

Back in the Saddle.....

Well, I almost got away with it. At the end of 2003 I was both surprised and relieved to hear that Joe Minton had volunteered to take over the editor's spot for Tossup. It almost worked — unfortunately shortly after taking the reins Joe's domestic commitments increased rapidly to the point where he couldn't do the job for the time being. So, since I'm already set up to do it I fell back into the spot once again.

I should really call for volunteers to fill this post. Its not as much work as it seems, though, provided everyone helps out a bit. Making a newsletter consists of four separate tasks:-

- 1 Collecting the material together
- 2 Writing parts to help link the material
- 3 Assembling the material into the newsletter publication
- 4 Printing, collating, and sending it out

At the moment several people help with the material collection. Bob Swet, for example, has been doing a superb job providing me with ready to insert contest score tables and other material. I don't have enough material, though. In fact I, my predecessors and my successors — in fact, the entire universe of editors of all club papers, past, present, and future — have been asking, pleading, cajoling, bullying and generally grovelling for material. I cannot write the paper. All I can do is the legwork — assembling the material, printing

and collating it and sending it out. So, I need help here — you don't have to write material (but its welcome if you do), you just have to collect it and mail it to me. I'll sort out the formatting, pictures and (probably) spelling.

People ask from time to time "What is the purpose of a newsletter". This is an interesting question, especially for a club like ours where we can reach practically everyone by EMail. The last time I participated in a thread on RCSE on this subject I suggested that it was really more of an archive of what we did than a way of communicating to the members. This may not seem important but it is because it provides continuity for the club. People join, leave, even (unfortunately) die, but without any record of who they were or what they did they just cease to exist except as a vague, unstable, memory in a few longer term members. It also helps the club avoid getting into a rut (read on......).

Last February Bob Swet dumped a pile of old TOSSUPs on me dating back to 1989. He was cleaning out his garage. Piles of newsletters are a nuisance so I scanned them into the computer and made them into PDFs. So we now have practically every issue of TOSSUP since 1989 available on CD for anyone who wants a copy. They make interesting reading.

If anyone finds any more newsletters I'd be pleased to scan them and add them to the collection.

April's Contest

April's contest was rather special because we not only had a good turnout of contestants but we also had a visit from the Explorer troop.

The Explorers timed for some people and also flew along with Craig using a buddy box. Craig flew his Addiction so they were able to take the controls of a high performance sailplane rather than the usual 2 channel poly that most people first experience.

We were also able, unfortunately, to demonstrate some of the mishaps that occour while flying. Lowell Norenberg's plane experienced violent wing flutter on launch with one wing coming off and the other all but disintegrating. Hank Shorz misjudged the base leg, hit a tree and span down onto the power lines at the side of the field, resulting in a very spectacular pair of explosions and fire as the plane detonated first (carbon fiber + high voltage -> arc) followed by the sound of a 14,000 amp fuse blowing.

The Explorers laid on a BBQ lunch which was enjoyed by all (including the Edison guy who turned up to fix the power!).

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Bill Karp	Open	Xfreme	2:55	93	970.11	4:54	69	960.50	7:57	20	954.06	4:00	29	983.50	3868.17	1000.0	9.086
Mike Stem	Open	Addiction	2:55	91	969.11	4:58	49	968.17	8:01	71	983.52	3:58	0	942.08	3862.88	938.6	979.3
ex Mierop	Open	Mako	3:00	0	950.00	5:01	82	987.83	7:54	0	938.13	4:04	91	29.626	3855.63	8.966.8	977.4
David Butkovich	Open	Comp	3:00	61	980.50	4:57	0	940.50	8:02	38	965.04	3:35	0	851.04	3737.08	966.1	947.4
Eric Underwood	Open	Emerald	2:57	84	976.17	4:09	69	823.00	8:00	91	995.50	3:57	0	938.13	3732.79	965.0	946.3
Martin Usher	Open	Omega	2:22	40	769.44	4:58	0	943.67	8:01	70	983.02	2:33	0	605.63	3301.76	853.6	837.0
Gary Filice	Open	Nyx	2:59	80	984.72	3:30	55	692.50	4:51	73	612.44	4:02	69	976.58	3266.24	844.4	828.0
Bill Nibley	Open	Falcon	2:40	98	887.44	1:27	9/	313.50	8:02	92	993.54	4:00	75	997.00	3191.49	825.1	809.1
owell Norenberg	Open	Graf	2:54	42	939.33	4:58	80	983.67	3:10	72	412.04	2:20	9	557.17	2892.21	7.47.7	733.2
Hank Schorz	Open	Agate	2:59	87	988.22	0:00	0	0.00	0:00	0	0.00	0:00	0	0.00	988.22	255.5	250.5
Jon Northern	RES	Gemini 'S'	3:00	06	995.00	4:57	9/	978.50	8:02	78	985.04	4:03	96	986.13	3944.67	1000.0	1000.0
Jon McNamee	RES	Salsa	2:59	91	990.22	5:05	20	969.17	8:00	99	983.00	3:59	88	990.04	3932.43	6.966	6.966
Art McNamee	RES	Salsa	3:01	75	982.22	2:00	61	980.50	8:03	83	985.56	3:56	80	974.17	3922.45	994.4	994.4
Hank Schorz	RES	Topaz	3:05	33	940.11	4:59	66	996.33	8:03	0	944.06	4:01	26	994.54	3875.05	982.4	982.4
Bob Swet	RES	Isoar 1.5	2:59	78	983.72	5:01	99	974.83	0:00	0	0.00	0:00	0	00.00	1958.56	496.5	496.5
Myles Moran	RES	AVA	3:03	74	971.17	2:26	0	462.33	2:48	0	332.50	0:00	0	00.00	1766.00	447.7	447.7
Jim Pendergrass	RES	Spirit 100	1:42	0	538.33	1:37	0	307.17	5.36	0	665 00	0.00	C	UU	1510 50	382 9	382 9

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Mike Reagan	Open	AVA	5:59	96	846.00	142.5	988.50	12:00	82	00.066	8.2	998.20	10:58	94	974.00	23.50	997.50	2984.20	1000.0	1000.0
Gary Filice	Open	Nyx	00:9	92	850.00	138.0	988.00	11:55	74	988.75	7.4	996.15	10:59	98	974.50	23.50	998.00	2982.15	999.3	999.3
Lex Mierop	Open	Nyx	00:9	88	850.00	132.0	982.00	11:57	06	989.25	9.0	998.25	10:55	9/	972.50	19.00	991.50	2971.75	8.566	995.8
Teny Koplan	Open	Addiction	00:9	91	850.00	136.5	986.50	12:02	6/	989.50	7.9	997.40	11:01	0	974.50	0.00	974.50	2958.40	991.4	991.4
Bill Nibley	Open	Falcon	6:01	9/	846.00	114.0	960.00	12:00	82	00.066	8.5	998.50	11:00	9/	975.00	19.00	994.00	2952.50	989.4	989.4
David Butkovich	Open	Compulsion	2:58	8/	842.00	117.0	929.00	11:55	62	988.75	6.2	994.95	10:52	99	971.00	14.00	985.00	2938.95	984.8	984.8
Mike Stern	Open	AVA	6:04	23	834.00	34.5	868.50	3:37	91	639.00	182.0	821.00	11:54	63	988.50	6.30	994.80	2684.30	899.5	899.5
Martin Usher	2 M	Omega	3:53	28	751.00	26.0	807.00	3:18	0	270.00	0.0	570.00	7:03	49	866.00	61.25	927.25	2304.25	772.1	772.1
Don McNamee	Sport	Salsa	2:57	86	838.00	147.0	985.00	10:00	26	920.00	48.5	998.50	11:59	72	989.75	7.20	996.95	2980.45	1000.0	998.7
Don Northem	Sport	Gemini 'S'	2:57	98	838.00	129.0	967.00	12:00	6/	00.066	7.9	997.90	10:59	95	974.50	23.00	997.50	2962.40	993.9	992.7
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Jim Pendergrass	Sport	33	3:58	4	786.00	88.0	874.00	2:41	0	260.00	0.0	260.00	11:56	0	00.686	0.00	989.00	2423.00	813.0	811.9
Chris Koplan	Sport	Viking	3:15	0	00.009	0.0	00.009	2:00	0	825.00	0.0	825.00	12:02	61	989.50	6.10	995.60	2420.60	812.2	811.1



Our first place winners — on the left Open was won by Bill Karp, on the right RES (and overall) was won by Don ("Oh look, its yet another trophy") Northern



"Thanks, Charlie, for keeping the wheels turning....."

Left and Above:- These small pictures cannot do justice to the carnage caused by a carbon plane hitting high tension cables. Its a mess. The stick displayed on the left is the fuse that blew. The fuse and stabs are salvagable.

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March's Meeting

A 'business' meeting. Present were:-

Charles Babcock

Craig Borstelmann

Don Northern

Gary Filice

Bob Swet

Mike Stern

Martin Usher

Bill Wible

1) Discussed the problem with getting the newsletter out. Joe Minton was unable to produce it due to personal committments so Martin Usher indicated that he'd do it.

- 2) Craig said that he'd get a note out to the membership explaining the problems with the newsletter.
- 3) There was a discussion about the highstart layout. Its reverted to the original layout with the highstart close to the berm and the large planes landing area more towards the middle of the field.
- 4) We heard that a group of Explorers were going to attend our April contest.
- 5) Bill Wible discussed various shirt options and Craig proposed and had approved a motion to spend \$300-\$400 on a set of shirts for 2004.

Visalia

I have received a flyer from CVRC about this year's events at Visalia. This includes information and an entry blank for their Bent Wing Soaring Festival on May 2nd and 3rd. Contact me for a photocopy if you need one (Martin). Other dates are:-

Wilson Cup — 9/12

Fall Fest — 10/2 and 10/3

Fall Aero Tow — 10/16 and 10/17

TOSS BUBW

We have received a sanction for this contest for Sunday, August 15th. Bob Swet has sent me a flier which will be in a future newsletter, on our website (and anywhere else I can get it placed).

SC² Thermal Duration Contest, Sun Apr. 25, 2004 El Dorado Park, Long Beach, Ca. Glider Field is in Area 3 of the park.

3 Rounds, 5-10-10 mins
Standard AMA scoring on rounds 1,2.
AMA Triathlon scoring round #3.
950 Flight / 50 Landing points
Standard 25 foot landing tape.
12 Volt Winches, 700 + feet of line.

Hotdogs and drinks will be available.

Goldenrod: School

Pink: Organization's Permit (Will be mailed by District Office).

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Application must be submitted two weeks before proposed facility use.

After completed, return to the District Office with the Application Fee and an <u>original</u> Certificate of Insurance. Civic Center Application for Rental of School Facilities

Once approved, the signed pink is the permit. It is mailed to the organization. This notifies the group of estimated fees. Fees are assessed based upon facilities requested. Eccs are due upon receipt of a CVUSD Invoice/Statement. Fees are assessed based upon facilities requested. Fees are due Permits are void without required insurance coverage.

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Example Multipurpose room, gym, stadium, football or soccer field(s), baseball diamond(s), classroom(s), cafeteria, restroom, or the Kitchens and Theaters require district employees (appointed by the District Office) to operate the equipment.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Example. Set-up/Tables, chairs, projector, microphone, piano, stage, or podium. Include quantity of each item needed

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SATURDAY SUNDAY

Day of Week

4.00 PM -8.00 PM

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shall assume full responsibility for adequate care and protection of the school property involved under the request, and will reinburse the District is for any damage or loss, which might occur. Applicant guarantees payment of all fees and charges assessed by the school district. In the ever cancellation, the applicant agrees to notify the CVUSD Civic Center 48 hours in advance to avoid paying full charges. You will be charge operty for use, of which application is hereby made, will not be used for mention required by law to be registered with the Attorney General of the United States. Applicant hereby agrees to hold CVUSD, its Boa Education, the individual members thereof, and all District officers, agents and employees free and harmless from such loss, damage, liability, cos expense that may arise during or be caused in any way by such use or occupancy of school property. Further, the organization of group you represhall assume full responsibility for adequate earc and protection of the school property involved under the request, and will reinfourse the District is commission of any act intended to further any program or movement the purpose of which is to accomplish the overthrow of the government United States by force, violence, or any unlawful means, and that, to the best of knowledge, is not a Comm undersigned states that, to the best of knowledge, the school pri any costs incurred due to a cancellation

I have read the district's rules and regulations indicated and will comply with them:

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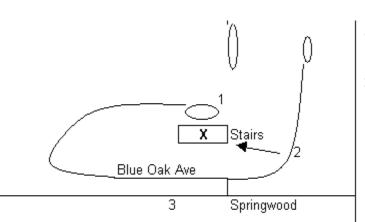
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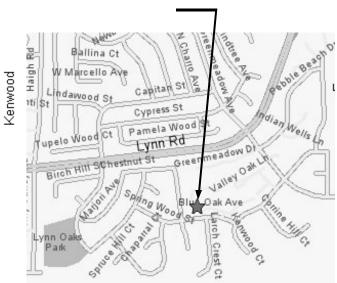
Here it is — our 2004-2005 Redwood permit. Its a difficult form to copy — if you need a photocopy of the original, ask

GE R.E.S.	19, 2004 :00pm airview Park. esa	Service Control of Con
WER THE EDGE CONTEST	Saturday June 19, 2004 9:00am to 2:00pm HSS Flying Field Fairview Park. Costa Mesa	Man on Man RES Contest 4 o 6 rounds. AMA / SC ² RES ules. Intery fee \$10.00. Details ontact Karl Hawley 949) 574-9379. Please call karl with your frequency to prevent conflict

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 28th at Blue Oak Avenue

Club Contest: Sunday, May 16th at Redwood





- 1. Close parking but very limited spaces
- 2. Additional parking- should be primary
- 3. Unlimited parking but a slight walk.

#2 Parking close to 674 Blue Oak Ave, NP 91320

Directions:-

Exit Lynn Rd off ramp from the 101 Fwy and head south away from the Oaks Mall. At the first light make a left on Greenmeadow Drive (as if you were going to the Cameron Center). Make a right on Kenwood and a right on Springwood. Then make a right onto Blue Oak Ave and keep to the right. Park in any open stall and then walk down the stairs towards the pool. Meeting room is next to the pool.

Thousand Oaks Soaring Society

Martin Usher 3081 Roundup Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA91360

