

Radio Waves

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Membership meeting at the field
10 AM October 14 - hot dog lunch after meeting
Next Float Fly November 11; Christmas Party Dec 9



President's Points



Greetings

Hope everyone is getting ready to bundle up for winter. It's supposed to be a cold/wet El Nino one. At least, soon as it hits we shouldn't have to keep an eye out for snakes anymore.

[*Snakes CAN swim - editor*]

Meeting Oct 14 at the field

Once again, by popular demand we'll be throwing some Dodger dogs on the spit at the field this Saturday the 14th while we have member meeting at 10am. What can I say, Earle is popular and demands Dodger dogs. Well, I'm sure all of you have figured out they're not really Dodger dogs, but I do soak them for two days beer prior to the event. That's about as close as I can get. And don't worry; the beer ain't coming out of club funds. I'm using personal stash. Actually, I'd probably charge the beer to the club if I thought I could get it past Leroy's watchful eye, but he's a stickler when it comes to club expenditures.



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Nomination for Board

It's election time again. Earle, who has been an elected official almost since our great country was founded—oops—I meant great club, Freudian slip, and Leroy who has done a masterful

PRESIDENT'S POINTS (continued)

job in more ways than I can count, have both agreed to run as incumbents. We'll be accepting nominations for other members during the club meeting. If anyone would like to contribute, or you know someone who would, then don't hesitate. Either nominate them or yourself. It's all in good spirits and we wouldn't be offended in the least. We are getting kind of old, you know.

Christmas Party

We've incurred some extra, unexpected costs this past year such as our outhouse being stolen, and repairs to the runway, not to mention the county is now charging us an additional \$90 per float fly over and above the parking fees, but our finances remain strong with total current assets of over \$17,000. This is great news and we feel cause for celebration so we're gonna have another Christmas party on December 9th from 10am to 2pm. The party will be at the same location as last year, the back room at Mimi's in Monrovia. It will be open menu and the price of admission will be the same as last year, \$30. We prefer payment in advance but if that doesn't work for you then make your reservations and pay at the door. So come on down and join in on the fun and festivities.

I'll be on another cross country motorcycle trip starting on the 19th which should last into November. If anybody needs anything while I'm gone then don't hesitate to contact Chuck. He'll be filling in for me. I should be back in time for the float fly, but since Leroy will be traveling back east with his grandkids. I'll be handling the boat and Chuck will be handling the food. The float fly will be on November 11th from 8am to 2pm down at parking area 5. Look forward to seeing everybody who attends and Chuck swears his burgers will be as good as mine. I'll believe it when I see it. Take care, everybody. [*Chuck will probably remember salt and pepper—editor*]

Cliff

Eclipse at the Meeting

To make the October 14 meeting even more special, the Board has arranged to have a rare Annular Solar Eclipse (Ring of Fire) make an appearance. The eclipse begins at 8:10 am, with maximum at 9:30am, and ending at 11am. While we are not in the path of totality, a large portion of the sun will be covered. Expect significant darkening of the sky and significant drop in temperature. **DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN** To view the eclipse, poke a small hole in a card (like a business card or playing card, and project the image onto a piece of white paper. Thank you to our resident astronomer, Tom Traeger, for arranging this spectacle for us.

Oct 14, 2023 at 9:24 am



Max View in Los Angeles,
California

FRIA / Remote ID Update

The Remote ID (RID) regulation (Part 89) implementation date has been moved to March 21, 2024. This is because of the lack of availability of required devices and delays in approving FAA Recognized Identification Areas (FRIAs)

Our club field has been APPROVED as a FRIA, so we can fly at our field without the Remote ID devices. The application for the lake for float flies is still pending.

Again, your Board has stayed on top of this situation to keep the club flying.

Christmas Party December 9

We have reserved December 9 for our 2023 Christmas Party. Location is Mimi's Café in Monrovia at Huntington and Mayflower. We were very happy with the food and service last year. Tickets are \$30 each and includes one raffle ticket. Order from the menu but we will provide a menu of selected popular items to make it easier on the kitchen.

Please RSVP before November 30. [CLICK TO REPLY](#)



Club T-Shirts Available

We have received high quality club T-shirts. Leroy has them with him when you see him at the field. We will have them at the meeting. Price is a very reasonable \$12 (XXL and larger \$14). They are custom made (not your standard Hanes) and screen printed with logo on front and back. Don't miss out.



Tire Damage in Pits

We have been plagued with tire tracks (donuts) in our pits over several months. Some of these have melted and damaged the asphalt. One of our members at the field in the afternoon witnessed a group of people with mini-motorcycles riding roughshod in our pits.



Photos were taken and the Sheriff took a report. We have put up a sign warning that no vehicles are allowed on the asphalt, with the Sheriff's phone number.

IF YOU WITNESS SUCH ACTIVITY CALL THE SHERIFF'S PARK DIVISION AT 213-974-8000. FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT CONFRONT THE PERPETRATORS.

Float Fly November 11

September Float Fly will be back at the Area 5.

This Float Fly is on Veteran's Day—we salute and thank our veterans and particularly remember Ed Roberts and Barry McLean for their service. Barry was a medal winner for his service at [Chosin](#), Korea.

We have scheduled Float Flies for every other month. If you do not have a float plane, now is the time to get one.

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. Club collects \$10 landing and lunch fee. Flying from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; may end earlier if activity slows.

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

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



Renew or Join Now!

We hope your year has gone well. Covid is not the issue it was, flooding rains and horrible heat are past (for now), the field is on excellent condition, we are FRIA approved, and even the pepper tree is revived!

The year is winding down and it is time for membership renewal. Still \$60 for a year at one of the few RC flying sites in the L.A. area



and arguably the friendliest, safest and least crowded. We prefer you use the online renewal form. [CLICK HERE](#) . Can also be used for new membership!

It is also a great time to join, as you get the last three months of this year FREE. Join now and you get the rest of 2023 and ALL of 2024. Use this link also

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. One number covers all your recreational aircraft. Please be aware of non-FAA scam sites charging more than \$5.