



# On the Wing

## Newsletter of the (SC)<sup>2</sup>

### October 2001

It's been a little while since my last letter to the Organization, and it seems like this summer went by awfully fast. There has been good contest action out there, and some good news amidst the loss of flying fields I mentioned last time. The ISS has secured a new fling site, located just west of Perris, Ca. It is the site of a closed landfill, allowing some 14 acres of land to the ISS, and maybe in the future, additional land which will provide a great slope soaring site as well. It is a very exciting prospect for the ISS, and the potential as a flying site that can handle a variety of model needs is there. If you would like to know more about how your club can get similar type of land for the use of a flying field, call me and let me know. I wrangled the deal, and it only costs the ISS a mere \$200.00 per year rent! Additionally, the ISS is working with the Riverside Parks and Recreation Dept., to use parkland in the city for another flying field at a similar low price. This possibility has access to paved parking, restrooms, shade and grass adjacent to the flying site. The key thing that we all have in common is the fact that we produce no noise pollution, meaning we are a very friendly activity. Try it out. You have to ask someone first, but if you never ask, you'll never get the field.

I have been given a contact with a similar organization to the (SC)<sup>2</sup> that is basically comprised of nine power plane clubs in the Inland Empire area, all with the common goal of securing flying sites. The reason I may wish to throw the weight of the (SC)<sup>2</sup> into this other organization is because it lends total weight to the prospect of getting more flying sites for our activities. We will have a leg up on the power clubs due to our quieter operations, no need for developed landing zones (as in paved runways), and the very nature of a sailplane being generally more accepted by the public than a screaming power plane. I'll keep you posted on this development.

Our contest circuit has been showing good attendance at the latest events, with averages around the mid-40 entry mark. This seems a bit down, but the level of competition is very high. In fact, the race at the top is very tight. There are five pilots who are close enough to each other that the season champion will be decided at the last event of the season, ISS field. This is what our contest circuit is all about, promoting high-level competition, the

development of pilot skills through competition, goodwill among the people of our common interest and the promotion and benefit of our clubs. Pilots who fly the circuit are some of the best in the world. In fact, two of them

just added another title to their list of accomplishments; Daryl Perkins won the F3B World Championships, with Joe Wurts in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Congrats to both!

We are still looking for people to be our reps and officers for the upcoming 2002 season. I have been your President for two years now, and it is time for another person to take the reins and push the organization forward another step. We need you, for your new ideas and your innovation to make this circuit better than ever. If you would like to look at how you can contribute by being an officer of the (SC)<sup>2</sup>, let me know at e-mail: [mlee824@aol.com](mailto:mlee824@aol.com) or call me at (909)792-8424. Remember, this is YOUR organization to run and be a part of. Without YOU, this is not going to happen again.

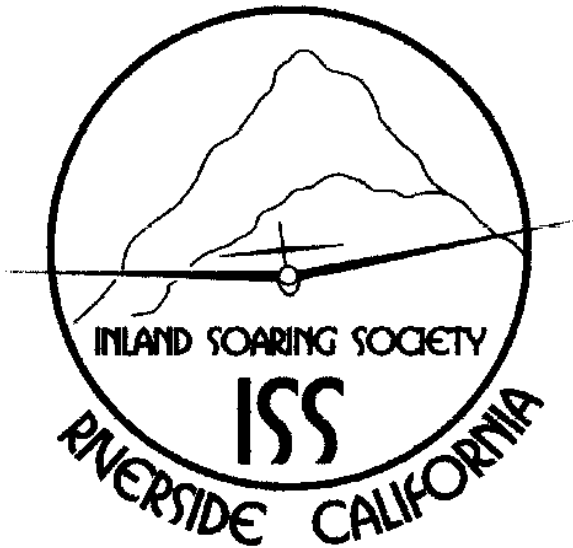
The Hand Launch guys have been going at it hard and heavy, especially with the advent of disk launch models. No longer can you do a javelin throw and hope to reach the fantastic heights a discus launch can achieve. I know...I'm the last of the javelin throwers! Come out to the two remaining events with the hand launch fellas, and enjoy a great contest with them. I find these pilots are the best people to hang out with anywhere. They hold no secrets and are happy to assist anyone.

This marks my last newsletter of the active season and I hope that my remarks and info have been of interest to you. I have been honored to be in this position of your President, and thanks to the many people who are also part of the (SC)<sup>2</sup>, it has been made a lot easier to handle. It IS an honor to fly with so many talented and enlightened people from all over the area, all of whom I am proud to fly with on any given day. It is you I thank for the opportunity. I hope that I have been of assistance to you. I'm looking forward to the ISS event to see you all there, as well as the TOSS event with the HL guys. See you at the field.

Sincerely, ML

# SC<sup>2</sup> CONTEST

## OCTOBER 28, 2001



**First flight at 9:00 a.m.**

*Tasks to be flown:*

Flight 1 - 8 minute Modified AMA Triathlon

Flights 2 & 3 - 10 minute AMA Triathlon

Landing task to be 10 foot tape,

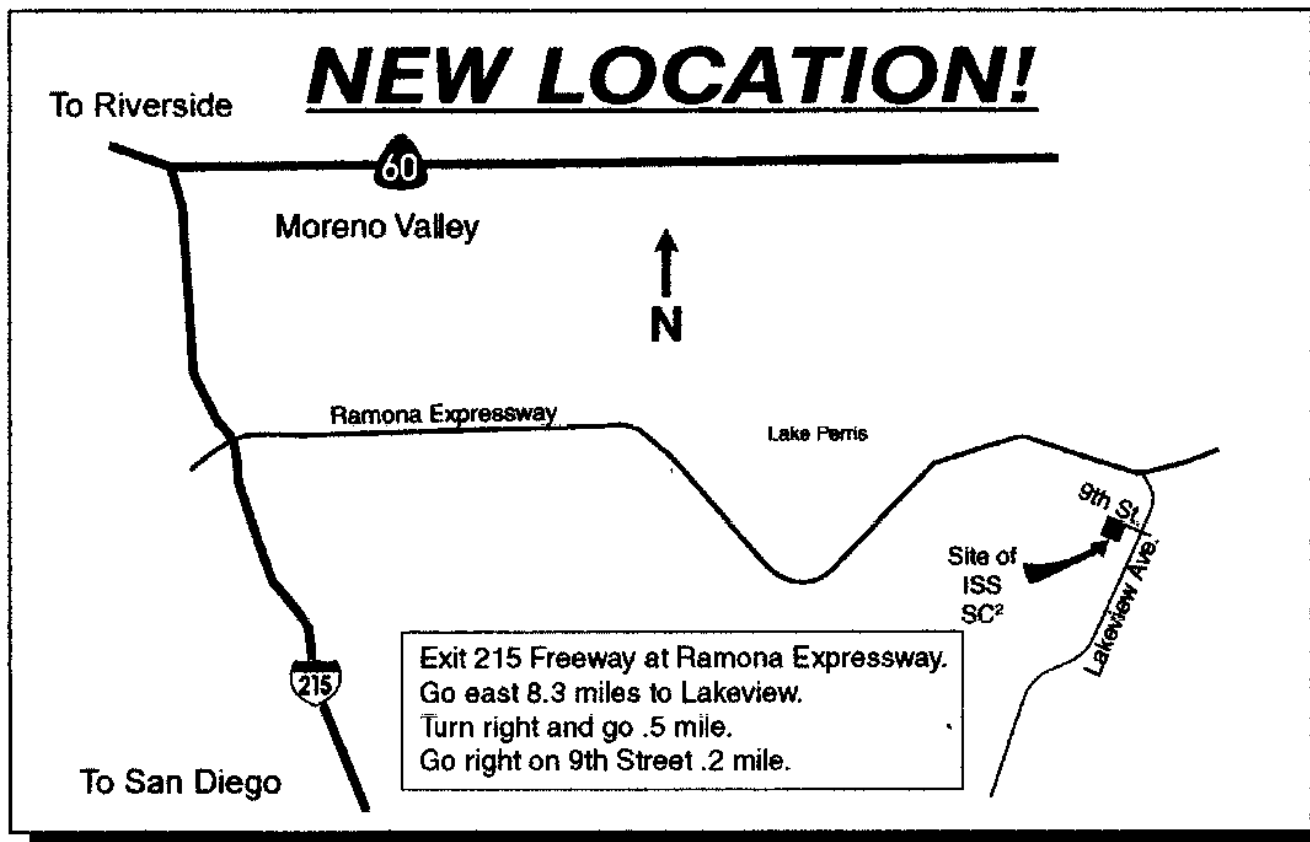
50 point maximum score

12 volt winches with 600 foot launch lines

All rules per SC2 provisional rules for 2001

*Awards:*

1st through 3rd in Masters, Expert, Sportsman  
and 1st and 2nd in RES



*We recommend that pilots bring shade and water.*

**(SC)<sup>2</sup> Cumulative Results — Results after 5 Contests***Total of 112 contestants*

Place	Name	Class	Club	SULA	PSS	TPG	SWSA	TOSS	HSS	Total
1	JOY	MASTER	TPG	979.4	1000.0	0.0	1000.0	990.8	1000.0	4970.2
2	LEE	MASTER	ISS	989.9	998.8	997.7	0.0	991.7	981.8	4959.9
3	SAGE	MASTER	TPG	990.1	986.9	989.2	987.4	1000.0	990.2	4956.9
4	VERA	MASTER	SWSA	840.6	990.0	1000.0	993.6	995.7	950.8	4930.0
5	BIKLE	EXPERT	EDSF	967.6	968.8	982.0	975.6	981.4	862.5	4875.3
6	STERN	EXPERT	TOSS	952.1	967.4	0.0	965.7	984.8	984.2	4854.1
7	GREENING	EXPERT	none	972.4	968.1	900.7	0.0	992.5	976.7	4810.5
8	THROOP	EXPERT	TPG	963.7	932.2	967.0	968.3	975.6	871.9	4806.9
9	SWET	3-F	TOSS	954.5	967.1	0.0	968.9	982.5	932.3	4805.3
10	HOWELL	EXPERT	EDSF	950.0	955.6	969.6	879.4	987.7	0.0	4742.2
11	TOWNSEND	EXPERT	SULA	844.5	988.7	966.2	757.4	992.5	938.3	4730.3
12	GRAHAM	SPORTS	SWSA	950.0	660.2	972.3	834.2	959.0	985.8	4701.3
13	FILICE	SPORTS	TOSS	713.3	968.0	879.5	908.0	965.0	974.7	4695.2
23	REAGAN	MASTER	TOSS	1000.0	977.6	0.0	981.7	994.8	0.0	3954.1
38	WEISMAN	EXPERT	TOSS	730.3	967.9	983.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	2681.9
40	MIEROP	SPORTS	TOSS	920.1	964.3	0.0	0.0	584.3	0.0	2468.7
43	BORSTELMANN	SPORTS	TOSS	450.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	982.2	690.6	2123.5
68	ELLIAS	SPORTS	TOSS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	986.5	0.0	986.5
70	NORTHERN	3-F	TOSS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	984.2	0.0	984.2
76	BUTKOVICH	SPORTS	TOSS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	972.8	0.0	972.8
77	MORAN	EXPERT	TOSS	0.0	968.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	968.9
109	MCNAMEE	3-F	TOSS	0.0	511.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	511.4

**Visalia Results****Open Class — 201 total**

1	VERA	EDGAR	SWSA	OPN	2338
2	CLERX	BEN	HSS	OPN	2310
3	TIMBS	NORM	PBSS	OPN	2301
4	JOY	GEORGE	TPG	OPN	2297
5	COPP	TOM	HSS	OPN	2296
6	MARKIEWICZ	ARTHUR	TPG	OPN	2296
7	ZUCKER	DAVID	PBSS	OPN	2295
8	TAYLOR	MARK	HSS	OPN	2293
9	AKERS	THOMAS	PBSS	OPN	2289
10	TRIEBES	MARK	SVSS	OPN	2287
16	REAGAN	MICHAEL	TOSS	OPN	2281
66	STERN	MICHAEL	TOSS	OPN	2226
102	MIEROP	LEX	TOSS	OPN	2105
111	TRIST	PAUL_Jr.	TOSS	OPN	2058
140	FILICE	GARY	TOSS	OPN	1969

**3-F Class — 47 total**

1	MCNAMEE	ART	TOSS	RES	2235
2	SWET	ROBERT	TOSS	RES	2231
3	MCNAMEE	DON	TOSS	RES	2215
8	NORTHERN	DON	TOSS	RES	2147
21	KOPLAN	TERRY	TOSS	RES	1915

There was one TOSS entry in the Grey Cup — Mike Stern placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 48.

There was one TOSS entry in the Juniors — Chris Koplan placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 9.

There were no TOSS entires in the 2 meter.

## VISALIA – THE 2001 FALL SOARING FESTIVAL

Bob Swet

Well, they have done it again. CVRC has hosted another fantastic Fall Soaring Festival. It is simply amazing how such a small club converts a water holding pond into a Premier (perhaps the best in the country) R/C Thermal Soaring Facility in less than one year. Not to mention their hosting 271 flyers at the largest R/C Soaring Contest in the country.

Approximately one year ago, there was a weed filled holding pond among the local crops. Today there is a flying field that is the envy of all the clubs. Complete with its large permanent pavilion providing shade to the officials and impound area. There is a cable free concrete pad that provides firm footage to the pilots, winches and retrievers. A grassy area for landing. A huge grassy midway, complete with trees, for vendors, contestants, campers and general parking. The previous sight was excellent but this one is better by a major factor.

For two days, there was serious competition. Where's the lift was the main question for most of us at this new field. When lift was found, sailplanes were soon to gaggle. Like most large contests, it was a called flight order. Groups were 'A' thru 'AD'. Saturday started (randomly selected) with group 'S' and Sunday was half way around to 'E'. If there was a disadvantage to which group you were in, it usually appeared as sink in the second or third round of each day. No one had it easy but the experts made it look easier. Times were scored one point per second and landings were scored (5, 10 or 25 points) based on a sort triangular shape painted on the ground. With the early morning dew, just seeing the landing zones was a trick and a half.

It was the opportunity to meet and exchange stories with old flying buddies. To learn what is new with the multitude of vendors or a chance to purchase a "good deal" being displayed along the midway. To partake in a great BBQ dinner at the field. Then there is the Hand Launch contest and the after dark pylon race. For some it was simply being a sideline landing judge or to read a book. No matter who you are, you could probably find something to do that you enjoyed.

Altogether, there were 10 representatives of TOSS competing. Each pilot has his own story. Mine was my knee popping out and getting mowed down by a landing sailplane overshooting its target. All that was before my first landing approach. For Gary F. it was not finding lift during two rounds. For Don N. it was being short by 1½ minutes in one round that took him out. For others, it was a missed landing or making a great save from low altitude. Rather than making this a real long article, just ask any attendee for their story. They will be more than happy to brag about their experiences.

This year TOSS had 5 people competing in the RES (Rudder, Elevator, Spoiler) class. After 4 rounds on Saturday, they held 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places. When it came time for the trophies, it was a clean sweep; they were 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulation Art, Bob and Don Mc.

For all of us who were there, we will be waiting for next year to try to be the best again.



*The launch area at Visalia showing the winch and retriever setup — both are on stands. (Picture from CVRC's Website)*

**Next Meeting:- Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Monte Sereno — CHANGED DATE**  
**Next (SC)<sup>2</sup> Contest:- Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at ISS (Perris)**  
**TOSS's (SC)<sup>2</sup> HLG Contest:- Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Redwood**  
**Next Club Contest:- Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Redwood**

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