

Radio Waves

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Dam Radio Control Modelers

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Meeting Sat Feb 18 at the field 10AM

Next Float Fly March 11



President's Points

We had an enjoyable club meeting at Longo Toyota in El Monte for January, though attendance was low. Half a dozen club members and half a dozen officers. Seems to be a sign of the times. Those who attended enjoyed fudge brownies contributed I believe by Dave's wife. Almost all the members won a raffle item. All but one. Sorry Dave, better luck next time.



Good job, Jasper.

President's Points (continued)

Chuck gave a show and tell presentation on his garage airplane hangers. He hangs them from the ceiling with Velcro strips. This month's club meeting will be on the 18th, moved back a week because we didn't want to interfere with Super Bowl weekend.

We had a few problems with the boat motor during the January float fly but Leroy and I worked them out and it didn't interfere with everyone's enjoyment. Below from left to right are Perry with his wife and dog, Dave with his wife, and Jan and Kent.



We enjoyed hamburgers with potato and mac salad and chips. Think next float fly we might mix it up with the ever popular Dodger Dogs.

All in all it was a great day with comfortable temperatures and not enough wind to complain about. Only one major mishap. A hard landing by Chuck.

Think we'll finish off this month's newsletter with a picture of Tom's kids enjoying a Cessna 182 that they received at last month's meeting. I believe Jasper sums it all up.



And don't forget, this month's club meeting is at the flying field on the 18th at 10am. Hope to see everyone there.

Cliff



Membership Renewal Date Passed

We thank all the members that have renewed. Moving the deadline to a more logical Jan 31 resulted in a much higher renewal rate (and healthier bank account) than in previous years.

If you did not renew, you may still rejoin at the new member rate. [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.

FAA Approves AMA, FTCA as Community Based Organizations

The recognition means that AMA will be able to apply for FRIA status for Club flying sites. In the future, all UAS will be required to carry a transponder system (yet to be developed), unless flying at a FRIA (FAA-Recognized Identification Area). **Our club applied for FRIA status for our flying sites on the first day of applications. We do not expect to hear anything for quite a while. Meantime, flying proceeds as usual.**

It has also been announced that Flite Test Community Association (FTCA) has also been recognized as a CBO. This is a relatively new organization. You can find them at FliteTest.com join for free. Their motto is “Bringing Hope to the Hobby” by making it accessible to current and future generations. Whether this will complement or compete with AMA efforts remains to be seen. Past efforts at alternative organizations have been divisive at best. The model aviation community is not large, and any splintering only weakens our collective voice.

Float Fly March 11

May Float Fly will be at the Swim Beach area.

We have scheduled Float Flies for every other month. If you do not have a float plane, now is the time to get one. See the SFDRCM website for information on float flying and buying or building floats.

It is important to obey all rules so that we do not jeopardize our privileges at the lake.

Members and Invited guests only allowed to fly. Current AMA card required.

Spectators always welcome. You pay your own park entry fee \$5 per car seniors, \$10 per car others. Pay club \$10 landing fee and lunch. Flying from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or earlier if activity slows.

Driving on the walkways to load and unload only is ok, but no parking. Drive SLOWLY and carefully. Obey any instructions by lifeguards or park personnel.

No taking off or landing from the land, no flying over land.

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 to prevent it being stolen.



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2023 Float Fly Schedule (Revised)

JANUARY 2023

Santa Fe Dam Rec Area, Lake Shore Area between Lot 5 and Lot 6

Sat. 1/21 8am-2pm

MARCH 2023

Santa Fe Dam Rec Area, Lake Shore Area East of the swim beach

Sat. 3/11 8am-2pm

MAY 2023

Santa Fe Dam Rec Area, Lake Shore Area East of the swim beach

Sat. 5/20 8am-2pm (revised)

JULY 2023

Santa Fe Dam Rec Area, Lake Shore Area between Lot 5 and Lot 6

Sat. 7/8 8am-2pm

SEPTEMBER 2023

Santa Fe Dam Rec Area, Lake Shore Area between Lot 5 and Lot 6

Sat. 9/9 8am-2pm

NOVEMBER 2023

Santa Fe Dam Rec Area, Lake Shore Area between Lot 5 and Lot 6

Sat. 11/11 8am-2pm