers Street and when you leave. As always, we are not allowed to fly at the park when there are organized activities on any of the fields. Please let a club officer know if you have any access issues.

There is a large variety of A.M.A. scheduled club events for [July](#). It must be summer!



If you attend any of the scheduled events, please consider sharing some photos and write up your impressions for the newsletter.

Once again, we will not be holding a meeting this month.

All the best,
Jeff

"Golden Age" Aircraft at Planes of Fame Museum



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



Planes of Fame (cont.)



*If you've not renewed your
membership, please do so
now at our [website](#).*