

TOSSUP 02



Back in the Saddle Again.....

Welcome to the last Tossup of 2001 / First Tossup of 2002.

First, an apology to everyone who didn't get a printed copy of the November newsletter. I had a series of computer systems failures that conspired to stop me getting a printed copy out to everyone until after the AGM.

The AGM had a quite good attendance of about a dozen people. We have to hold this meeting in order to elect officers for the next year. As ever the new officer lists looks remarkably similar to the previous year's.

Gary Filice is the President, Mike Stern the vice-Pres, Bob Swet is the Treasurer, Charles Babcock is the Secretary, Don Northern and Bob Shepherd the Safety Officers and, yes, you've guessed it, back for his sixth season by popular (lack of) demand, Martin Usher is the Newsletter Editor and part time Web site maintainer.

Other highlights of the meeting — club business, that is — included a suggestion by Myles that we consider substituting suitably printed mugs for plaques as club contest trophies. These are not only cheap to produce but also practical, the sort of thing that would be used daily. Gary introduced some new logo designs, designs that were either radical departures from the current club logo or were versions of the current logo that featured a different style of plane. Once these revised logos were seen in practical realizations we realized that there really wasn't that much wrong with the existing logo so we "decided to not make a decision". Lastly Browne suggested that we should do a lot more handlaunch contests during the year, maybe having handlaunch and winch club contests on alternate months.

Now, what's the future for Tossup in 2002? The Internet is reducing its role but it still serves a purpose as our journal. Its also our history. In order to keep publishing it I need articles — maybe not fully formed, maybe just snippets of information, really anything will do. Longer articles are also welcome, of course. Don't keep the stuff to yourself and your close circle of friends — if you do then if its really interesting then you'll likely to become the focus of interest in a much wider arena. For example, the 'hardcore' handlaunchers (you know who you are) are almost a club to themselves since they communicate almost exclusively through the Internet. This is one reason why HLG (SC)² events, task lists and scores haven't been published in Tossup — the material isn't readily available and when it is its late and its more often than not incomprehensible. When something of interest does happen and word leaks out what you get is an exchange like the one following on the RCSE Internet mail list server. This one caught my eye because it referred to some flying field called "Paramount Ranch" — could it be our Paramount Ranch? Read on.....

From: Karlton Spindle
 Subject: [RCSE] KILL KARLTON!

A soaring related post to group for a change of pace. I just head of a Top Secrete Hand Launch Society (SHLS) that has been meeting to practice the ART of HL.

What a great idea a once a month clinic with friends working on HL skill NOT a contest but a clinic. I hard top HL pilots belong to such a group.

Would one of you SHLS please come forward with your next clinic date so the un-washed masses may participate.

Smooth Sailing,
 Karlton Spindle

From: Dan
 Subject: Re: [RCSE] KILL KARLTON!

It's held at Paramount Ranch in Agoura Ca. Not sure of dates. JohnErickson?

From: BrowneCG
 Subject: Re: [RCSE] KILL KARLTON!

At this point three clubs (Thousand Oaks Soaring Society, San Fernando Valley Silent Fliers, and Santa Clarita Soaring Asoc) are participating. Contact those clubs for more information.

The next top secret meeting of the TSHLS group will be held on Super Bowl Sunday. I've decoded part of the message so far, and I've been voted the "CD" of the upcoming group meeting. I've already thought up some instructive tasks, and will be putting together some more evil type tasks that are meant to stress the various skills that are necessary for competitive HLG contest flying.

So, the next meeting of the TSHLS is on the 20th of January. The location is still TBD, at least until I finish the decoding the rest of the message.

Joe

Editor's Notes...

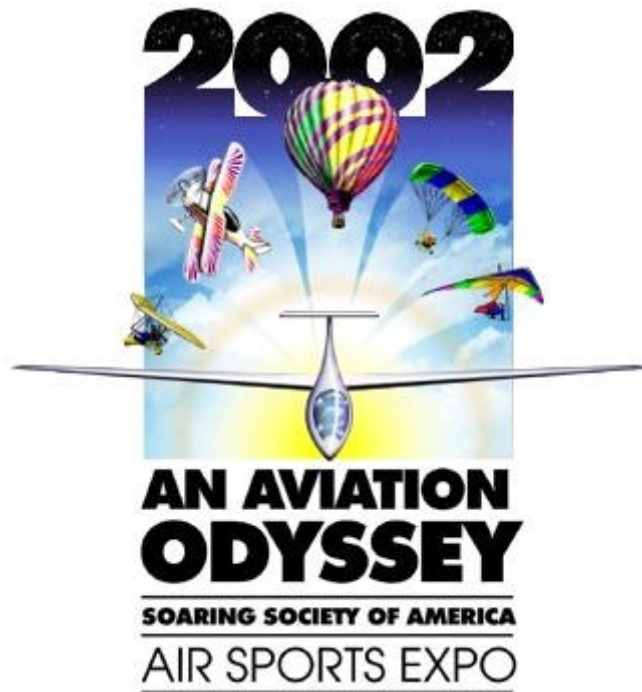
1) The subject line of these postings is typical RCSE. This time of year posts to the newserver seem to be either things like "Kill Karlton" or attacks on suppliers, usually Sal deFrancesco of NSP. The "Kill Karlton" posts are really not an invitation to take out a contract on Karlton (anyway, sailplaners are too cheap to afford a decent hitman). A lot of the anti-supplier posts are more serious because they are doing an effective hatchet job on these people and their companies. Many people put this down to the time of year, with a lot of mid-Western fliers having nothing to do except sit in their basements, listen to the weather and dream about he day they can actually get out and fly!

2) This material is the sort of thing that any newsletter editor would die for — activities organized within groups of club members that's might be of interest to the larger membership, that sort of thing. Is there anything else out there I should know about?

December 2001 TOSS Monthly Contest														
NAME	CLASS	Glider	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			TOTAL POINTS	Normalized Points	Yearly Filer Points
			Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points			
Bob Swet	Open	Isoar	2:19	0	695.0	4:22	79	865.0	7:03	63	956.6	2516.57	1000.0	925.2
Craig Borstelmann	Open	Addiction	2:35	42	817.0	2:59	78	615.0	6:46	91	961.0	2393.00	950.9	879.8
Gary Filice	Open	Addiction	2:59	16	911.0	4:58	0	894.0	4:08	0	531.4	2336.43	928.4	859.0
Terry Koplan	Open	Viking	3:08	0	860.0	4:49	0	867.0	3:43	13	490.9	2217.86	881.3	815.4
Jerry Kraynock	Open	??	3:00	0	900.0	3:20	0	600.0	3:22	92	524.9	2024.86	804.6	744.4
Mike Stern	Open	Addiction	3:05	0	875.0	2:09	85	472.0	3:40	4	475.4	1822.43	724.2	670.0
Martin Usher	Open	Alcyone	2:41	33	838.0	1:07	0	201.0	0:00	0	0.0	1039.00	412.9	382.0
Browne Goodwin	Open	Spectre 2M	1:24	0	420.0	2:19	0	417.0	0:00	0	0.0	837.00	332.6	307.7
Don Northern	Sport	Gemini 'S'	3:00	12	912.0	5:06	0	882.0	6:39	71	926.0	2720.00	1000.0	1000.0
Chris Koplan	Sport	Windrifter	2:55	6	881.0	3:48	0	684.0	6:22	0	818.6	2383.57	876.3	876.3
Bob Swet	Sport	Isoar	2:50	98	948.0	2:42	61	547.0	3:18	84	508.3	2003.29	736.5	736.5
Bill Nibley	Sport	Paragon	2:50	52	902.0	2:38	94	568.0	0:00	0	0.0	1470.00	540.4	540.4
Browne Goodwin	Sport	Bubble Dancer	3:10	0	850.0	0:00	0	0.0	0:00	0	0.0	850.00	312.5	312.5

This contest was supposed to be a simple 3/5/7 with 100 point landings. It was called just after a fairly substantial easterly wind had died down and just before an equally substantial westerly wind started up. This wind — a substantial flow with quite a bit of turbulence, like a Santa Ana but coming from the wrong direction — was responsible for a lot of missed landings and random flight times.

One of the more interesting incidents was Bill Nibley's Paragon which lost its right hand wingtip on launch ("wing tip" is about a third of the wing span for a Paragon). The plane was flown to a successful landing. The wing tip floated away over Feather Ave. on the



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Saturday, January 19, 2002 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 20, 2002 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thousand Oaks Soaring Society

2002 Membership Enrollment Form

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

AMA # _____

(NOTE - AMA Membership is Required)

Club Newsletter Delivery (Check One)

Email (PDF) _____ US Mail _____

E-mail: _____

LSF# _____ Level _____

Signature _____

- Family Membership ----- \$27
- Adult Membership ----- \$22
- Junior (15 and under) ----- \$5
- Half Year Adult (7/1 to 12/31) ----- \$11
- Half Year Family (7/1 to 12/31) ----- \$13.50

Frequencies (Please circle the channels you use)

50MHz Amateur (Needs License)
00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09

53MHz Amateur (Needs License)
53.10 53.20 53.30 53.40 53.50 53.60 53.70 53.80

72MHz:
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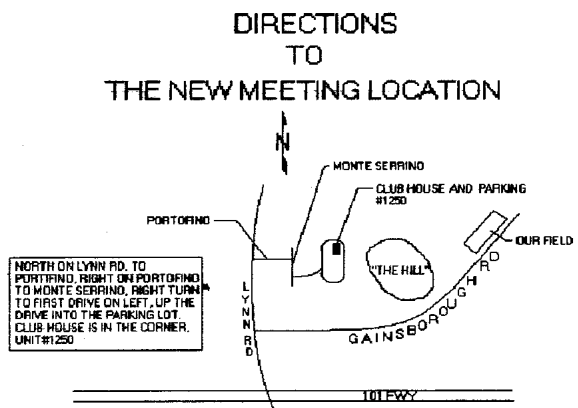
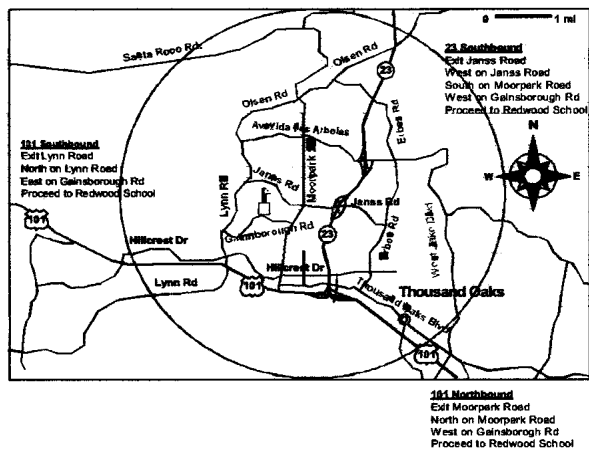
Equipment must meet 1991 specifications

Mail this form with a check made out to **TOSS** to the Treasurer, Bob Swet, 2600 Ponderosa Drive Apt 15, Camarillo, CA 93010

FLYING SITES: Redwood School, Gainsborough Rd., T.O. Available Sunday mornings, most Sunday afternoons and some Saturdays. Good place to find members on Sunday between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM.
Paramount Ranch, Cornell Rd., Agoura. Available all year, dawn to dusk. Used when Redwood School is not available. Usually calm when windy elsewhere.

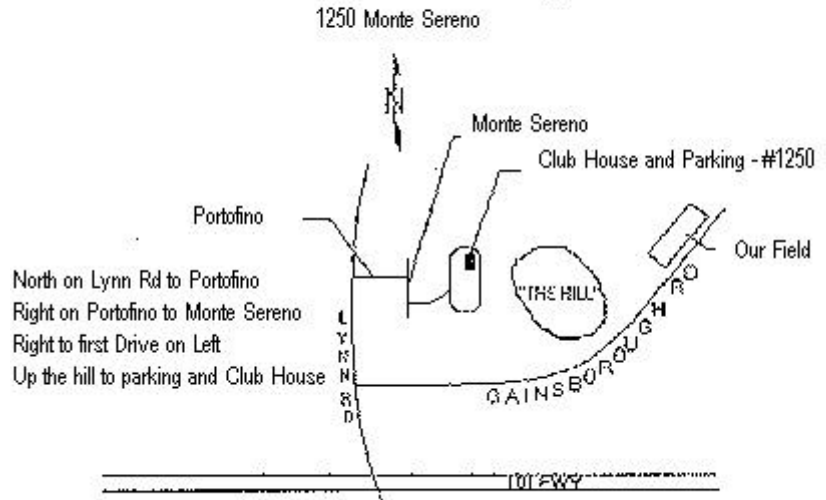
NOTE: Visitors flying at Redwood should be in possession of a current AMA membership card.

MEETING PLACE: At Club House. Lynn Road to Portifino. At 'T' in road make a right on Monte Serrino. First Left. Up the hill to parking lot. Club house is next to pool.



Next Meeting:- Wednesday, January 30th at Monte Sereno
January's Club Contest:- Sunday, January 13th at Redwood
February's Club Contest:- Sunday, February 9th at Redwood

Directions to the Meeting Place



Thousand Oaks Soaring Society
Martin Usher
3081 Roundup Circle,
Thousand Oaks, CA91360

