

Hot Air



Message from the President

July 2025

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July!

I have been up to Del Cerro several times this month during the week. The parking reservation system has been hit or miss there. I have had better success when I make the reservation a day in advance. The app is supposed to allow a reservation to be made an hour ahead of time. I like the convenience of being able to go up to the hill on short notice when the conditions look good. Hopefully, they will get the bugs worked out. Let us know your experience with the app since they changed the format and eliminated the fees.

month they flew two Stearman biplanes. The Stearman was the beginning trainer for pilots wishing to be a U.S. pilot during WW2. I think they are beautiful planes. I have always been a sucker for multi-wing aircraft. I have included some photos of these two fully-restored aircraft as well.

Next Meeting

**First week of August
La Romeria Park
7:30pm**

The times I have been up at Del Cerro this past month, hardly anyone else has been there. The hiking trails are still closed, so there is plenty of close parking in the lot or on the street. Take advantage of the new reservation system and toss a plane.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Pomona Valley RC Club held an electric fun-fly in June. I went on Saturday. The club field is in Chino and has an eight hundred foot paved runway. There is an additional dirt field for park fliers. I would guess that there were well over a hundred aircraft on the flight-line. Flying was continuous, with individual pilots flying as well as the Horizon Hobbies demo teams.

At Entradero, baseball continues on the weekends with club games and practices. So, our use is restricted to weekday mornings when the fields are not in use. During the summer we need to be flexible and not fly if an unexpected game or practice is underway. I have not seen the schedule for the summer baseball camps that usually take place in late July and early August. I'll let you know if I'm able to get a heads-up. As usual, we won't be able to fly during the camps.

The mix of planes was small to large with prop and ducted fan jets in the mix. Most of the planes were ARF's. The most unique plane was a ~25 foot wingspan thirty+ year old glider that had been modified with a five horse power electric motor. It was graceful in the air and didn't seem to care about the extra weight of the motor, pod and stack of batteries, or the drag of the non-retracting motor assembly. I have included photos of many of the planes at the fun-fly, so you can get a feel for the event.

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro August
Entradero None**

We have several new members who have signed up to fly at Entradero and Del Cerro. They have asked what the flying rules are at Entradero. I have included the Entradero guidelines for review. It has been some time since these have been updated. We will discuss them at the next meeting. These guidelines are on file with the City of Torrance. By default, we need to follow them.

I also went to Planes of Fame for their monthly history talks and flight of one of their planes. This

In the [July A.M.A. event schedule](#), there are only a handful of events. Vacations and heat are probably taking their toll. If you should attend one of the



listed events, please consider taking a few photographs and write up your thoughts for inclusion in the newsletter.

joining our club, please send them to the membership application on our [website](#).

If you know of anyone who would be interested in

All the best,
Jeff

A Day With the Pomona Valley RC Club



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Planes of Fame Stearmans

