

Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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Next Float Fly January 21

Float Fly rescheduled due to rain forecast.



New Meeting Location

Longo Toyota El Monte

7:30 PM Wednesday January 11

**Please arrive a little early as we must be out by
9pm**

**Park in Guest Spaces near showroom to right of
guard shack**

**Enter showroom and go down stairs at far left of
showroom.**

**If you need no-stairs handicap parking,
reply to SFDRCM@hotmail.com for permission and
instructions for limited lower level parking.**

CLICK FOR [MAP TO LONGO](#)

<https://goo.gl/maps/CUfSGe7C7FFyPrEh9>

Renew Your Membership Now! Jan 31 Deadline

Please renew now. \$80 for a year at one of the few RC flying sites in the L.A. area and arguably the friendliest, and least crowded. We prefer you use the online renewal form. [CLICK HERE](#) . Can also be used for new membership.

FAA registration: Some recreational fliers might have FAA registrations that expire soon. The earliest expiration date is December 12, 2020. You are now eligible to renew your registration within 180 days of your expiration date. To renew your registration, visit FAADroneZone.faa.gov . Your registration is good for three years and costs \$5. You only need one number for all your recreational aircraft. Please be aware of non-FAA scam sites charging more than \$5. Only use the **.gov** site—Do not fall for phony sites.

President's Points

We haven't had a newsletter in a while and it's partly my fault because I was out of state on a cross country motorcycle trip for almost a month. It was a beautiful trip with stops in ten states but I did miss you guys, though I heard many of you had a great time without me. Chuck stepped up to the plate while I was away and not only took over the presidential responsibilities he also supplied the food for the float fly. Hey, I don't believe his hamburgers could have been as good as mine, but he tells me they were. Since my return a few members have backed up his claims and said they were as good. Sorry Chuck, I still don't believe it. But you deserve a big round of applause for taking care of business.

Chuck said with all the friendliness he experienced while I was away that he was left with a good feeling about the club. That's the way it should be. Everyone should have good feelings about our club because we have great members and it's an awesome club.

Elections

Also, while I was away, we had open nominations for the November elections. Nobody was nominated to run against the incumbents so Ed, Chuck and I will continue serving. Some have voiced an opinion that no one else wants the responsibility. That might be part of it, but I like to think we've been doing a bang up job and everybody is pleased with the status quo. A good indication of that is nobody has complained about me this past year, at least not to my face.

We're always happy to hear what everyone thinks.

Safety Officer

Phil Van has taken on the responsibilities of safety monitor so if anyone experiences what they believe might be safety issues, or have any suggestions for improving safety, he's the one to contact and he'll relay your concerns to the rest of the officers. Tom Traeger has also volunteered to be of service and help out any officers who may grow tired or get burned out while officering. We came up with a title for Tom but I can't recall what it was so I'll add it to the February newsletter.

Christmas Party Report

The Christmas party at Mimi's was a blast. We enjoyed good food and games and a raffle. Leroy supplied the microphone amplifier and Earle supplied the music with a cool Bose Bluetooth speaker system. Just to

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make sure no one went home empty handed we gave tall tumblers with the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers Logo on them to those who didn't win any raffle items. Thank you for all the compliments we received regarding the party and we'll definitely do it again next year.



During the Christmas Party festivities we handed Leroy an Officer of the Year Award for all his hard work and dedication. We enjoyed a year of float flies mostly thanks to his endeavors. He singlehandedly updated our banking system so all Pay Pal and Credit Card payments now go directly into the club's bank account rather than being handled by third parties which not only streamlined but greatly speeded up the accounting process. And Leroy stored the float fly boat at his home for the past year which saved us a bundle in storage fees. Thank you, Leroy. I'm proud to call you my friend.

Clean Up Day

A week after the party we had a clean-up day at the field. So many people showed up to help I thought maybe I'd only get in the way and

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should just go back home, but instead I went and got donuts for everybody helping with the clean-up. So, thanks for everyone who helped. The field looked fantastic including the pepper tree that we had to chop down a year and a half ago. After a lot of trimming, thanks to Dave and his son-in-law, it's starting to look like a tree again.

Once again, thanks to everyone who helped. Great job.



Club Meeting January 11

Don't forget, we have a club meeting at Longo Toyota in El Monte on Wednesday the 11th at 7:30. Longo will be doing some remodeling so it'll be our last meeting there until March. It's a great facility. We'll have refreshments and snacks and be raffling off an Albatross that has been pre-built and test flown along with other items.

Float Fly

Due to weather, the Float Fly has been rescheduled to January 21.

Apparently someone flew a drone close to a woman's daughter during the last float fly and she lodged a complaint. I told William Mercado, the superintendent at the park, that I doubted it was any of us and he agreed. I told him if we see anyone flying anything over land that we would contact the park and let them know. I look forward to seeing all of you and hope every one of you have a happy and prosperous 2023.

Cliff

Gate Locking - 2023 Locks Installed

We are trying to maintain the first-in-unlock, last-out-lock policy on both the upper dam road gates. The Duarte Road gate has not been locked recently, although we do have a lock in place. 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.