

Hot Air



Message from the President

July 2015

Wow! Fourth of July already. Hard to believe.

Not a lot to report on the fields. However, we have had two locks vandalized on the field at Entradero since we have tried to lock the pedestrian gate by the bunkers. Not surprised. Looks like someone used thick CA on them both times. A disgruntled modeler no doubt. Can't imagine whom that might be.

Try to keep the main park access gates locked while you are flying. The City is relying on us to keep unauthorized folks out of the park. Obviously, if workers or baseball guys are in the park, you can't be expected to lock the gates.

Usually, there is a baseball camp held at Entradero Park in July and August. However, the organization that puts this on stated that there will not be a camp held in 2015 in Torrance. Enjoy the field guys - they will be back in 2016.

I found this great [cockpit video](#) of the Blue Angels flying in formation. The video clearly shows how close the Blues fly. Amazing, considering the turbulence and buffeting going on from the adjacent jets. I love getting to an air show when the Blues are flying. They are simply the best. Below are some links to the schedules for the remaining 2015 air shows:

[California Air Shows \(search for "California"\)](#)

[Blue Angels schedule](#)

[Thunderbirds schedule](#)

With July Fourth on the first Saturday of July, we will slip the Del Cerro Fun-Fly to the second

Saturday of the month. Plan on heading up to the top of the hill on Saturday July 11th. The Entradero monthly Fun-Fly will be held Friday, July 17th.

Keep the sun screen, drinks, hats and sunglasses handy. Feels like it is going to be a warm, dry summer.

- Jeff

Next Meeting

**Wednesday,
July 1st**

**La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro July 11th
Entradero July 17th**



Notes from the Vice President...

Here are a few pictures from the recent Scalemasters Fly-in at Blackstar Canyon field near Irvine. The large silver Tigercat experienced a landing gear problem when the right wing gear wouldn't lower. The guy tried everything including touch-and-go bumps but nothing worked. I thought



he would run out of fuel before trying a landing but he finally lined up for real. I kept wondering why he didn't lower the flaps as I thought he was coming in hotter than necessary and then I realized he didn't have any flaps! He did a good job getting it down in the dirt beside the runway with the other two gear legs extended. I would probably have retracted the gear in that situation. There was only relatively minor damage.

I don't know if I'll ever get Joe Clair back out there since there have been reports of rattlesnake sightings since the meet. This is the same field where Dave Haas had one of his large P-40's suffer a radio problem about three years ago and disappeared, never to be seen again.

- Jerry





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