

Hot Air



Message from the President

October 2026

To say the heat has been challenging would be an understatement. The heat and humidity remind me of the late summer when I lived in the Midwest.

Flying gliders at the local sites, including Del Cerro, has been impossible due to wind direction or the total lack of lift. Entradero has been the only option for getting a plane into the air. Fortunately, we have the two flying sites that accommodate different types of aircraft.

The first weekend of October, my wife and I drove up to the Santa Maria Airport for the airshow managed by Planes of Fame. A huge variety of WW2, Korea and Vietnam aircraft flew. Current, active military aircraft were also on static display and flew. The local RC club flew a variety of 1/4 scale and larger RC military aircraft (jets and props). I've included some pictures of the RC planes that flew. Overall, the airshow was a lot of fun and I will attend again next year.

We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, October 7th. Same time and place - 7:30 at La Romeria Park. With recent heat waves, I'm sure some of you have been working on planes getting them ready to fly. Come to the meeting and bring your latest project along so we can see what you have been up to. I have received approval to continue using the LA Romeria meeting room for the next twelve months. Renewal will be required again next fall.

I have included some photos of the completed third donor ring for the conservancy at Del Cerro. As you can see from the photos, the three rings are located along the fence and are connected by the walkway. I don't believe the new ring (center) will impact our

flying at the park. I was recently up at the park and was surprised to see a "For Sale" sign on the One Park Place residence. Newer clubmembers may be unaware, but many of us know the resident there has been trying to get our flying privileges at the park revoked for many years. Sufficeth it to say he has cost our club a lot of time and money over the years.

Next Meeting

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

If any of you have an extra \$3.3 million lying around and would like to purchase the house for the club, let me know. It is a beautiful home and the pool would allow us to run RC boats and fly float planes. Check the [listing](#).

While I was at the park, the local fire department responded to a call at one of the other residences nearby. Turns out a rattlesnake was guarding the front door of the home. The snake was carefully and safely relocated to the adjacent scrub.

This Saturday, the wind direction is predicted to be out of the west. Unfortunately, this direction is un-flyable at Del Cerro. The wind direction has been bouncing around over the last few days, so keep an eye on the reports for an opportunity to fly. The temperature is supposed to be down but still above normal. If you head up to the hill, bring plenty of cold drinks.

Guys usually show up between noon and 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

Location	Date
Del Cerro	October 10th
Entradero	None

Entradero continues to be available for flying weekday mornings. West Torrance Little League has started their fall program. Since the kids are in school weekdays, it will not impact flying mornings at the field. Weekends will continue to be a



challenge and unpredictable regarding availability. 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 A.M.A event schedule has a number of fun-flies and competitions scheduled in [October](#). Visalia has their annual fall aero-tow scheduled. There are also a number of scale events on the calendar. If you

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

I hope to see you at the meeting this week or at one (or both) of the fields.

All the best,
Jeff

RC Aircraft at Santa Maria Airport



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wants to join our club,
please send them to our
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