

TOSS -- UP



SPECIAL NOTICE

MEETING DATE CHANGE

NEW DATE:
THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1992
NEW ROOM @ CAMERON
HOUSE.

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1992

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NEXT CLUB CONTEST:

Date Sunday, March 15, 1992
Place Redwood School, T.O.
Time 9:00 a.m.
C/D Mike Leal

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

Date February 27th, 1992
Place CAMERON HOUSE
Time 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Plaques for the 1992 will be awarded as follows: THREE (3) places for Open, TWO (2) places for 2 Meter, and One (1) for Sportsman.
- 2) Mike Leal has received several quotes for the printing and collating of our newsletter. A decision will be made soon.
- 3) If anyone would like to purchase a new stopwatch, Mike has a source for a nice one! See Mike for price and details.
- 4) Bob Swet has found some miscalculations in some of our contest scores and suggests that we use a calculator at all contests. (The errors found in the January scoring did not affect any placings. Newsletter will show the corrected scores -- Bob)
- 5) Paramount Ranch & Redwood School sites have been approved for our use during the 1992 flying season.
- 6) The new Sports Flyer Insurance will be a topic at future meetings. Some other clubs have OK'd this insurance for their members.
- 7) We have some video tapes available for viewing. Topics include foam wing sheeting and cutting. See Mike Leal. (Club tapes include Wing Bagging by Joe Wurts and TOSS Activities by Terry Koplán -- Bob)
- 8) Mike Reagan ended the meeting with a very good demonstration on Monokoting.

The motto for the month is "KEEP IT UP & KEEP IT DRY" *** Larry ***

WHAT'S NEW?

- 1) MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE! Be aware of that due to the loss of our room at

Cameron House, we have been forced to adjust our club meeting dates. FEBRUARY is now on the THURSDAY the 27th and MARCH is TUESDAY the 31st. The location and times will remain the same. It seems that they have converted our old room to a computer training center. Edgar Weisman is seeking a new location (within Thousand Oaks) so that we can continue to hold the meeting on the last Wednesday of the month.

2) *This is the last newsletter for all those who haven't paid your 1992 dues.* Please check the roster in this issue for your status. If you paid and we don't have it noted, please contact Bob Swet ASAP. P.S. if you haven't paid by March 1st, your name will be removed from the Active Roster.

3) This is the first month that I am publishing the newsletter. After struggling to re-create the format from scratch (Chuck was doing it on a MAC and I have an IBM), I can appreciate all that he has done in the past to get this out every month. It is certainly a task that gets little appreciation, so if you see Chuck, thank him for all time and effort.

4) Congratulations to Peter Stairs who has graduated from Sportsman Class to Expert by winning 12/91, 1/92 and 2/92 contests. Now you thermal with the best and sink with the rest.

-- Bob --

SC2 by Thomas Akers

The SC2 season is about to get started and I think that this is the year that TOSS should put its name back on the map. If we can get at least 6 or 7 fliers from TOSS to go to each meet we should do pretty good as a whole.

A typical SC2 meet has about 70 entrants (up to and over 110). This is a whole lot bigger than some of the meets back east. The planes range from hi-tech F3B planes to the simple Paragon and Gentle Lady. But the most popular is the

Falcon 880. The tasks for the day are usually 3-5-7, any combination with standard tape landings. There is a pilots meeting and afterwards don't be surprised if you see Myles Moran darting toward the winch to be in the air first.

You can learn allot by timing for people, watching them fly, and talking with people. If you don't think that you are capable of competing and doing well, then come on out anyway and fly the contest for fun.

The first contest is in March at SULA and after that is Palm Springs. If you haven't flown at Palm Springs, then you are missing something. Our contest isn't until November, so you can get plenty of practice in.

TOSS FEBRUARY CONTEST

As usual, Mike Reagan came up with something new for the February Contest. This time it was a triathlon (I guess he felt lucky when he got his watch back still working after his last contest, I know that I sure did). The goal was to try to land on the minute and being penalized if you didn't. Of course the longer you stayed aloft (up to 12 minutes) the less the landings counted. This scheme worked pretty good for most of the scores were close. Attached you will find a copy of the scoring method. My suggestion is that if you haven't tried this type of contest before, is to do so. Just make up a set of tables to make your life and scoring a little bit easier. - Bob -

LAST	FIRST	FREQUENCIES
AKERS	THOMAS	40, 44
BENNETT	JIM	46 6 METER: 56.
BOCKWOLDT	BRIAN	44
BOETICHER	BILL	
BOYNTON	JIM	49
BUZOLICH	NICK	22, 42, 44, 50
CARTER	EDWARD	6 METER: 56.
DEVLIN	ED	18, 19
ELLIAS	JOHN	20
FOSTER	WILLIAM	
FOWLER	ROBERT	40, 46
GRISANTI	PAUL	20, 26, 34, 46
GRISWOLD	CHUCK	22, 26, 38, 54, 56
HARTMAN	RICHARD	44, 46, 48, 52, 54, 56
HENDRICKSON	ERIC & KURT	22, 24, 26, 30
HINMAN	STAN & BILL	28
JIMENEZ	LARRY	42, 48
KIRBY	FRANK & KYLE	22, 52
KOPLAN	TERRY	40 6 METER: 56.
LEAL	MICHAEL	20, 24, 28
LEWIS	SCOTT	52
LUERA	FRANK	30, 24, 42
Le MASURIER	DAN	21
MAN-SON-HING	WARREN	30
MICHITSCH	ROBERT	40, 44, 46, 48
MORAN	MYLES	
MORGAN	RALPH	32, 38, 34, 42, 46, 50, 56, 18
MORTON	JEFF	
MacKENZIE	SCOTT	26, 40, 42, 44
McNAMEE	ART	40 6 METER: 56.
McNAMEE	DON	54
NIBLEY	BILL	44
NORTHERN	DON	40, 48, 52, 42, 54
OLDENBURG	ED	6 METER: 53.3
PERSON	DAVID	34
RATNER	MICHAEL	
REAGAN	MIKE	40
ST. LAWRENCE	DON	28, 48
STAIRS	PETER	
STERN	MICHAEL	
SUTTON	BOB	
SWET	BOB	16, 31, 34, 42, 54
VAN HAMERSVELD	JOHN	28, 32, 40, 46, 50
WALANCE	BOB	16, 46, 50, 52
WARREN	JIM	40
WEISMAN	EDGAR	32, 40, 52
WILLIS	BEN	22

T.O.S.S. R/C CHANNEL USAGE

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----- MIKE REAGAN TRIATHALON -----

CALCULATING SCORES FOR ROUNDS 1,2,3

----- TIME -----		----- OFFSET -----		MAXIMUM	----- LANDING -----		GRAND
TARGET	BASIC SCORE	SCORE	EACH SECOND	TOTAL	(TAPE * #)	TOTAL	TOTAL
TIME	POINTS		(+, - 30 SECONDS)	POINTS	#	POINTS	POINTS
1 MIN	0	0	na	0	0	0	0
2 MIN	100	500	16.666	600	4	400	1000
3 MIN	300	400	13.333	700	3	300	1000
4 MIN	500	300	10.000	800	2	200	1000
5 MIN	650	200	6.666	850	1.5	150	1000
6 MIN	775	100	3.333	875	1.25	125	1000
7 MIN	825	75	2.500	900	1	100	1000
8 MIN	900	50	1.666	950	0.5	50	1000
9 MIN	937.5	37.5	1.250	975	0.25	25	1000
10 MIN	965	25	0.833	990	0.10	10	1000
11 MIN	975	20	0.666	995	0.05	5	1000
12 MIN	980	10	0.333	990	10 PTS IN/OUT	10	1000

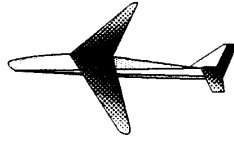
MAXIMUM SCORE FOR CONTEST = 3 rounds X 1000 points/round = 3000 POINTS

2/08/92 OPEN CLASS						
Monthly High Score = 2970.0				Normalized Score = 1000		
	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	ACTUAL
1	MIKE REAGAN	TOSS	1980	1000	980	2912.0
2	ART McNAMEE	TOSS	1886	923	963	2861.0
3	BOB SWET	TOSS	1878	935	943	2802.0
4	THOMAS AKERS	TOSS	1861	917	944	2804.0
5	MYLES MORAN	TOSS	1837	837	1000	2970.0
6	EDGAR WEISMAN	TOSS	1837	955	882	2619.0
7	B.J. WEISMAN	TOSS	994	0	994	2952.0
8	DON NORTHERN	TOSS	980	980	0	
9	MIKE LEAL	TOSS	953	0	953	
10	DON McNAMEE	TOSS	920	920	0	2404.0
11	ED DEVLIN	MRCSS	881	0	881	
12	HERB JULIEN	MRCSS	809	0	809	
13	LARRY JIMENEZ	TOSS	602	602	0	

F3H INTERNATIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY CONTEST

MAY 15, 16, 17 1992

LOCATION: TAFT, CA.



For information, registration and
frequency coordination, contact:

Volunteers to help
with contest needed.

Art McNamee
2645 Placerville Ct.
Simi Valley, CA 93063
(805) 526-6292

Myles Moran
10428 Oso Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
(818) 882-4687

2/08/92		2 METER				
Monthly High Score = 2910.0			Normalized Score = 1000			
	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	ACTUAL
1	BOB SWET	TOSS	1860	1000	860	2503.0
2	B.J. WEISMAN	TOSS	1802	877	925	2692.0
3	EDGAR WEISMAN	TOSS	1326	841	485	1412.0
4	MIKE REAGAN	TOSS	1000	0	1000	2910.0
5	ART McNAMEE	TOSS	898	0	898	2612.0
6	LARRY JIMENEZ	TOSS	741	0	741	2156.0
7	ED DEVLIN	MRCSS	703	0	703	2046.0
8	THOMAS AKERS	TOSS	343	0	343	999.3

2/08/92		SPORTSMAN CLASS				
Monthly High Score = 2331			Normalized Score = 1000			
	NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	JAN.	FEB.	ACTUAL
1	PETER STAIRS	TOSS	2000	1000	1000	2331.0
2	LARRY JIMENEZ	TOSS	1547	703	844	1967.0
3	JOHN ELLIAS	TOSS	824	824	0	
4	B.J. WEISMAN	TOSS	807	807	0	

THOUSAND OAKS SOARING SOCIETY 1992 MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____ ZIP _____

Home phone (____) _____ - _____ FREQUENCY: Please circle your channel numbers
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LSF# _____ Level: _____

AMA# _____
MANDATORY FOR MEMBERSHIP

SIGNATURE _____

Family Membership-----	\$25.00	TOSS meets Monthly, the last Wednesday 7:30. pm The Cameron House; Lynn Rd. south to Greenmeadow left on Greenmeadow to end then left.
Adult Membership-----	\$20.00	
Half year(July 1 thru Dec31)-----	\$10.00	
Junior Membership 15 or less-----	\$5.00	

If you are not already an AMA member: Fill out the AMA application below and send to AMA with payment. Then give or mail the TOSS form to the Editor Chuck Griswold 1646 La Jolla Dr. Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91362 (with a check for the correct amount)

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Application for AMA Membership—1992

Send with payment to: AMA, 1810 Samuel Morse Drive, Reston, VA 22090

Date of birth _____	Main interest (check one only): <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor CL <input type="checkbox"/> Scale FF <input type="checkbox"/> RC AI	MA
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<p>For those 19 or over by July 1—check one only!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Open Membership — \$40.00 All membership and competition privileges, liability and accident/medical insurance, and subscription to <i>Model Aviation</i> magazine.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Extra Family Membership—\$22.00 For 2nd adult at same address—no publication</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ Current Open member's name and AMA number</p> <p>Options:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add \$20.00 for postage/envelope service at non-US address</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add \$6.00 for mailing in envelope</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check here for information on non-US membership</p>	<p>For those not 19 by July 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Youth Membership —\$14.00 Same privileges as Open membership</p> <p>Date of birth _____ Note: For competition purposes, Youth will be categorized as Junior (under 15 or Senior (16–19))</p> <p>For those 65 by July 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Senior Citizen Rate—\$30.00 For those 65 or over—must submit proof of age at time of original application. Same privileges as Open member.</p>
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Print clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS.

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address (number and street) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Total \$ _____ Check MasterCard Visa Card No. _____ Exp. date ____/____/____

New Renewal _____

EVERYONE MUST READ AND SIGN

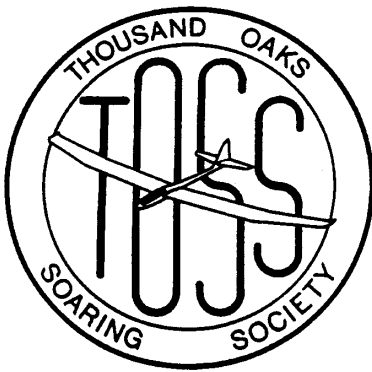
Please read and sign this declaration. Applications without signatures will be returned.

I hereby agree to comply with the current AMA Safety Code, printed on the back of this application, for all model aircraft operations and the NAR Safety Code for all model rocket operations. I also understand and agree that I will abide by and comply with all changes and modifications that may be made to the safety codes (see reverse side) during my membership period. I understand that my failure to comply with the applicable Code will result in failure of liability coverage for any damages or claim so caused. I further understand that written notice must be provided within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of any incident of bodily injury and/or property damage. I am aware that modeling may present hazards, and I exempt and relieve The Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc. from all liability for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death caused by negligence.

Signature of applicant _____

Parent or guardian of applicant under age 18 must also sign this form

DUES	LAST	FIRST	PHONE NO	STREET	CITY	ST ZIP	AMA #	LSF #	LSF L
paid	AKERS	THOMAS	805 496 6655	1583 WAKEFIELD AVE	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	385783	66??	1
paid	BENNETT	JIM	805 373 1480	1478 OBERLIN AVE.	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	72810		
	BOCKWOLDT	BRIAN	818 341 3037	20337 ALERION PL.	WOODLAND HILLS	CA 91364	407477		
	BOETICHER	BILL	805 484 7570	1649 RIDGEWOOD DR.	CAMARILLO	CA 93012	APP		
	BOYNTON	JIM	818 347 0982	6953 MINSTREL AVE.	WEST HILLS	CA 91307	411517		
paid	BUZOLICH	NICK	714 854 3689	19366 SIERRA BELLO RD.	IRVINE	CA 92715	147697		
	CARTER	EDWARD	805 494 0855	2592 NORTHSORE LANE	WESTLAKE VILLAGE	CA 91361	248213		
paid	DEVLIN	ED	818 848 9520	839 E VERDUGO AVE.	BURBANK	CA 91501			
paid	ELLIAS	JOHN	805 388 5674	1961 VIA MONTECITO	CAMARILLO	CA 93012	304647		
	FOSTER	WILLIAM	213 828 3533	902 CENTINILA AVE.	SANTA MONICA	CA 90403	102917		
	FOWLER	ROBERT	805 492 2782	2474 RIKKARD DR.	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91362	419667		
	GRISANTI	PAUL	213 456 6514	22251 CARBON MESA RD.	MALIBU	CA 90265	302769		
	GRISWOLD	CHUCK	805 495 1409	1646 LA JOLLA DR.	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91362	12108		
paid	HARTMAN	RICHARD	805 488 6136	1852 SANFORD ST	OXNARD	CA 93033	111039		
	HENDRICKSON	ERIC & KURT	805 493 4210	2486 CHAUCER PL.	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91362	136188		
	HINMAN	STAN & BILL	805 484 1149	5260 HIDALGO ST.	CAMARILLO	CA 93010	15233		
	JIMENEZ	LARRY	805 652 1937	1943 CHANNEL DR.	VENTURA	CA 93013	378742		
paid	KIRBY	FRANK & KYLE	805 495 1997	1967 CAMPBELL AVE	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	419022		
paid	KOPLAN	TERRY	818 889 6984	30434 W. RAINBOW CREST DR.	AGOURA HILLS	CA 91301	71615		
paid	LEAL	MICHAEL	805 529 7535	844 CHARLES ST.	MOORPARK	CA 93021	334482		
	LEWIS	SCOTT	818 341 9161	21211 TULSA ST.	CHATSWORTH	CA 91311	407475		
paid	LUERA	FRANK	805 684 1384	5956 VIA REAL #2	CARPINTERIA	CA 93013	392617		
	Le MASURIER	DAN	805 529 5221	4290 LAURELHURST RD.	MOORPARK	CA 93021	421184		
	MAN-SON-HING	WARREN	805 497 2661	1952 STONESGATE RD.	WESTLAKE VILLAGE	CA 91361	APP		
paid	MICHITSCH	ROBERT	818 991 0666	6012 COLONY DR.	AGOURA HILLS	CA 91301	222852		
	MORAN	MYLES	818 882 4687	10428 OSO AVE.	CHATSWORTH	CA 91311	18426		
paid	MORGAN	RALPH	805 484 7728	2120 GORMAN STREET	CAMARILLO	CA 93010	11074	6183	1
	MORTON	JEFF	213 455 2808	1662 TUNA CANYON RD.	TOPANGA	CA 90290	APP		
	MacKENZIE	SCOTT	818 772 1051	18718 NORDHOFF ST.	NORTHRIDGE	CA 91324	227814		
paid	McNAMEE	ART	805 526 6292	2645 PLACERVILLE CT.	SIMI VALLEY	CA 93063	7417		
paid	McNAMEE	DON	805 526 3145	2291 NORTH HIETTER	SIMI VALLEY	CA 93063	48996		
	NIBLEY	BILL	805 526 6754	2106 LATHAM ST.	SIMI VALLEY	CA 93065	94170		
paid	NORTHERN	DON	805 523 1018	3977 WILLOWCREEK Ln.	MOORPARK	CA 93021	28279		
	OLDENBURG	ED	805 497 7463	951 WARWICK AVE. #A2	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	106776		
paid	PERSON	DAVID	805 498 7607	606 VALLEY OAK LANE	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91320	398962		
paid	RATNER	MICHAEL	818 760 2770	4332 COLDWATER CYN.	STUDIO CITY	CA 91604	1227		
paid	REAGAN	MIKE	805 529 5513	14705 LOYOLA ST.	MOORPARK	CA 90321	93756		
paid	ST. LAWRENCE	DON	805 497 9681	207 SOMERSET CIRCLE	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	409441		
	STAIRS	PETER	818 995 7728	13455 VENTURA BLVD. STE 241	SHERMAN OAKS	CA 91423	382155		
paid	STERN	MICHAEL	805 492 8452	745 LYNNHIRE DR.	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	131478		
paid	SUTTON	BOB	805 498 4342	3415 CRESTWOOD CT.	NEWBURY PARK	CA 91320	81773		
paid	SWET	BOB	805 388 9619	2600 PONDEROSA DR. APT.15	CAMARILLO	CA 93010	83283	6644	1
paid	VAN HAMERSVELD	JOHN	805 492 5904	2826 N MARIETTA CIRCLE	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	136313		
paid	WALANCE	BOB	805 499 4635	142 DEWEY AVE.	NEWBURY PARK	CA 91320	359661		
paid	WARREN	JIM	805 494 3031	1694 EL DORADO	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91362	404518		
	WEISMAN	EDGAR	805 496 0611	752 CAMINO VALLES	THOUSAND OAKS	CA 91360	67651		



THOUSAND OAKS SOARING SOCIETY

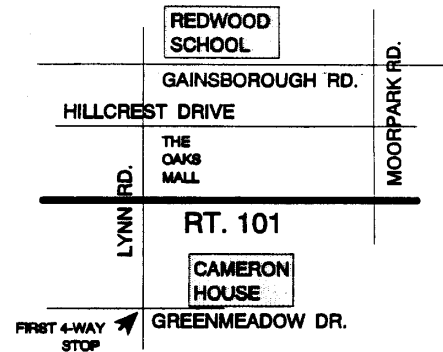
Contests: 9:00 A.M., (see schedule for location), AMA membership and 1991 radios required.

Membership: Open, No initiation fees, low annual dues. Beginners Welcomed. AMA membership and 1991 radios required.

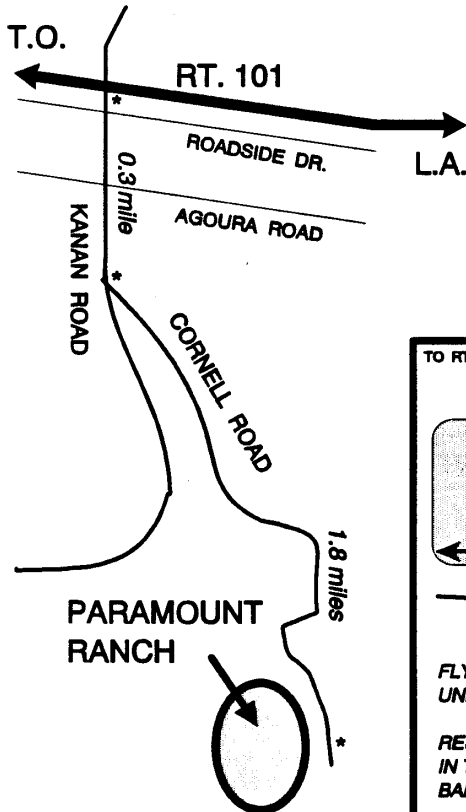
Best Place to find the members: Redwood School, Sundays, 10:00 AM to Noon.

Meetings: 7:30 PM, the *last* Wednesday of every month, at the Cameron House, Greenmeadow Drive, Thousand Oaks.

Flying Sites: Redwood School, Gainsborough Road, T.O. [available Sundays year round, Saturdays during the summer]
Paramount Ranch, Cornell Road, Agoura [available all days, all year, during park hours.]

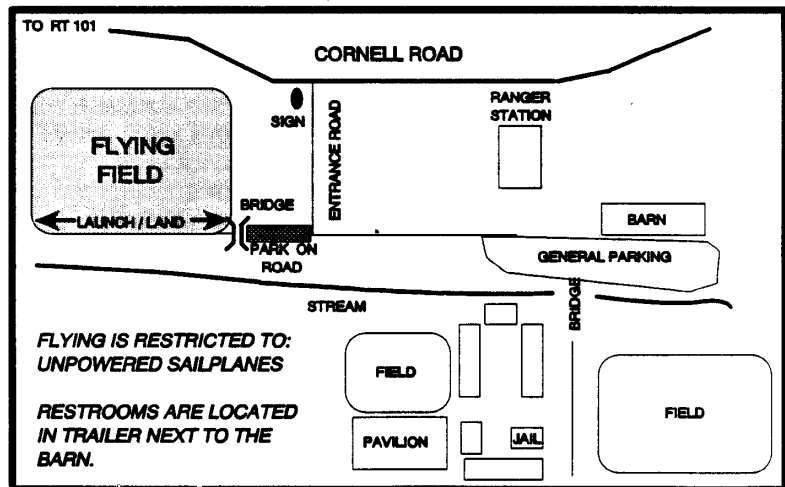


PARAMOUNT RANCH



DIRECTIONS

Take RT. 101 to the KANAN ROAD (Agoura) exit. Follow KANAN RD. to CORNELL RD. [0.3 miles] Left onto CORNELL RD. Follow CORNELL RD. to PARAMOUNT RANCH [1.8 miles] RANCH (Santa Monica Mtn. Nat. Rec. Area)



TIMER! - Part II

By John Vennerholm; originally printed in the July-August 1988 issue of "Sailplane", the journal of the National Soaring Society. Slight updates and editing by Pete Young, 12/91.

THE FLIGHT:

1. Many pilots fly with a pretty bad case of tunnel vision. As a timer, you should feel free to keep the pilot advised of what is happening elsewhere in the sky. Some pilots don't want help, but most are glad to have some input about what the competition is doing. NEVER TRY TO FLY HIS FLIGHT, but remember, you are part of his team if he wants it so.
2. If the plane is easily visible, don't spend your time staring at it; the pilot will take care of that. You should help him get to an uncrowded spot away from the winch area without stepping into gopher holes, or on other models. Take a good look at the other teams out around the landing areas and try to keep your pilot away from crowds.
3. If your pilot has trouble seeing the plane, by all means keep your eyes on the plane too. Haze, extreme distance or height, or flying in a gaggle of thermalling sailplanes can result in pilot error. Occasionally, check with the pilot and make sure you two agree on which plane is his, if he is in a crowd up there.
4. You should know how he wants the countdown to go when he is getting to the end of the flight. Be accurate and try to keep up a regular cadence.
5. Before the time comes for letdown to the approach, take the opportunity to check with other timers around your landing area to see how their remaining times compare with yours. You should let other timers know how much time until your touchdown if there might be a conflict at the circle. If you are reasonably sure there won't be any conflicts, don't bother the other teams.
6. Remind the pilot if he has to contend with a downwind or cross wind approach. If he has a preference for how he likes the tape oriented, fix the tape well before the final approach - do this QUICKLY so that you can get back and status flight time with the pilot.
7. Especially important for a short flight, get the pilot to the landing area as quickly as possible, and clearly tell the pilot where he is standing, relative to the center of the landing zone. It is a very common error to land at the wrong end of the the landing tape and get minimum points - help to avoid this.
8. If the letdown will result in a final approach that is different from "normal", tell the other teams what your intentions are. Safety and common sense dictates that you do not allow a situation to develop that might result in injury. If you are first to land at a landing circle, you have the "right of way" within limits of good judgement.
9. Tell the pilot what the traffic situation is so that he won't be surprised when an unexpected plane suddenly zooms into his field of vision. Remember, he is probably in a "tunnel vision mode."

THE LANDING:

1. When the circle is all yours, help guide the pilot to the edge of the circle. Not all pilots stand directly upwind, either because of personal preference, or because of the turbulence that your bodies can generate in the landing area.

2. Remember to keep up a regular count. The pilot probably has a routine that he needs to keep going and will not appreciate any changes in your time callouts. The pilot should never have to ask how much time he has left if you are doing your job.
3. Be alert for sudden shifts of wind. A good pilot can and will change his setup for final approach if there is a significant change in wind direction or velocity. You may see it in the trees or grass, or sense it before he does. Tell him what you see.
4. Stand close to the pilot. Get behind his shoulder and speak calmly and precisely. Be alert - the pilot may touch down early and slide; or even touch down, bounce up, and fly to the center of the circle. Remember, the first contact with the ground stops the watch.
5. AMA rule 10.2.2.e prohibits the official timer from calling out the final ten seconds of a flight, but most CDs waive that rule and allow a full count to the time of touchdown. Be sure that you know what rules are in effect - this is especially important if you are flying in a different region than ordinarily.
6. At touchdown, stop the watch and then look at the watch and make sure it actually did stop. Call the time out loud so that the pilot knows that you got his time.
7. As soon as the plane has stopped sliding, go out to the tape and bring it to the nose of the plane and get a measurement. If there is another plane setting up to land, note the reading, pick up the plane, and leave the landing area immediately. Keep moving until you are well clear of the other plane's flight path.
8. If you absolutely don't have time to get to the plane before the next plane arrives at the circle, just stay clear. The other pilot has the right to try to hit the center of the circle, too. You can expect him to try to do all he can to avoid a collision, but don't get in his way!
9. The landing circle is the wrong place for the pilot to remove hatches to turn off the receiver, to admire the beauty of his just-completed landing, to adjust the rubber bands on his wing, or any other time-consuming, non-essential activity. If the pilot has had the misfortune of crashing into the landing zone, make sure that either of you do not interfere with other landing gliders if pieces of broken airframe have to be picked up.
10. As soon as you can, write the time of flight and the landing score down on the scorecard. Make sure that your written scores are consistent with the scoring format in effect for that contest. Tell the pilot how he scored so there won't be any disagreement later. If required, put your initials on the card.
11. If the pilot wishes, return his transmitter (be sure it's off!) to the impound and turn in the frequency pin. Since the timer has to turn the scorecard in anyway, it's usually more convenient for you to drop off the transmitter, frequency pin, and scorecard. Don't let the pilot wander back to his pit area with the pin, possibly depriving other fliers of their opportunity to fly!
12. BE SURE to hand the scorecard to the scorekeeper!

Someday, you will really appreciate having a "good" timer beside you when you are gunning for first place and ready to launch in the last round of "THE BIG CONTEST." Who knows - YOUR timer might have learned his technique from - YOU!