

Hot Air



Message from the President

May 2026

I hope everyone is doing well as we move towards the summer months. April was once again kind of unsettled weather-wise. Glider flying has been put on a back seat with electrics and building/repairs taking over. Hopefully, we will start seeing some southwest breezes filling in.

My wife and I headed up to Morro Bay for the annual kite festival a couple of weekends ago. The weather was unsettled, with strong gusty winds on Friday when we arrived. Once the sun started to set, the winds calmed down a bit and folks started putting the big kites up. Many of the larger kites were 4 to 50 feet in length. After sunset, all of these large kites were equipped with multi-colored LED's and controllers. They really put on a spectacular light show with the LED's showing many different colors and patterns. Saturday was a day of flying in between raindrops. Most of the flying was over by 2:00 in the afternoon, due to the persistent drizzle. Once the wind picked up Sunday morning, everyone tried to get something in the air. Unfortunately, we had to head home and found that the wind steadied and the sun came out later in the afternoon. Regardless, we had a great time and will return for the festival in the future. I'll also put a glider or two in the car as well. I have included some photos I took at the event.

As I mentioned last month, Planes of Fame was scheduled to fly their F-86 Sabre and Mig-15 at the monthly flight demo memorializing the Korean War. The F-86 had recently undergone extensive engine servicing and maintenance folks found a fuel leak deep in the engine and it could not be repaired in time to fly. One advantage of being a museum where many of their aircraft fly, they were able to put their

F-4U Corsair in the air with the MIG-15. It was pretty cool and unique to see these two aircraft in the air together. I have included some pictures in this newsletter.

The San Fernando Valley Flyers has moved their Spring Swap Meet from May 10th to the 9th. I have included a flyer for the event in this newsletter. The Swap Meet starts at 6:00 and goes all day. You do not need to be a member of the club to attend or display items to sell. The event is free to all. If you check out the club website, be aware that it incorrectly mentions the 10th in several locations.

We will hold our monthly meeting this Wednesday, May 6th at La Romeria Park in Torrance. The meeting will start at 7:30. Stop by if you have any questions regarding the club or if you want to share your latest project.

It looks like we will once again be challenged to fly at Del Cerro this coming Saturday, May 9th. The wind through the middle of the day is currently predicted to be light followed by winds out of the south-southeast when it fills in. Hopefully, the current forecast changes and we get an opportunity to fly this Saturday.

Keep an eye on the forecast and don't forget to [reserve a parking spot](#) the day before, unless you don't mind walking with your planes from the free locations.

The little league baseball season is currently in full swing at Entradero Park (pun intended). Baseball activities are scheduled for weekdays after school and both days on the weekends. That leaves weekday mornings for flying. Don't be surprised if

Next Meeting

**Wednesday, May 6th
La Romeria Park, 7:30pm**

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Del Cerro	May 9th
Entradero	None



field maintenance interferes with your being able to fly. Increased activities in the evenings and on the weekends require more maintenance to keep the field playable. Please let a club officer know if you have any access issues. Also, please make sure to lock the gates when you enter and leave the facility.

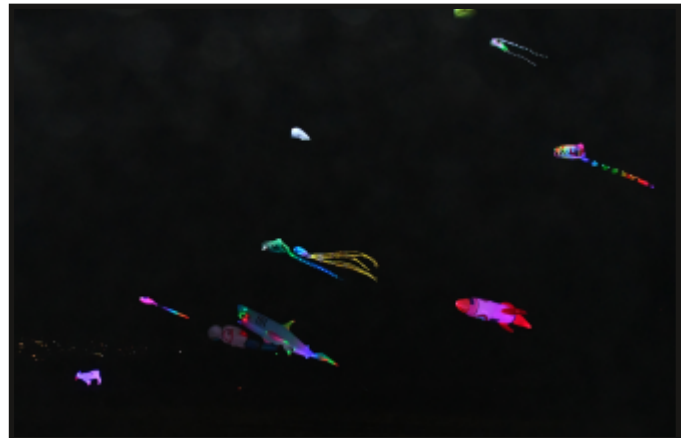
[The Pamona Valley Model Airplane Club](#) has an electric Fun-Fly scheduled for May 29th. A number of their members fly quarter-scale and larger warbirds. They are always impressive to see fly.

There are a lot of [A.M.A. events](#) in California this month. If you attend any of the scheduled events, please consider sharing some photos and write up your impressions for the newsletter.

Take care, everyone. Hopefully, we will get some better glider weather soon. I feel the need for some lift.

All the best,
Jeff

Night and Day Kite Flying at Morro Bay



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wants to join our club,
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Warbirds at Planes of Fame



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