

Hot Air



Message from the President

May 2024

We will hold our regular monthly meeting at La Romeria Park this coming Wednesday, May 1st. Meeting will start at 7:30. Bring your latest project to the meeting to share with the members. I hope to see you there.

April was a busy month for me, aircraft-wise. I've been building and flying at some old haunts and watching warbirds fly at Planes of Fame. I'll fill you in below.

Bob Okita brought a couple of his latest planes to the April meeting. Bob converted a Multiplex Easy Glider to electric motor powered as a trainer for his neighbors' daughter. Bob reported that the plane flies well. I've included a photo of Bob and the plane taken at the meeting. I have a new, in-the-box kit available if anyone is interested. The second of Bob's planes is a micro DLG (picture included). This plane weighs less than the FAA Remote ID requirement of 250 grams, allowing you to fly it any place that is safe without putting a module in the plane.

Bob and some friends also flew at the Palos Verdes Drive East sight on Sunday, April 28th. Bob combined an old Hobie Hawk fuselage with a Radian wing that produced a very elegant flier that looks very much like an original Hobie Hawk in the air. It was a beautiful day on the Peninsula with decent slope conditions. Here's a [short video](#) of the flight.

Speaking of remote ID, there are a number of kit manufacturers making planes (glider and electric powered) that weigh less than 250 grams. I built a Willy Nillies mini Gentle Lady last fall. The plane flies well in light to moderate conditions and weighs 160 grams. I've been flying it on the slope at Avenue

C in Redondo Beach. The City imposed a 10-ounce rule for gliders years ago that was almost impossible to achieve. With smaller, lighter electronics and batteries, it's now easy to achieve a model that beats the FAA and City requirements. [Willy Nillies](#), [Microbirds](#) and [Aloft Hobbies](#) are a few of the suppliers selling sub-250-gram kits.

I also went out to the Planes of Fame Museum at the Chino Airport last month. Not only was the museum flying their rare P-51A and their recently-donated Stearman, but a visiting B-25 Mitchell, a B-17 Flying Fortress and a C-45 were flying and offering rides. Additionally, Tom Cruise's P-51 and Harrison Ford's Waco were in one of the hangars. Beautiful aircraft! I've included a bunch of photographs from the event.

Coming up this weekend (May4-5) is the Planes of Fame [Wheels, Tracks and Wings](#) event at the Museum. They will be flying a bunch of their aircraft. Their Sherman tank will be giving demonstrations where they basically run over a bunch of stuff and fire blank rounds. Also, a number of military vehicle collectors will have their vehicles on display. Should be a fun day.

The [A.M.A events for May in California](#) includes a couple of interesting aerotow and competitive glider events in Visalia this month. If you attend any of the events, please consider snapping some photos and write up your thoughts for next month's newsletter.

The West Torrance Little League 2024 season is in full swing with practices and games taking place evenings and weekends. Weekday mornings are our only opportunity to fly at the park. Let one of your

Next Meeting

**Wednesday, May 1st
La Romeria Park
7:30 pm**

Upcoming Fun-Flys

**Del Cerro May 4th
Entradero None**



club officers know if you have any access issues at the field so we can work with the field manager to ensure club access.

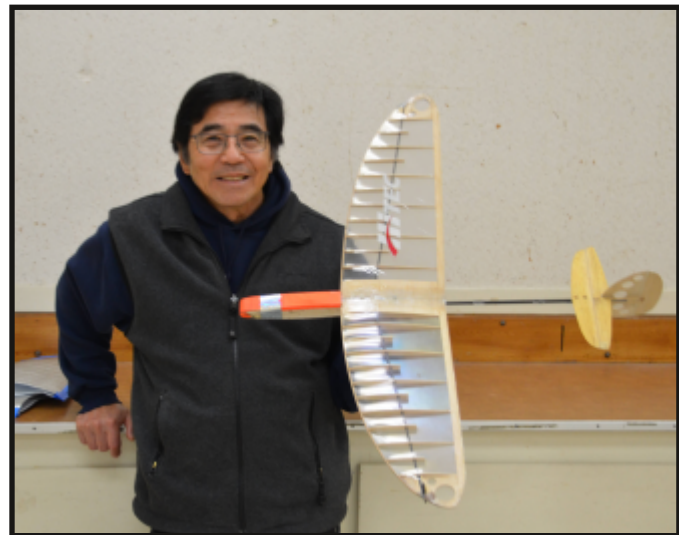
John has mailed out PSF badges for those that have renewed their PSF membership for flying at Del Cerro Park. For those members who renewed late, badges will be sent later. Please have it with you when flying at Del Cerro. The current predictions for Saturday, May 4th, are for morning fog clearing

out to very flyable conditions of 12mph winds out of the south-southwest in the afternoon. Dust off a glider or two, charge up the batteries and head up to Del Cerro Saturday!

I hope you are all doing well. Get out and enjoy the fields. See you at the meeting or the fields.

-Jeff

Bob Okita's Multiplex Easy Glider & Micro DLG



Jeff's Latest Adventures at Planes of Fame



If you know someone who wants to join our club, please send them to our [website](#).

