

Hot Air



Message from the President

May 2025

We will be holding a meeting this coming Wednesday, May 7th at 7:30 PM at La Romeria Park. I plan to bring 4-5 un-built kits that need re-homing, free to those who attend. If you are coming to the meeting, please bring along your latest project and discuss it with the members in attendance. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

Our 2025 A.M.A. PSF club charter has been approved and our field insurance policies are in place. John is working with the City of Rancho Palos Verdes to process our Del Cerro Park badges from the City. Thanks John. Once, again thanks to Don for processing the Charter and member applications for the club.

The A.M.A. has been working to get the maximum height flyable at club flying sights increased for RC aircraft. To that end, the allowable altitude has been increased for certain fields, depending on the proximity of the field to airports and their approaches. Due to the proximity of Entradero Park to Torrance Airport, the limit is 400 feet AGL. Del Cerro Park is 700 feet AGL. These numbers can be found on the FAA website, which can be accessed from this [A.M.A article](#).

The RC Super Show was held last month at the Fairplex in Pomona. The number of RC aircraft-related vendors was limited, even though the event was co-sponsored by the A.M.A. Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak in 2019-2020, the A.M.A. convention had experienced decreased participation by both vendors and enthusiasts. The A.M.A had announced that they would no longer hold the convention due to the lack of attendance. COVID sealed the deal on the convention for several years. I give the A.M.A kudos for trying to reestablish the annual show, but with

the lack of vendor participation, it will be difficult to build attendance and grow the event.

I had limited opportunities to fly in April, due to some significant projects here at the house. When I did get out to fly it was at the Avenues in Redondo Beach, flying small stuff in the afternoons. I heard through the grapevine that flying at Cal State Dominguez Hills is definitely shut down. Let us know where you have been flying and we will compile a list of usable sites beyond Entradero Park and Del Cerro Park. Our two flying fields have always been unique in the area and are quickly becoming rare.

Planes of Fame held a large event at the museum at Chino Airport this past weekend, May 3rd and 4th. Over a dozen different Word War II aircraft from trainers to fighters and bombers flew. Numerous restored military vehicles and re-enactors were on hand, demonstrating their vehicles and equipment. The vehicles included the museum's Sherman tank which is in operation and fired dummy rounds from its machine guns and main gun. The weather on Sunday when I attended was overcast and grey with a low cloud deck. These conditions and the crowds of people made taking photographs difficult. Regardless, I have included a few photos of some of the activities.

The West Torrance Little League calendar shows the end of scheduled activities occurring by the end of May. This should take some of the pressure off the fields. However, club baseball activities will continue evenings and weekends. Be aware that the West Torrance School District will end their academic year mid-June. Although we can fly when kids are in the park, be aware that there may be an

Next Meeting

**Wednesday, May 7th
La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro	May 10th
Entradero	None



increase in activity when school is out. Always try to avoid flying over people and maintain a safe distance.

Please remember that our agreement with the City of Torrance is that we will not fly in the park when there are any organized baseball activities (practice or games) on any of the fields at Entradero Park. If you have any issues gaining access to the field we fly from, please let one of the club officers know.

Saturday, May 10th, looks like it might end up being the first really nice flyable day at Del Cerro Park for our Fun-Fly. Winds are predicted to be 11 mph out of the southwest with air temperature in the mid 70's. If this prediction holds, it might be a good day to chase thermals.

The events listed in the [A.M.A. event calendar](#) in California for the month of May are dominated by power, with some glider events scattered here and there. If you attend any of the listed events, please consider taking a few photographs and write up your thoughts for inclusion in the newsletter.

It's never too late to [renew your membership](#) or pass the link along to a friend.

I hope to see you at the upcoming meeting. Get out and enjoy the fields!

All the best,
Jeff

World War II Event at Planes of Fame



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