

Hot Air



Message from the President

April 2013

The last two months, I have been traveling for work quite a bit. I have been on the road five of the last seven weeks with more to come. Needless to say, my ability to put a plan in the air and bend the sticks has been very limited. Thanks to Jerry for handling last month's meeting while I was on the road.

When time permits, while I am on these trips, I like to see if there are any air museums in the area. The last trip I was on took me to Wolverhampton, England for two weeks. Unfortunately, England was experiencing record cold temperatures and snow instead of Spring, making the driving a real challenge. In spite of the weather, I decided to try to get to the museum at the nearby Royal Air Force Base at Cosford. Even though we worked most of the weekend, Saturday offered an opportunity to get to the museum for a couple of hours.

The weather conspired against me as a new front with 4-5 inches of additional snow was predicted to hit in the evening. The museum staff decided to get while the getting was good and close the museum early so they could get home before the roads became treacherous. This afforded me a very short time to race through the exhibits. I was disappointed I didn't have more time since they have a lot of unusual aircraft on exhibit. I don't know about the rest of you guys, but I am

not very good at identifying other countries' aircraft. The Cosford museum really tested my knowledge in this regard. The British have contributed a lot of aircraft over the years and were quite busy in the early days of jet aircraft development. Some of these birds are not very pretty to look at but they are interesting from a

design and engineering perspective. Go to the [museum's website](#) for a look at the collection. I am hopeful that I will have an opportunity to do the museum justice on a future trip.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
April 3rd
7:30 pm**

**La Romeria Park
19501 Inglewood Ave**

The April Fun-Fly's will be held at Del Cerro on Saturday, April 6th and at Entradero on Friday, April 19th. As I have previously mentioned, baseball is underway at Entradero. The West Torrance School District has their spring break scheduled for April 6th through the 14th. Traditionally, West Torrance Little League doesn't play games over Spring break, as a lot of families take vacations and the players aren't available. This means that the

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro April 6th
Entradero April 19th**

fields may be available on those weekends. However, since some coaches may still hold practices, but during this period, they are usually held late morning or in the afternoon.

I am sure looking forward to getting some flying in, since I am home for a while. See you at the meeting or the field!

-Jeff



From the Building Bench...

For Christmas, my son bought me a fun little "indoor" flyer called the "Tom-E-Boy Micro". Reminiscent of the original Vic Smeed TomBoy, it's a laser-cut balsa kit from **Mountain Models** designed for electric power. With a wingspan of less than 24 inches and weighing in at only 2 ounces, including the tiny lipo battery, this is a real "indoor floater".

The laser-cut interlocking parts make construction a breeze, including the built-up faux motor up front. The recommended electronics is a micro receiver/ESC/dual linear servo package and a small geared brushed motor, driven by a 150mAh 1S lipo pack - coincidentally, the same packs I use in my Blade Nano CPx heli.

Needless to say, this is a docile flyer which is best flown in zero or nearly-zero wind. I've flown it a number of times at Entradero first thing in the morning and found it responsive and reasonably well powered, cruising around at mid-throttle for well over 8 minutes. It will loop nicely if coaxed with a bit of a dive.

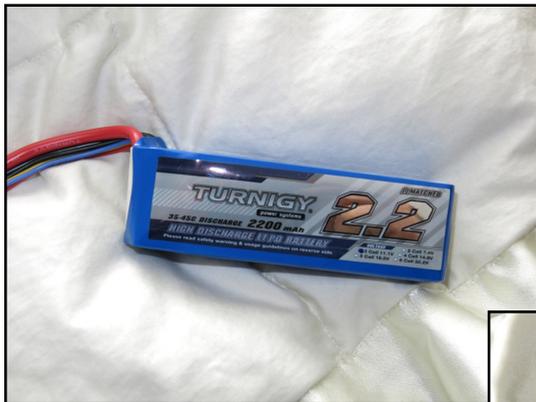
All in all, it's a delightfully relaxing fly and a nice change-of-pace after an intense session flying my other aerobatic birds and helis. The kit is complete, instructions are good and the parts cut with precision. If the other Mountain Model kits are similar, I can recommend the whole line.

- Chris





Monthly Raffle!



Once again, we will hold a raffle at the April club meeting.



These are a few of the cool items that will be available...



Note from the Secretary...

I finally got the RPV badges but many of them had last years date in the logo. I have asked the city to reprint them. This morning, I mailed all the badges with the correct date, so those lucky members should receive them before the meeting this Wednesday.

- John

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