

Hot Air



Message from the President

January 2016

I hope all of you have had a wonderful Holiday Season with friends and family. For those of you who could use a little more holiday cheer, here's a [link](#) that will take you to a really beautiful flash mob presentation by the United States Air Force Band at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics EXPO in Ontario is this coming weekend, January 8th, 9th and 10th. You can find all the details at the [website](#).

The AMA EXPO is always a great opportunity to see the latest in RC technology, chat with vendors and manufacturers, bend the ear of the AMA executives and find a few good deals on the stuff you desperately need. I'll probably go out on Friday. See you there.

The City of Torrance had a community meeting last month to discuss issuing the lease for the field from which we fly at Entradero Park. Members of the community were asked to attend and voice their concerns. Although RC flying at Entradero was mentioned in passing, no opposition to our continued use of the facility was raised. The City continues to voice their support for our continued use of the facility. The City will act as a coordinator for us negotiating a sub-lease with the baseball organization that eventually takes over the field. Although no date has been announced, I believe the new lease for the baseball field will be in place by the end of February. I'll keep everyone posted as I hear more.

The City is emphatic that we lock the gates to Entradero Park. I know the gates are often open

when our members arrive at the field. We are being asked to lock them when we find them open and not leave them open when we are at the field. If the gates are open and non-PSF members are still present when we leave, we will need to leave the gates unlocked. The City knows that the gates being left unlocked is not solely a PSF issue. I told them we would do our part. The City also stated they would address our access to the North gate in the near future.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
January 6th**

**La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

The weather is going to be wet through this weekend and probably over the next month or so. We will schedule the Fun-Flys, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to hold them. The Del Cerro Fun-Fly will be this Saturday, January 9th. Guys usually start arriving around Noon. Be aware that with heavy rains a lot of dirt will be washed off the face of the cliff. Use a lot of caution if you need to recover an aircraft as there may be a lot of exposed rock which will be slick.

The date for the Entradero Fun-Fly will be Saturday, January 23rd. Flying will start at 8:00 AM. This may be our last Saturday Fun-Fly for a while, as baseball is starting up. Once again, *please keep the gates locked at Entradero.*

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro
Entradero**

**January 9th
January 23rd**

Enjoy the fields and I hope to see at the meeting, the EXPO, or one of our fields.

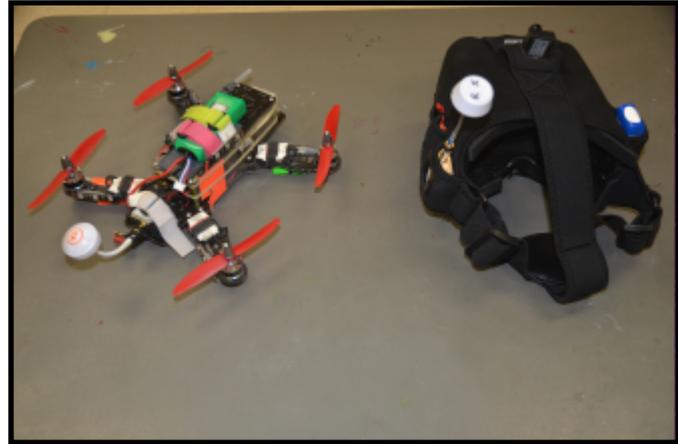
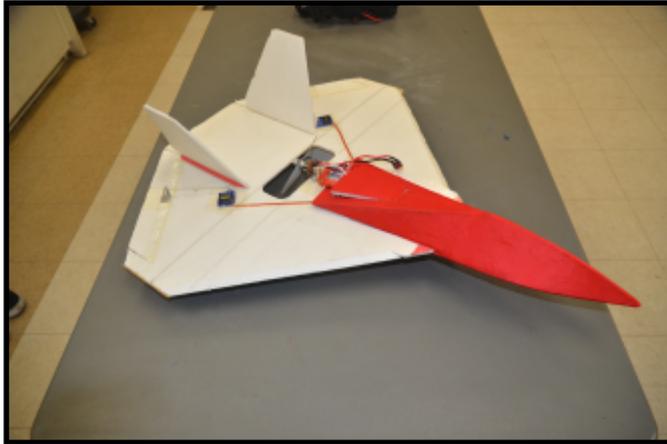
All the best,

- Jeff



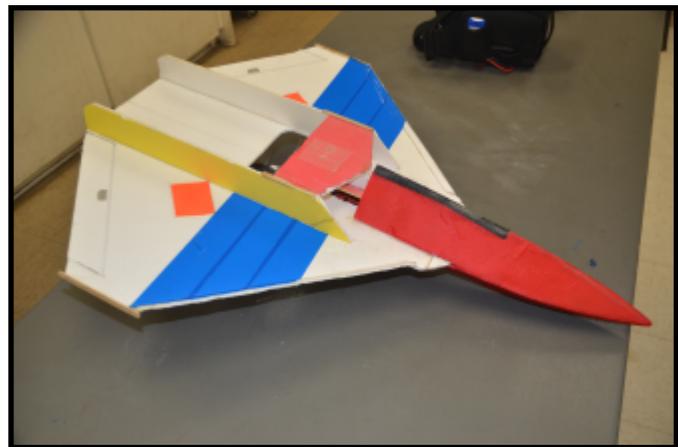
From the Workbench

Here are a few photos of Bob Okita's latest projects: A quad racer and a foamy variant of the F-22. If Bob provides plans and instructions, we'll publish them in a future newsletter.



Club Is FAA Compliant

As you may know, both Entradero and Del Cerro Parks are within 5 miles of Torrance airport. John Spielman notified Torrance airport in November about PSF operations at the two fields, to ensure we are fully compliant with the "Special Rule for Model Aviation" in section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. The notification states that we will keep our aircraft below 400 feet AGL.



Membership Reminder...

Once again, it's time to renew your PSF membership. If you've not already done so, please submit an application to John Spielman. You will find the 2016 membership package on the [website](#). Alternatively, you can submit your application and pay the fees at an upcoming club meeting.

Happy New Year to all our members!

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