

Radio Waves

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President's Points

Hope everyone is having a great summer? It's been a little warm lately, but not as much as usual for this time of year. I've been seeing a lot of people at the flying field enjoying the weather and the view, along with flying of course. And Dave, looks like you're getting pretty good with that ducted fan of yours, especially when you use your reverse thrusters to back it up into its parking space. Might not be true-to-fact regarding a real jet, but looks cool none-the-less.

Once again, we didn't have a quorum during our meeting in August so the officers went around and spoke to members individually and in small groups instead of holding a formal meeting. It was a warm comfortable day so the weather can't be blamed for the low turnout this time around. The Newsletter didn't get sent out so that might have something to do with it. Looks like whenever we have a float fly we get a low turnout for the meeting a week later on the third Saturday, so we discussed it with everyone at the field and decided to only have meetings during the months we don't have the float fly, which is next month so come on down on Saturday the 8th of October, 10am and partake in refreshments, discussions and raffles. We have a lot of great planes and paraphernalia to give away. Hope to see everyone there.

The July float fly was once again awesome thanks to everyone who participated. We got tons of accolades regarding the hamburgers so we'll definitely be doing them again. It's been a long time since we've seen so many smiling faces at a flying event so let's keep up the good fun on September 10th. Remember there's a \$5 entrance fee to seniors at the park and a \$10 landing fee which mostly covers the cost of food and boat launch. Need to pay a fee to bring

the boat into the park now that we don't keep it on the premises. We didn't want to make a habit of replacing expensive stolen wheels and tires so Leroy now keeps the boat at his house.

Looks like we might be having this year's Christmas Party in the back room at Mimi's in Monrovia at 11am on December 3rd. Tickets will run around \$30 and we'll send out notifications to everyone once everything has been finalized. The cost of the ticket will include a \$5 raffle ticket with plenty of prizes for the taking.

Election Time

Once again, elections are approaching. Anyone can be nominated to replace the incumbents, Ed, Chuck or me, in October's meeting. Except for finding a venue for Wednesday night meetings, everything is running smoothly. Membership count is growing back to the number of members we had prior to Covid, and more of them are out flying. The float flies are also back on track. Camaraderie is abundant. If anyone would like to join this great group and fulfill their duty to the club, now would be the time so don't be shy. Your contribution would be welcomed.

Airplanes For Sale

Here's a list of planes still available for a modest fee from the estate sale last January;

1. E-flite Aeronca Champ 15e <https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/aeronca-champ-15e-arf/EFL2800.html>
2. Horizon Hobby UMX p-47 BL with AS3X BNF https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/umx-p-47-bl-bnf-basic-with-as3x/EFLU3250.html?gclid=Cj0KCQiAuvOPBhDXARIsAKzLQ8Hw2evgs-4SpBT8kkd_jLzDfUULWb3NA5aW-6_SdarA4eImOYuWApSaAvVHEALw_wcB
3. Park Zone Night Vapor BNF <https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/night-vapor-bnf-376mm/PKZU1180.html>
4. Flyfly Hobby Gee Bee Electric <https://www.generalhobby.com/flyfly-fiber-glass-electric-airplane-yellow-p-628.html>
6. E-flite P-51B Mustang 32e ARF <https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/p-51b-mustang-32e-arf/EFL4575.html>
8. Sport Flyers by Hobby People Wild Wing <https://www.worthpoint.com/worthopedia/hobby-people-wild-wing-kit-speed-400-287229060>
9. Park Zone RAF S.E.5A <https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/s.e.5a-wwi-bnf/PKZ5580.html>

10. Golden Age Series Beechcraft D17 “Staggerwing” RTF <https://rchoobyexplosion.com/rage-beechcraft-model-17-staggerwing-micro-rtf-airplane-a1109/>

11. Horizon Hobby UMX Bee Gee R2 <https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/umx-gee-bee-r2-bnf-with-as3x-technology/EFLU4580.html>

12. Globe/Temco Swift ARF

Take care everyone and hope to see you Saturday the 10th,

Cliff



September 30 - October 2

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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 USC Arcadia Hospital (formerly Arcadia Methodist Hospital) where antivenom is available. While extremely painful, bites to an adult are very rarely fatal.