

Hot Air



Message from the President

September 2026

August was a difficult month to get motivated to go outside and fly. The heat and especially the humidity have really been oppressive. The tropical systems coming up the coast of Baja bringing moisture into Southern California have also made the wind direction difficult for glider flying. Fortunately, we are starting to see some cooling. However, another system is heading our way.

Being a glutton for punishment, I did head out to Planes of Fame early in August to see their Seversky 2PA/AT-12 Guardsman fly. This is the only flyable example of this aircraft remaining. On a historical note, this aircraft is the predecessor to the P-47 Thunderbolt. You can see the resemblance in the photos I have included. I have also included a few additional photos from the visit. Yes, I love biplanes. The air temperature hit 100 degrees F as I was leaving.

Planes of Fame has two special activities scheduled this month. On September 5th, the Commemorative Air Force will have their B-17G Flying Fortress "Sentimental Journey" flying throughout the day. You can buy a ride if seats are still available. Planes of Fame will also be flying their P-51D Mustang. The second event is September 12th and 13th. Planes of Fame is coordinating the air show at the Santa Maria Airport. The air show will have a wide range of military (older and current) aircraft, as well as civilian and aerobatic demonstrations. For more information, have a look at the [Planes of Fame calendar](#).

We will be holding a meeting this coming Wednesday, September 2nd, 7:30 at La Romeria Park, as usual. Wednesday is supposed to be the coolest day of the week with a high in the lower

70's. So, you can't use the heat as an excuse to stay home. Come to the meeting and share what you have been working on or flying.

I have submitted to the City of Torrance the annual application and associated documentation required to continue using the meeting room for the next twelve months. Approval of the package should be forthcoming in a week or so.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 2nd
La Romeria Park
7:30pm

As I mentioned above, another tropical weather system is pushing up the coast and should move into our area this weekend. A chance of rain is predicted for Sunday and Monday. Although Saturday, September 5th, is supposed to be dry, the wind is predicted to be out of the west at 10 mph. Southwest winds are optimal for flying at Del Cerro. If the forecast holds, the hill may not be flyable. Systems like the one heading our way are somewhat unstable and unpredictable. Keep an eye on the forecast. We may get an opportunity to fly.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

Location	Date
Del Cerro	September 5th
Entradero	None

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.

Entradero continues to be available for flying weekday mornings. West Torrance Little League is scheduled to have a fall league starting up. Since the kids are in school weekdays, it will not impact 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 [September](#) A.M.A event schedule has a number of fun-flies and competitions. It also shows the Planes of Fame air show at Santa Maria. Why? Because there are RC Warbird demonstration flights scheduled to take place. If you attend any of the scheduled events, please consider sharing some

photos and write up your impressions for the newsletter.

I hope everyone has been able to endure the heat without issue. Personally, I am looking forward to getting more flying in as the weather cools.

Recent Activities 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](#).*