

TOSSUP 04



Welcome to the last issue of TOSSUP for 2004. Its been an unusual month or two for TOSS because the weather has conspired to make flying difficult most Sundays since the end of October — its either been raining or blowing a gale, a most unusual run of luck. Also, when we do fly we're experiencing sporadic radio problems, with hits not confined to just one or two channels but unpredictably across the band.

But there's been other stuff.....

- We did squeeze in a monthly contest for October, on the 31st.
- We didn't get any contests — or any appreciable amount of flying in — during November
- We did get some decent flying done in December
- We had meetings as advertised (but we're now temporarily homeless)
- We had a rather good holiday party at the Pendergrass's
- Some of us have been flying off hills (the weekends might have poor weather and/or radio problems but midweek the sky and radio band is ours alone)



A quick shot of some of the 8 TOSS members deciding to have a contest on the last Sunday of the month, Oct. 31st! That's Don McNamee looking back at Bob Swet in disbelief asking if he heard correctly - - was that 10, 10, 10 for the contest? No, it was a 4, 6, and 8, Don! We managed to sneak one in for October after all! Also a congratulations to Carlos on his first contest, making some scores and times. *(Gary Filice)*

| October 2004 TOSS Monthly Contest | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NAME | CLASS | Glider | ROUND 1 | | ROUND 2 | | ROUND 3 | | TOTAL POINTS | Normalized Points | Yearly Flier Points | | | |
| | | | Landing | Time | Points | Time | Points | Time | | | | Points | Landing | Points |
| Gary Filice | Open | Nyx | 88 | 4:02 | 980.5 | 6:02 | 99 | 994.0 | 8:01 | 95 | 983.1 | 2967.6 | 1000.0 | 1000.0 |
| Mike Reagan | Open | AVA | 78 | 3:59 | 974.3 | 6:00 | 85 | 985.0 | 8:00 | 98 | 988.0 | 2957.3 | 996.5 | 996.5 |
| David Butkovich | Open | Tempest | 57 | 3:57 | 945.8 | 6:01 | 0 | 897.5 | 7:58 | 33 | 929.3 | 2772.5 | 934.2 | 934.2 |
| Carlos Carbojal | Open | Fazer | 84 | 4:03 | 972.8 | 2:01 | 0 | 302.5 | 2:37 | 79 | 373.4 | 1648.6 | 555.5 | 555.5 |
| Bob Swet | Sport | Isaar | 94 | 4:03 | 982.8 | 5:59 | 86 | 983.5 | 8:01 | 77 | 975.1 | 2941.4 | 1000.0 | 991.2 |
| Art McNamee | Sport | Topaz | 93 | 3:55 | 974.3 | 5:57 | 85 | 977.5 | 8:01 | 82 | 980.1 | 2931.9 | 996.8 | 988.0 |
| Don Northern | Sport | Gemini 'S' | 66 | 4:01 | 962.3 | 6:00 | 83 | 983.0 | 8:00 | 76 | 976.0 | 2921.3 | 993.2 | 984.4 |
| Don McNamee | Sport | Salsa | 82 | 3:58 | 974.5 | 5:15 | 80 | 867.5 | 7:59 | 95 | 993.1 | 2835.1 | 963.9 | 955.4 |
| Goal | | | 100 | 4:00 | | 6:00 | 100 | | 8:00 | 100 | | | | |
| Points | | | 100 | 900 | | 900 | 100 | | 900 | 100 | | | | |

| 2004 TOSS OVERALL STANDINGS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NAME | CLUB | DEC. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | APR. | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG. | SEPT. | OCT. | NOV. | TOTAL |
| Gary Filice | TOSS | 941.0 | 981.4 | 955.6 | 999.3 | 828.0 | 951.3 | 995.9 | 1000.0 | | 966.3 | 1000.0 | | 9618.8 |
| Don Northern | TOSS | 1000.0 | 972.5 | 997.9 | 992.7 | 1000.0 | 998.1 | 991.7 | 982.4 | | | 984.4 | | 8919.6 |
| Art McNamee | TOSS | 849.2 | 202.0 | 992.5 | 977.9 | 994.4 | 997.3 | 989.6 | 901.8 | | 803.1 | 988.0 | | 8695.6 |
| Bob Swet | TOSS | 825.0 | 958.7 | | 981.0 | 496.5 | 989.1 | 991.7 | 991.4 | | 948.8 | 991.2 | | 8173.3 |
| Don McNamee | TOSS | 939.6 | 214.8 | 890.3 | 998.7 | 996.9 | 997.0 | | 967.0 | | 1000.0 | 955.4 | | 7959.7 |
| Mike Stern | TOSS | 495.3 | 976.3 | 968.7 | 899.5 | 979.3 | 1000.0 | | 979.4 | | 909.9 | | | 7208.3 |
| Bill Nibley | TOSS | 822.0 | | 999.7 | 989.4 | 809.1 | 900.9 | 996.9 | 819.3 | | 708.6 | | | 7045.8 |
| Mike Reagan | TOSS | 976.3 | 1000.0 | 1000.0 | 1000.0 | | | 1000.0 | | | 871.9 | 996.5 | | 6844.7 |
| Martin Usher | TOSS | 698.0 | | 847.8 | 772.1 | 837.0 | 390.4 | 813.5 | 183.7 | | 572.8 | | | 5115.3 |
| Lex Mierop | TOSS | | | 999.9 | 995.8 | 977.4 | | | 969.3 | | 879.9 | | | 4822.3 |
| David Butkovich | TOSS | | 969.4 | | 984.8 | 947.4 | | 946.3 | | | | 934.2 | | 4782.2 |
| Jim Pendergrass | TOSS | 717.4 | 730.2 | | 811.9 | 382.9 | 657.2 | | 737.5 | | 588.1 | | | 4625.3 |
| Myles Moran | TOSS | 877.5 | | 978.7 | | 447.7 | 943.2 | 993.6 | | | | | | 4240.7 |
| Terry Koplan | TOSS | | | | 991.4 | | | 986.8 | 961.8 | | 982.1 | | | 3922.0 |
| Craig Borsteimann | TOSS | 841.6 | 974.6 | 967.6 | | | | | | | 317.0 | | | 3100.8 |
| Derek Bennett | TOSS | 582.5 | | 787.1 | | | | 957.8 | | | 670.5 | | | 2997.8 |
| Bill Karp | TOSS | | | | | 980.6 | 983.4 | | | | | | | 1964.0 |
| Hank Schorz | SCSA | | | | | 982.4 | | | | | | | | 982.4 |
| Eric Underwood | SCSA | | | | | 946.3 | | | | | | | | 946.3 |
| Chris Koplan | TOSS | | | | 811.1 | | | | | | | | | 811.1 |
| Lowell Norenberg | SCSA | | | | | 733.2 | | | | | | | | 733.2 |
| Tom Colp | TOSS | | 606.6 | | | | | | | | | | | 606.6 |
| Carlos Carbojal | TOSS | | | | | | | | | | | 555.5 | | 555.5 |

Hi Martin,

Here are some pictures from the last of the Sc-2 contests for 2004 at Torey Pines Gulls Poway field. These awards included the day's contest, and year end winners of class awards, a special award to Mike Lee for his years of service to Sc-2 as president. Also a fine speech and farewell by Fred Sage who is retiring to Washington State this coming year. He will be sadly missed by all those who flew Sc-2 with him. He was the pinnacle of competition flying, was the one to beat, did much to promote the circuit, designer of the Compulsion, the FS1 air foil, and for many years, supplier of fine bagged wings as well as priceless advice to the pilot looking to fly the best and improve the most. The Sc-2 circuit is still regarded as the toughest competition circuit in the country due to the concentration of top pilots in the region, and Sc is always looking to welcome new pilots on to the circuit. The program is still in place to train and hone the skills of any aspiring flyer who wants to compete, and eventually compete in the top class with the best this country has to offer! Remember, getting there is a great adventure and the most fun

as well.

TOSS had three flyers at the day's contest - Bob Swet, Lex Mierop, and Gary Filice. Lex Mierop took 2nd place in intermediate class for the year total, and Gary Filice took third in intermediate class year end total(see Photos). Many close scores during the day's contest, and for the year end totals. Mother Nature rolled out a fine day of flying for the final contest by providing gentle winds and outstanding lift. All in all, an end to a great season of flying!

The Sc-2 organization is now looking for someone to fill the shoes of Mike Lee for president. We were also informed that Eldorado Park is now officially banned from flying contests at the park from here on out due to interference problems with low flying aircraft. Goes to show how precarious our use of fields really is. We now have lost SULA, Pasadena, and Eldorado. Only a few fields left where clubs can host an Sc event!

Gary



Left — Lex has snagged something — Third/Intermediate.

Above — Their power lines go right across the setup area — I wonder if anyone lands in them? That plane in the foreground looks like Lex's NYX, now unfortunately demised in accident at Redwood due to a radio programming problem (and now replaced by a Sharon and a Toapaz)

TOSS members placed third (Lex) and fourth (Gary) in Intermediate and fifth in RES (Bob Swet). There were 24 fliers in Expert, 9 in Intermediate, 12 in Sportsman and 10 in RES.



Gary and Bob on top of the hill at Wood Ranch after completing their 2 hour slope flights for LSF Level 3.



About that radio problem, we now have a direction finder to help us locate the sources of interference. This is an active antenna system for a scanner/receiver that can 'fix' the location of a transmitter by comparing the signals received from the two antennas — once they're the same the horizontal part of the mast is at right angles to that transmitter.

It seems to work quite well but we've not had a chance to try it out at Redwood — the first Sunday after Christmas was quiet, almost too quiet, on the band.

Finding hidden transmitters — "Foxhunting" — is a quite widely pursued hobby among the Amateur Radio community so there is quite a lot of information and how-tos out there to help novices like us.

So what do we do when we find other radios? Securing the band from interference is as important to the club as finding and maintaining fields to fly at. We have to locate other users of the band and work with them to either move them where they belong or come to some arrangement to share the frequencies

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Club Contest: Sunday, January 16th at Redwood

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 26th at "TBD" (watch for announcement on Website)

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