

Hot Air



Message from the President

February 2015

Our monthly meeting will be held this Wednesday, February 4th. We will be having our annual swap meet. Clear out the garage and attic and bring anything you would like to get rid of to the meeting. There are always bargains to be had on things you just cannot live without.

I had an exchange with our representative at the City of Torrance earlier this month. I discovered that the City is drafting an ordinance for the operation of camera carrying UAV's. I offered that PSF representatives would be willing to participate in the process of writing this new ordinance, but the offer has not been responded to. I was asked to provide a copy of our club guidelines for flying at Entradero Park. Apparently, they couldn't find a copy. I do not know if our guidelines will be included or amended in the new ordinance. I did learn that a permit will most likely be required to operate any RC aircraft flying with a camera.

I had a similar conversation with a Hermosa Beach police officer. A significant number of folks apparently acquired quad copters over the Holidays and have been flying them at the beach. Although no current restrictions apply for flying them, ordinances are being developed as well.

It will be interesting to see how this all works out. RC flight along the Esplanade in Redondo Beach (at the beach) has had a weight restriction for a number

of years. The allowable weight is so low that flying gliders is pretty impractical. I wonder if quad copters fall under this restriction or if anyone has even thought about it.

The West Torrance Little League shows the 2015 season starting February 21st. This will restrict our Saturday use of the park and will limit Sunday availability. Please remember that our club guidelines do not allow flying when there are organized practices or games on any of the fields at the facility.

I do not have any additional information at this time regarding the timeline for the completion of the sump upgrade at Entradero and our field. The last I heard from the City was a March completion date. That seems optimistic.

We will attempt to have a Del Cerro Fun-Fly Saturday, February 7th. I use the word "attempt", due to the long range forecast showing a chance of rain. Due to the start of baseball at Entradero Park, our February Fun-Fly will be held Friday the 20th.

Hope to see you at the swap meet Wednesday or at one of the fields.

-Jeff

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
February 4th**

**La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro
Entradero**

**February 7th
February 20th**



Kit Bashing a Piper Cub - Alan Templin

This is the Cub Jeff gave me at the December meeting. The partial kit had all the wing parts, but no fuselage parts. I made all the fuse parts by tracing the plans and cutting and sanding wood. My patience was not so good, and a buildup of tolerances results in a 'not quite square' fuselage. Some shimming was required.

The plane is now ready for engine installation. Since I did not pay for the plane, I am kit busting, and plan to turn this into a twin engine model. I like twins. The plane should be ready for a maiden crash in March.

-Alan



RC Aerobatics from the Cockpit's Perspective

I got a GoPro 4 camera for Christmas and have been experimenting with it's amazing features. Of course, it took no time at all to discover my big scratch-built "Fox" makes a great platform for some aerial fun. Click on the photo to the right to see my first attempt on YouTube.

-Chris



Membership Renewals are Past Due!

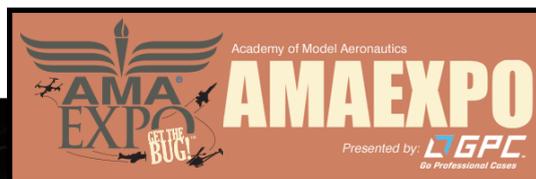
If you've not already done so, please renew your club membership. You can either download the membership package from our [website](#), or take care of it directly at our next club meeting.



Estate Sale!

Lonnie Cope was the fortunate recipient of a large collection of model aircraft from the estate of Paul Anderson. He, in turn, is offering the items to club members. If you're interested in any of the items listed below, please contact Lonnie directly at 310-316-1166 (evenings).

- 1) G M Products Bumble Vee - 37" power
- 2) Sig Commander - 62" power
- 3) Multiplex Easy Star - foam soaring glider
- 4) Eider plans + float kit - power (shoulder wing pioneer type)
- 5) Sure Flight Eye Soar - 72" soaring glider (vintage)
- 6) Goldberg Falcon 56 MkII - power (vintage)
- 7) Goldberg Gentle Lady - soaring glider
- 8) Midway Models Gnome - 2 meter soaring glider (incomplete)
- 9) M & M Illusion 55" - soarer
- 10) Sig J3 Cub 1/4 scale - 108" power
- 11) Clancey Aviation Lazy Bee - 40" power
- 12) Mountain Models Mini Flash - electric power
- 13) Midwest Lil Tri Square - 40" power (vintage)
- 14) Midway Models Nomad - 48" powered glider
- 15) Bob Martin Pussycat - soaring glider
- 16) Global Stik-E - 48" power (Ugly Stick)
- 17) Cliff Hanger T6 - slope glider, glass fuse (incomplete)
- 18) Wattage VX400 - speed 400 sailplane
- 19) Marks Models Wanderer - 2-meter soaring glider (incomplete pair of kits)
- 20) TRICK R/C ZAGI-THL - foam soaring glider
- 21) House of Balsa 2X4 - 48" soaring glider



Jerry made the trip to Ontario this year for the Expo and returned with a collection of photos. We invite you to check them out on our [website](#).



Our own Jared Berkman has setup shop as *Pure Imagination Engineering* to provide custom parts and design engineering services to the RC community (and presumably beyond.) Check out the [website](#) to see what can be "printed" these days.

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for 2015**

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Don't forget! This month we conduct the annual "swap meet" at the club meeting. You won't want to miss it!