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Gray Days

Now that the Christmas decorations have been removed and the Rose parade is just a dim memory we're into Winter proper.....

I suppose many people saw in person or on the television the B2 flypast that opened the parade. (For those who didn't the Air Force ran a B2 down Colorado Blvd. at 1000' and 240kt.) A very impressive sight. Seeing this two thoughts ran through my head - one was that its about time we saw some wings at the flying field and the other was me calculating just how much of Pasadena you could buy for the cost of one of those planes. Now - while we're on the subject of money.....

Treasurer's Report

Chase sent me a note with a couple of items of interest. The first is that his second name is spelt *Keightley* (with an 'e'). The second is the TOSS has \$1276.01 in the bank as of 1/20/97.



Chase also sent me the membership renewals he has received so far. (*"Remember to send yours in if you haven't yet done so."*)

"The Fax"

Producing an issue of this newsletter costs about \$20. The major part of this - about \$16 - is postage. If anyone wants to receive the newsletter by fax (or EMail)

then tell me. You will not only get it sooner than by mail but you'll save us the cost of a stamp.

Web Site

As promised in the last issue I extricated the TOSS information from Jonathon's pages, reformatted and updated it and put it back out on the Net. If you're curious the URL is at the top of the page - note that the capitals are important. There's not much information in the pages at the moment - some background, meeting and competition schedules and results and maps to flying and meeting sites. I'll update the pages and add new material as it becomes available. I'm also getting the cross links from other sites changes as I notice them.

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This is an inexpensive way to get publicity - actually its free - and its visible from anywhere in the world. If anyone has anything they'd like to add contact me (it may be a good place to advertise surplus planes).

January Monthly Contest

(By Bob Swet)

It was dark and bleary day. Oops, that was the original scheduled date for the TOSS monthly contest. The actual contest was held on 1/19 even with the pre-conceived (unfounded) fears of it being extremely windy. Mild Santa Anas and "mostly cloudy" skies prevailed thought the morning. Sparky, Edgar Weisman, our ball of fire, was the CD as in every January for as long as I can remember. The call was for three 10 minute rounds with 25 foot radius landings scored as 900/100. I believe that Edgar chose this format

because he felt he could easily win.

Wrong... Even though the skies were cloudy, thermals were weak, it still took three 10 minute flights and better than 90's on landings to win. Though this did prove to be an unreasonable task for the many of the fliers, it was achievable by the best by sloping against the hill.

The contest went as smooth as usual with the normal rash of tangles and line breakages. Only thing unusual was the ground was very, very, very soft. I bet if you spiked your glider in from ten feet, there would have been no damage. In fact, when trying to re-install the turn-around that had been pulled out during a launch, I could not find a spot where I couldn't drive the 10 inch spike with just my thumb. It held, but I don't know why.

This should have been called the "Addiction" contest. We had no less than 3 new "Addictions" show up. My guess is that they were being

tuned for part 1 of the TRIAD in Arizona next month. Two of the top three finishers were flying them, so they must be pretty good.

With the rain canceling the original date, it was necessary to reactivate the "Telephone Pyramid". All normal contestants were notified. Well almost all, sorry about that Thomas. We will putting a new list together, so if you wish to be notified in the future please let me (Bob Swet) know. I will attempt to minimize the toll calls.

We also had the extreme pleasure of watching Mike Reagan fly his new scale 4-meter ASW-27. It is well detailed and looked like the real thing as it soared majestically back and forth over the hill.

Nice work Mike!

Just want to wrap it up by congratulating the winners - Mike Reagan in Open Class and Larry Jimenez in Sport Class.

“Glider Hill”

(By Martin Usher)

This hill - usually known as “Smith Hill” - has been used by sailplane fliers for many years. Its a west facing slope, about 200' high, accessed from Rolling Oaks Drive. From the top it has views that command the entire center of Thousand

Name	Class	Total	Normalized
Mike Reagan	Open	2977.0	1000.0
Edgar Weisman	Open	2935.5	986.1
Art McNamee	Open	2925.0	982.5
Don McNamee	Open	2543.5	854.4
Thomas Akers	Open	2384.0	800.8
Don Northern	Open	2286.5	768.1
Bill Karp	Open	2262.0	759.8
Bob Swet	Open	2256.0	757.8
Larry Jimenez	Open	1148.5	385.8
Larry Jimenez	Sport	1746.0	1000.0
Devin Holzer	Sport	1609.5	921.8

Oaks, so naturally over time many attempts have been made to develop the site. The latest has been going on for a year or two and is nearing completion. This *is* "Emerson Estates, Phase 2" and is a gated cul-de-sac of 10 homes on a new road cut into the back side of the hill.

Fliers have watched this development with consternation because where you get homeowners paying close to \$500,000 for a 4+3 home you usually get zealous exercising of property rights. As the development proceeded trees were planted at the top of the hill and eventually 'tract markers' appeared on the front of the hill, followed by prominent "No Trespassing" signs on the twin tracks leading up the hill.

This really looks like the end for that site, but pronouncement of death may be premature.

I've visited the site on a few occasions since - and I've even flown off it (I've always walked up so I don't encounter the signs) - and I talked to the realtor selling the houses. The realtor told me that the front of the hill was 'permanent open space' and would 'never be developed'. The hill is still being used by horse riders - although the main tracks were blocked by the signs all

this did was make the horse track leading up from Erbes more prominent.

I also came across a posting on the RCSE which described a recent outing on the hill:-

From: Ward Shelley

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 1997

Subject: [RCSE] More ramblings from a happy man...

Hi guys,

Just a quick story. Sunday afternoon I went to Smith Hill in Thousand Oaks, CA hoping the wind would be strong enough to get my new Zagi some air time.

The wind was just strong enough for several passes before the Zagi would gently set down. During one pass I heard a truck pull up. I assumed some fellow slopers were also out to check the lift. Much to my surprise they climbed out of the truck with a trained falcon. More accurately, a falcon they were training. It was very humbling to watch that majestic bird quickly gain several times the altitude I worked for and then gently ride off on a thermal! I landed and watched until they left and then flew some more. What a cool hobby!

I still have some more research to do to find out exactly what is going to

become of that hill. My educated guess is that provided the use is confined to riding horses and walking dogs (and flying gliders can be combined with walking dogs) then the hill will probably ease back into use.

Although I'm optimistic enough to think that the hill can be saved I'm also realistic enough to look for other sites. I like flying slope and so I've got a vested interest in finding and securing suitable slope sites and I'd like to hear from anyone who has any ideas where good ones are in the area. I will collect the information, scope out the slopes as time permits and publish their locations in this newsletter and on the Web pages.

(By the way - although raptors are protected birds falconry is legal in California provided you have the appropriate license. It cost \$30 per year - no mention of liability insurance, though!)

Roster Notes

(*Martin Usher*)

On the next page is a listing of the club roster. This listing is a composite listing of all of our sources and is believed

up to date. Check your entry for accuracy.

I'd like to complete the information, particularly the AMA numbers (listed) and channel numbers (not listed).

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First Name	Last Name	Street Address	City	St.	ZIP	Phone	AMA	Pd?
Thomas	Akers	1583 Wakefield Ave	TO	CA	91360	805.496.6655	385783	
Peter	Arnes	821 Via Arroyo	Ven	CA	93003			✓
Web	Atwell	231 East Pearl Street	P.Hue	CA	93041			
Charles	Babcock	1807 Hendrix	TO	CA	91360	805.495.3093	497854	✓
Simon	Bass	174 Hunt Circle	TO	CA	91360	805.379.4813		
Brent	Blair	603 Camino Verde	TO	CA	93160			
Jim	Brown	948 Jeannette Ave	TO	CA	91362			
Charles	DeBoer	775 Brightstar	TO	CA	91360	805.492.1868	409751	
James & O.	Feeney	2526 Young Ave	TO	CA	91360			
Christopher	Fenney	2759 McCulloch Ave	Cam	CA	93010	805.482.2428	432321	
Gary	Filice	11502 Northdale Drive	Mpk	CA	93021	805.529.7534	478997	✓
Brittain	Guilden	13110 East Annette Street	Mpk	CA	93021			
Roger	Herbison	320 Grande Vista	OV	CA	93022			
Devin	Holzer	1462 Feather Avenue	TO	CA	91360	805.496.3555	508941	
Larry	Jiminez	1943 Channel Drive	Ven	CA	93001	805.652.1937	378742	✓
Carter	Josephs	244 East Clara Street	P.Hue	CA	93041			
Bill	Karp	5446 Amber Circle	Calab	CA	91302	818.878.1846	122971	✓
Chase	Keightley	542 San Clemente Way	Cam	CA	93010	805.987.6443	484427	✓
Jason	Kelley	12108 Alison Drive	Cam	CA	93012			
Bill	Kluss	1368 Morrow Circle	TO	CA	91362	805.497.2120	15036	
Paul	McCallum	PO Box 6247	TO	CA	91359			
Art	McNamee	2645 Placerville Court	Simi	CA	93063	805.526.6292	7417	✓
Don	McNamee	13666 Bear Valley Road	Mpk	CA	93021	805.531.9442	48996	
Myles	Moran	10428 Oso Ave	Chats	CA	91311	818.882.4687	18426	
Don	Northern	3977 Willow Creek Lane	Mpk	CA	93021	805.523.1018	28279	✓
Ed	Oldenburg	261 El Gallardo	NP	CA	91320	805.499.6354	106776	
Mike	Reagan	14705 Loyola Street	Mpk	CA	93021	805.529.5513	93756	✓
Ed	Schmidt	1412 Glacier Ave.	Ven	CA	93003			
Ed	Skow	315 North La Luna	Ojai	CA	93023	805.646.6544	529910	
Jonathan	Spoer	30811 Main Mast	Agou	CA	91301	818.889.2788	393152	
Don	St. Lawrence	207 Somerset Circle	TO	CA	91360	805.437.9681	409441	
Jack	Stafford	748 Via Arroyo	Ven	CA	93003	805.654.0308		✓
Michael	Stern	745 Lynnmere Drive	TO	CA	91360	805.492.8452	131478	
Robert	Sutton	3415 Crestwood Circle	NP	CA	91320	805.498.4342	81773	✓
Bob	Swet	2600 Ponderosa Drive #15	Cam	CA	93010	805.388.9619	83283	
Laurence	Thomas	1467 Oberlin Ave.	TO	CA	91360			
Richard	Tiffin	2070 Rodeo Ct.	TO	CA	91362			
Paul	Trist Jr.	1101 Melrose #1	Glend	CA	91202	818.545.7551	28643	
Martin	Usher	3081 Roundup Circle	TO	CA	91360	805.492.1176	550	✓
BJ	Weisman	3350 William	NP	CA	91362			
Edgar	Weisman	752 Camino Valles	TO	CA	91360	805.371.4171	67651	
Burton	Wolfe	745 Foothill Rd.	S.P.	CA	93060			

