

TOSSUP 03



Meeting Notes — Mostly ByLaws

The January club meeting was largely given over to a discussion of the proposed Bylaws that were published in the January newsletter. (As you may recall the AMA asked each club to send a copy of their Bylaws with the rechartering package and mandated that they would not process rechartering without that information. They intend to review the bylaws and suggest changes as appropriate.) This draft was reviewed extensively and the following resolutions were passed:-

- 1) The existing bylaws were to be replaced by the bylaws as published in the January '03 newsletter amended by resolution 3 below.
- 2) These new bylaws are considered temporary as we expect to have to revise them based on feedback from the AMA
- 3) Only the Treasurer and President have the power to write checks. (This is a practical change because banks generally only accept two signatures for an account.)

Other business discussed at the meeting was:-

— The problem of Park Fliers. So far this year both Gary and Mike Stern have been shot down by radio interference. Fortunately they were both able to recover their planes before they crashed — the interfering signal being masked by terrain as they lost altitude. We know that several ex-CVRC fliers have small electric models that they fly in Wildflower park, usually during the week, but we have no way of knowing who is flying where and when for sure. Gary is going to look into purchasing a scanner.

— Craig has set up a tentative date of May 18th for a “Fun Fly” at Redwood.

— Gary has been talking to the TO Libary about using one of their community rooms as a place to meet instead of the restraint.

— We discussed Jason Rowland's sample trophies, those slate coasters. These were universally admired.

Gary also talked about possibly changing the format of the meetings. TOSS meetings naturally fall into two parts, the business part where contest schedules, finances, representation and so on is discussed and the social part (which tends to be conducted hanging around outside the Greenhouse because it's chucked us out because its closing). Since the business part of the meeting is boring to many people Gary thought that by formally separating it from the social part of the meeting it could leave more time for the social component which may encourage more people to turn up to those meetings. No action was proposed or discussed at the meeting, it was just some thoughts, but maybe we should hear from everyone — just what would motivate you, the reader, to leave your TeeVee once a month for a TOSS meeting?

Field Rules

Bob Swet dug these out from an old copy of TOSSUP (March 1994). We're supposed to have a set of field rules published somewhere that all of the members can refer to. We haven't made a big deal of this because the rules all really boil down to the commonsense notion of "*Don't Annoy the Neighbors*". Members should read them and send their comments in because they may need updating to reflect current needs and practices.

TOSS FIELD RULES

These are some of the rules that apply to our flying fields. Disobeying these rules will result in the loss of the flying privileges and the flying site.

ALL LOCATIONS:

- 1) No pilot shall fly any plane unless he/she has a current valid AMA membership and observes all applicable AMA Safety and Flight regulations.
- 2) No pilot shall fly any plane alone unless he/she has proven confidence to fly without assistance.
- 3) No wide band R/C transmitters or receivers equipment shall be operated. Transmitters shall be AMA Gold stickered and receivers shall indicate 1991 narrow band operation.
- 4) You must obtain the proper frequency pin before operating your radio equipment during "controlled operation" periods. During "uncontrolled operation" times, the pilot is responsible to ensure that he/she is the ONLY operator of that frequency while his/her equipment is 'on'.
- 5) Prior to launching, make sure the launch area and launch equipment are clear of people and planes. Shout "Launching" just prior to launch and just after visual verification for safe conditions.
- 6) No launches during "controlled operations" should be made without the assistance of a "spotter" whose sole responsibility will be the public safety in regard to the operation of the equipment. This person should not be the same as the retriever operator whenever possible.
- 7) No plane shall fly over the pit area below 50' or tree top in altitude.
- 8) Landing planes always have the right of way.
- 9) During landing approach, shout "Landing" prior to 'final' if anyone is in the landing area.
- 10) Guest pilots should be accompanied with a member at all times. Host member will be responsible for guest compliance to all club rules.
- 11) Fields are to be used only for the purpose of flying non-powered R/C Gliders.

REDWOOD SCHOOL:

- 1) We have field priority only on Sundays. At all other times, you must yield to the other activities.
- 2) All garbage must be removed at the end of your session.
- 3) Use flight area discretion. In simple terms, don't fly low over houses or people. Beginners fly only over the lower field.
- 4) You must possess a copy of the usage permit at all times.

PARAMOUNT RANCH:

- 1) Obey all park rules and regulations.
- 2) Use the area (north loop of race track) for all flying sessions.
- 3) The above area is available during regular visitor hours if the area is not in use (by park approved groups).
- 4) Do not fly over spectators or low over the road.
- 5) The site must be in the same condition as prior to its use. This means that you must remove all garbage that you bring including rubber bands, cups, cans, balsa wood, covering, etc.... You are responsible for the separation and recycling of glass and aluminum containers.
- 6) You are responsible for security of anything left overnight.
- 7) Do not remove, damage, or destroy any items (other than your garbage) without prior park approval.

March 2003 TOSS Monthly Contest														
NAME	CLASS	Glider	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			TOTAL POINTS	Normalized Points	Yearly Flier Points
			Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points			
David Butkovich	Open	Compulsion	4:00	83	991.5	7:59	79	987.5	7:59	91	993.5	2972.54	1000.0	999.6
Bob Swet	Open	Isoar	4:01	82	987.0	8:00	93	996.5	8:00	70	985.0	2968.54	998.7	998.3
Mike Stern	Open	Addiction	3:56	86	977.2	8:02	89	990.5	8:00	94	997.0	2964.71	997.4	997.0
Don Northern	Open	Paragon	3:58	85	984.6	8:02	81	986.5	8:02	93	992.5	2963.67	997.0	996.7
Mike Reagan	Open	Vampire	4:03	92	984.1	7:58	80	986.0	8:01	73	984.5	2954.69	994.0	993.6
Craig Borstelmann	Open	Addiction	4:01	59	975.5	7:58	83	987.5	8:01	75	985.5	2948.60	991.9	991.6
Bill Nibley	Open	Falcon	4:02	66	975.1	8:01	86	991.0	8:00	34	967.0	2933.10	986.7	986.4
Gary Filice	Open	Psyko	4:01	69	980.5	7:38	78	945.5	8:00	89	994.5	2920.50	982.5	982.1
John Elias	Open	Stork II	4:07	95	969.8	8:02	0	946.0	7:55	83	981.6	2897.44	974.7	974.4
Martin Usher	Open	Mako	4:01	60	976.0	8:05	11	945.6	8:01	0	948.0	2869.67	965.4	965.0
Terry Koplan	Open	??	3:25	16	819.5	8:00	82	991.0	8:03	62	975.1	2785.52	937.1	936.7
Art McNamee	Open	Addiction	3:58	86	985.1	7:59	66	981.0	6:13	80	778.2	2744.33	923.2	922.9
Mike Reagan	Sport	Ole Misty	3:58	96	990.1	7:59	95	995.5	7:59	80	988.0	2973.63	1000.0	1000.0
Jim Pendergrass	Sport	??	3:19	0	787.7	7:43	0	916.4	8:36	0	878.8	2582.81	868.6	868.6
Derek Bennett	Sport	2M Sport	3:51	0	914.4	3:12	0	380.0	4:07	65	521.4	1815.73	610.6	610.6

March's contest was three rounds, two of 8 minutes each and one 4 flown in any order. Scoring was 950 points on time, 50 on landing. For most of the contest lift was good to very good so the result spread was very narrow.

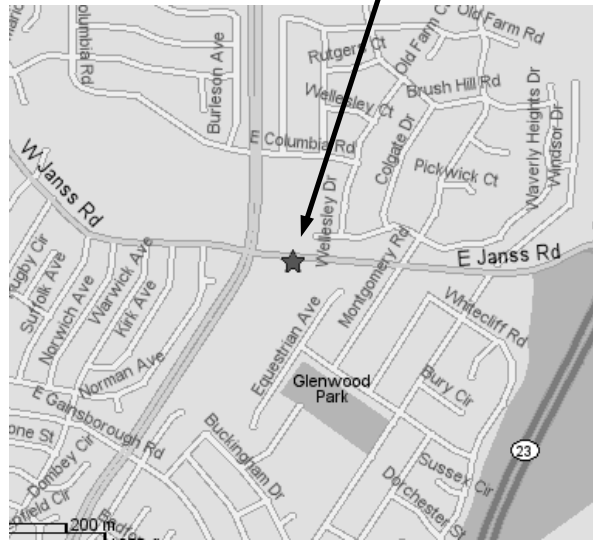
The Annual Best Flier trophy was handed to Gary Filice after the contest awards. Gary won it for 2002.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 26th at the Greenhouse Cafe, 7:00pm

(SC)² Contest: Sunday, March 30th at TPG (Poway)

Club Contest: Sunday, April 13th at Redwood

(SC)² Contest: Sunday, April 27th at SWSA (Covina)



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