

Radio Waves

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Open House Sat April 15 at the field 8 AM
Next Float Fly May 20



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**SPRING
OPEN HOUSE**

EVERYONE IS INVITED
FUN AND EDUCATIONAL FOR ALL AGES

Saturday April 15, 2023
Gates Open at 9:00 A.M.



Entrance: east end of Duarte Rd. at Highland Ave., Duarte, CA
Just east of City of Hope

- ✓ **Flight Demonstrations**
- ✓ **Hands-on Trainer Flights (age 14+)**
- ✓ **Free Lunch**

Directions to Field:
Entrance corner of Duarte Road and Highland Ave, Duarte CA
Exit 210 Freeway at Buena Vista Avenue - South to Duarte Road - Left to gate at end of road

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Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area is a unit of the United States Army Corp of Engineers,
maintained and operated by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

President's Points

Hope everyone is doing well now that spring is here, and hopefully no more atmospheric rivers. Regardless of weather, we'll persevere. We always do.

Accolades go to **Leroy** for making the much needed repairs to the electric boat motor. And it's a good thing he did them too. During the March Float Fly the boat got used more in that one morning of flying than it had been used the whole previous year. There were more participants than we've had in a long time, about 30, but everyone ignored that fact and blamed all their flip overs on the wind. I even flipped my new plane that I won at last meeting's raffle, but I didn't blame the wind. It was just inexperience with a new plane, pure and simple.

Still, everyone had a great time. The new prop and motor lift clip worked flawlessly.



On April 4th Chuck, Leroy and I gave a presentation at the Air Force Cadets Squadron 138 meeting in Bell. I gave a show and tell of my Kadet Senior and demonstrated how the buddy box worked, and Chuck gave a presentation of his PT17. Then we let the students have at it with the three simulators we brought for their enjoyment. Turned out to be a big hit



We encourage everyone to attend to our **Open House** this coming Saturday. Weather will be perfect, despite a few dreary day beforehand. We want to have aircraft of all kinds in the air, and friendly members to talk to the public. We will have the taco stand like we had at the open house 3 years ago.

Speaking of the Open House, it'd be great if everyone with a trainer and buddy box would bring them and help with giving training flights. Even if you don't have a trainer setup, we will have some there and will appreciate your assistance. This year we are trying to limit the flights at ages 14 and up.

We'll have the simulators set up for everyone's enjoyment. Bring aircraft, helicopters and drones for demonstration flights. Even trainers in the air will get the publica attention.

Thanks goes to **Chuck** who located and acquired a half dozen planes and motors from an estate. Everything has been sold and we'll be using the proceeds to pay for the costs of the Open House. Once again, thanks Chuck.

Cliff

PS. We could still use a few more traffic cones for the Open House. If anyone has some, please write your name on them and leave them inside the front gate - Earle

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.

Float Fly May 20

May Float Fly will be at the Swim Beach area. NOTE: Renaissance Faire is open, and inbound traffic will be heavy after 9 AM so plan to arrive early.

We have scheduled Float Flys 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