

Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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MEETING AT THE FIELD 10AM SAT JUNE 18 10AM



President's Points

Hope everyone is having a great time with summer approaching. Remember sun-screen, hats and water. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon, but first a few announcements.

Santa Fe Dam Master Plan Revision Meeting

The Army Corp of Engineers are doing a reassessment of their properties in the Santa Fe Dam area. It's been almost thirty years since their last reassessment. They have a positive relationship with us so hopefully our club will come through it unscathed - being a partner with the Parks and Recreation and all. We'll keep the members informed. [A notice was sent to all members on our email list with information for the on-line meetings if you would like to attend. We suggest you read the existing master plan to get background on the Corps mission and range of authority. Please note there will be a 30 day comment period so refrain from making any comments during the meeting.]

May and June Meeting

We didn't have a quorum during our meeting last month, with members or officers, so the meeting was cancelled. It was a cold-overcast day and it felt like it was going to rain which was probably the reason for the low turnout. Hope everyone got the notification that this month's meeting was rescheduled for Sat the 18th at 10am because of the NOTAMS. Never understood what flying a few hundred feet off the ground in the middle of nowhere has to do with the President flying in and out of and around town, but hey, happy to follow their rules. Hope to see everyone this next Saturday.

May Float Fly

The May float fly was awesome thanks to all the participants. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and the worse that happened was a few floating dead sticks in the water. (First time I've ever seen Jim Feldmann take the boat out to retrieve one of his planes. It was stuck nose down into the water, though I must say he handled the boat masterfully. In other words, he returned without drowning.)

The next float fly will be July 9 from 8 to 2 at the old flying location near parking lot 5. There will be a \$10 landing fee which includes the cost of lunch. This also means the club meeting at the field will be moved back to July 16.

City of Hope Donation

As is our custom, club made a \$200 donation to the City of Hope this past week. This was made during a 3X matching campaign resulting in an effective \$600 donation. Here's a copy of their thank you letter:

SFDRCM,

Thank you for your generous gift and commitment to expanding hope at City of Hope. Your generous gift is already being put to use, ensuring more patients than ever can receive the leading-edge cancer care they deserve.

Your generosity makes it possible to pursue our mission. You are expanding hope by accelerating research and supporting compassionate care. Your gift will be tripled, up to \$100,000, by our generous friends at Domtar Paper.

We are grateful for your support, and this email serves as your receipt. Thank you again for your commitment to expanding hope at City of Hope.

Sincerely, Daniel Scarpelli
Associate Vice President

Well, that's it for now. Hope to see you all soon,

Cliff

RC Car Usage

Please don't operate RC cars around the pit, runway or taxi ways. They kick up dirt and rocks that create hazards. There is lots of room on the concrete dam apron and the dirt areas away from the paved pits or runway. Other unauthorized vehicles have been kicking rocks on the runway. You might want to pack a broom and sweep the runway before flying. Thank you!

Gate Locking

We are trying to maintain the first-in-unlock, last-out-lock policy on both the Duarte Road gate and upper dam road gates. There have been problems with missing locks, shortened chains, etc. Please do the best you can, and report problems to us so we can address them. We have beefed up our chains substantially.



We are working with other agencies that need access to the area so we will all have access without having to cut locks or chains. As of now all agencies have their own locks on the chains.

If you open a lock, please do not leave it hanging open, lock it back onto the chain.


There is an urgent need for blood donations. This fast and painless process gives the gift of life to at least 3 people for each unit donated. Please contact [Red Cross](#) or [City of Hope](#). You will be proud that you did.

Rattlesnake Season

Hot weather means increased activity and hatching of rattlesnakes. They are shy creatures that will not confront or attack a person if not disturbed. If you see a snake, keep your distance and leave it alone. Notify others to stay away. Several of our members have snake removal tools to relocate snakes if necessary, but the best course of action is to leave them alone. They will be hiding under rocks or basking during hot weather. The rattlesnakes in southern California are the Southern Pacific species. Because of their limited opportunities for prey, their venom is particularly potent. If someone is bitten, do not try to suck out the venom. Call 911 or transport the person to Arcadia Methodist Hospital where antivenom is available. While extremely painful, bites to an adult are very rarely fatal.

San Gabriel Radio Control League


SGVRCL fun fly




Sign in 8:00am Saturday June 18th
Free Food, Drinks and Raffle Prizes

WATER BALLON DROP
LIMBO
SERPENTINE TAXI
PYLON RACE WITH A TWIST
All Welcome Free for All





TFR Thank you

Thank you to everyone that refrained from flying during the TFR flight restrictions of the past week. It is the reasonable action of law abiding people. Just because there is low probability of “getting caught” is not a reason to disobey a law.

Some, in other affected clubs, argued the rules were stupid, didn’t apply to models, infringed on their freedom, etc, etc. The facts are that model aircraft are considered “aircraft” for ALL FAA purposes, that remote pilots are “airmen” and part of the full aviation community, that the TFRs specifically mention the inclusion of model aircraft, and a TFR has the power of law, and flouting the law puts all model aviation at risk. Enough said. Thank you!