

Radio Waves

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MEETING AT THE FIELD 10AM SAT APRIL 16



President's Points

March Float Fly

We experienced a record breaking attendance for the Mar 12 float fly, at least record breaking since the Covid epidemic hit. Upwards to 20 people showed up. Several members have been showing up who are new to the float fly, such as it was Leroy's third and Dave's and Perry's second time there. They had a heck of a good time, as we all did.

Boat Maintenance

Earle experienced a bit of a problem with the boat motor and had to use the oars to reach the embankment. The slip nut on the prop had loosened. A five minute fix and motor is now good to go.

Leroy deserves accolades for the flange repair work he did on the motor. The flange worked flawlessly. Excellent job. [*Leroy has also been hauling and storing the boat at his home after the wheels were stolen at the park storage site. Ed.*]

May Float Fly To Resume Lunch

The next float fly will be on May 14 at the same area #2 location, south of the beach. The park will remain busy with the Renaissance Fair until July when we can return to our normal flying location. Maybe, we'll try supplying cold cuts and sodas in May. We'll let you know when the time approaches so plan on coming down and having some fun. Parking fees are \$12 per car-load, or \$5 for seniors if you're 65 or older. Aren't we all??

Membership Year Change

The club will be switching from a fiscal to a calendar year for 2023. Actually, it's always been a calendar year but we had become lax over time. That means all members have until December 31 to renew their memberships. This gives everyone nine months

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to renew. If the deadline isn't met then the members will have to renew at new member prices. The difference is \$40 so keep the deadline in mind and save some money. The renewal "grace period" will be until January 31 to renew without penalty.

Seeking Meeting Venue

We're still looking for a venue to hold our monthly meetings. The LA County hasn't released the Airport Conference Rooms for public use yet. We really thought they would by now. Earle will be checking on our old venue, the Red Cross. Hopefully, we'll have something lined up for June, but for this month we'll be meeting at the field next Saturday the 16th of April at 10am. There will be a raffle, so come prepared to take your booty home.

So, don't have a good week, have a great week, and hope to see everybody there on Saturday.

Cliff



FAA Registration / TRUST Reminder

FAA requires current registration and that number be displayed on all aircraft. Registration must be renewed every three years for \$5 and some may be expiring. The FAA and AMA are also requiring you take the TRUST test and carry proof of passage. It is a no-fail test and is free. The AMA negotiated this test instead of something like the difficult Part 107 test. Thank you AMA. Use the links below.

<https://trust.modelaircraft.org>

<https://faadronezone.faa.gov/#/register>



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

Gate Usage

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 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.

Keep It Safe, Keep the Field

Our flying field is our only tangible resource and without it we have no club. The keys to retaining permission to use "our" field is maintaining good relations with our governing partners: US Army Corp of Engineers, LA Flood Control District, LA County, and Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area. The best way to do that is conduct ourselves in a SAFE RESPONSIBLE way, following the AMA Safety Code, FAA Regulations, and Club rules. The BASIC RULE is "don't do anything stupid". Be courteous, be aware, stay within your skill set, constantly check your equipment. There is no need to endanger people or property. Let go for another 40 safe years!