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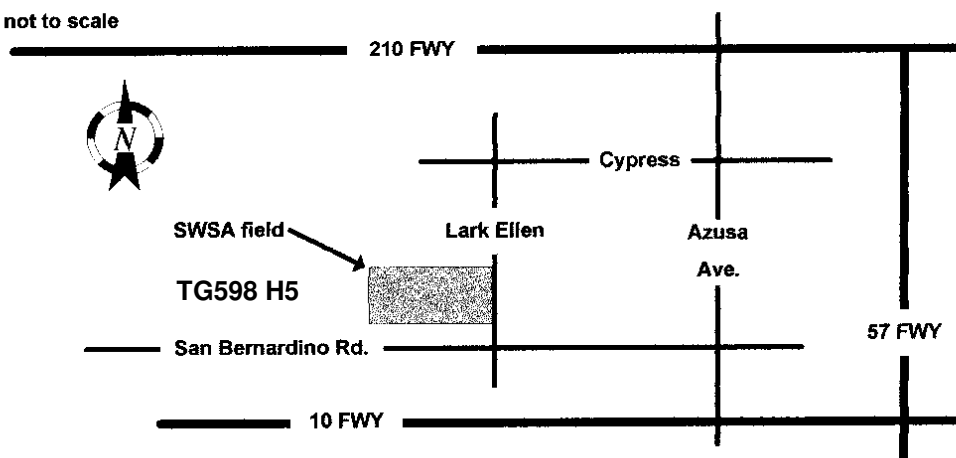


Silent Wings Soaring Association - SWSA

September 26, 1999 (SC)²

DATE: September 26, 1999
TIME: Sign-in at 8:00 AM.
 Pilot's meeting at 8:50 AM.
 Contest starts at 9:00 AM.
CD: Frank Corsaro (909) 984-4978
CLUB PRESIDENT: Ron Adams (626) 967-2006
LOCATION: Las Palmas School, Covina, CA

Map not to scale



EVENT: 444 and 3 Function open Precision Duration with landing circles (20' zone) on mowed grass.
Entry Fee: \$8 for Open and \$5 for 3 Function
Tasks: 4, 5, 7 and 8 minutes with maximum of 50 points per landing.
Rules: All AMA and SC2 rules apply.
WINCHES: 12 volt winches with retrievers. Approximately 525' to turnarounds.
TROPHIES: Masters (3), Expert (3), Sportsman (3), and 3 Function (2)

going to Visalia, some people visiting the Reno Air Races and - maybe - some stuff on SC2 and the Club Contest. Contributions will be most welcome because your Editor's going to be out of town so he's not going to be able to write it.....

What? An Advertisement on Page 1? What's going on?

Well - we're a bit short of material this month, what with one thing and another. We've got Don's "Thank You" and a contestant's write from the BUBW last month, some results and that's about it. We should get a much better crop next month, what with some people

A Note from Don....

(Editor's Note - Last month I received a 'Thank You' note from Don Northern addressed to everyone who helped with an participated in the BUBW Contest. It arrived too late to go into the August newsletter.)

I hope that everyone enjoyed the BUBW contest. I didn't hear any complaints (at least, not yet) so either you enjoyed it or figured out that complaints to me would be a waste of time.

I believe that Martin and Bob will report on the contest and results (*we did*) so there's no need to duplicate that. Instead I'd like to send out some thank-yous.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and run this contest and raffle. Here are some of the people who deserve recognition for their time and effort.

- Bob S. for mail-outs, flyers, timing, scoring, sign-ups and donations and wing servo wiring looms. (Maybe we could get a little more out of you next time?)
- Charlie B. for scoring and trophies.
- Mark and his daughter Kim for work with the impound and contest score board
- Gerren and Brent Blair for their work in the impound
- Larry J. for help with trophies and landing judging, also donations of custom vinyl gift certificates
- Mike R. for help and donation of a F-86 PSS kit complete with Ultrakote covering (and for winning the 1st place clock trophy (*Dammit, "I" wanted that!*)).
- Art McN. for help me CD, collect entries, mail confirmations, raffle prize collection and donations of electric

- and rubber powered kits (we worked him pretty hard as well!)
- Martin U. for working as a landing judge and as contest / photo reporter
- Gary F. for sterling work with that sock keeping the winches running

Also Don Mc. Derek B., Bill K. Edgar W. Mike Stern and anyone else I might have missed (I have *C.R.S. - I Can't Remember Anything*). Thank you for all for bringing equipment, helping setup, run and repair winches, contro winches, retrieve, time, &tc. &tc.

Also many thanks to the donors of raffle prizes.

- Ed Slobold for the Gemini kit (which I won and it was'nt a fixed raffle - guess I was just lucky again!) - also his half off gift certificates.
- Paul Trist of PlanesWingsThings for all the various servo covers, tapes, hinge tape and so on.
- Marty's Hobbies for the cash gift certificate.
- Sattellite City for their Double Value Give Certificates on their product lines.
- Joe Wurts for his help with our beautiful trophies.

It takes a lot of effort and time to put this contest together. The work made us a few bucks and hopefully it will continue to grow.

(I can hear the music so its time to get me off the podium.....)

Thanks Again - Don Northern "*Polyhedral Forever*" ♦

Another Perspective...

(OK - So you've got the official report and results and Don's effusive and enthusiastic thanks to all. Now a final word on the BUBW contest from Dave Farless of PSS. This is lifted from "Soar Spots", the PSS house journal.)

On Sunday, August 8th., TOSS held a really enjoyable RC soaring contest. They called it a "bent wing" contest. Others call it a nostalgia contest. In either case it was limited to polyhedral wing, built-up construction (no foam), three function (no flaps, no ailerons) sailplanes. About 40 enthusiasts showed up to fly ranging in age from 15 year to "who cares". Planes varied in age from a brand new Oly II to my Sagitta, a plane that is older than the younger fliers at this contest. I suspect that there may have been even older planes or components at this meet. At least two ships lost their tail feathers on launch, likely because of very old Monokote® and/or very old glue joints. (I recently re-covered my Sagitta for the second time in its long life after it began returning from flights with new tears in the wing covering.)

What a fun contest! (Did I sat that already?) The weather

at Reedwood School in Thousand Oaks was perfect, as the predicted late morning wind never appeared. The contest was won by Mike Reagan flying a borrowed Gemini derivative; a graphic demonstration that it's still pilot skill and knowledge that wins contests, not super-ship designs. I suspect that Mike has not flown a polyhedral ship in a contest for many years, but there he is, on top again.

As far as I could tell I was the only PSS member there. Fortunately I ran into Dave Butkovitch who was the only SWSA member there. We timed for each other and Dave was actually "in the running" for a trophy until we made a mental error on the long 8 minute flight. Dave had managed over 7 minutes and was struggling to make 8, blowing the landing in the process. The landing, an easy in or out 12½ circle, was worth about 45 points while his struggles gained maybe 10 seconds of flight time at 1 point per second. Dave ended up in 7th place and trophies were given to 6th. I don't think Dave minded very much, though. we both had an excellent time with good flights and no damage to anything but the ego.

This was only the second time I had flown anywhere but

the Bowl for two years. I had forgotten how difficult and exciting it is to fly at a strange field. for the first time. And this is a very interesting field with lots to think about and many options to try. I did well in finding lift, though I did not make time on the eight minute flight, but I blew all four landings just because my normal cues were not there.

By the way, the trophies were the best I had seen since our old dear buddy Ben Matsumoto used to do them for PSS. I would like to publicly thank TOSS for sponsoring this great contest and for making it fun by keeping the rules simple and the competition relaxed. They had three winches going with single batteries under constant trickle charge. And there were no complaints about winch power! There was plenty for everyone and yet folks with gentler planes from gentler times could launch safely without fear of destruction. The CD used open flight order in all rounds and al-

lowed unlimited, pilot declared pop-offs, and we still were finished by a little after noon. Of course, the throughput may have been helped by the constant threat of wind later in the day which caused at least some of us to rush to fly early in each round, just in case.

The moral of this story is that if you are not flying the new nostalgia contest craze you're missing some great soaring fun.

(Hmm... "new nostalgia". I think I've created a new oxymoron.) ♦

About that Ventura County R/C Flying Association.....

In the last issue we described the formation of an umbrella organization to promote the interests of Ventura County R/C fliers to the planners and politicians. The subject was on the agenda at the August meeting, especially with regard to whether we should put any money into this and if we did what were we likely to see from this. Eventually the motion to chip in an initial \$100 was carried, if not by persuasive argument by the concept that several members present volunteered to provide the money from their own pockets (if the discussion could only go onto something else??).

At the time of publication we've got nothing new to add. Stay tuned.....

Results for the September 1999 Monthly Contest

Name	Glider	R1			R2			R3			Total	Normal	Year
Edgar Weisman	Red	3:00	88	988	7:02	84	979.7	9:59	75	973.5	2941.2	1000.0	996.7
Mike Stern	Mako	3:01	81	976	6:58	86	981.7	10:00	80	980.0	2937.7	998.8	995.5
Gary Filice	Mako	3:02	78	968	6:56	93	984.4	10:05	70	962.5	2914.9	991.1	987.8
John Erickson	Addiction	3:00	70	970	7:01	75	972.9	10:01	71	969.5	2912.4	990.2	986.9
Art McNamee	Am Eagle	3:00	91	991	7:00	83	983	10:02	34	931.0	2905.0	987.7	984.4
Bill Karp	Psycho	2:59	66	961	7:00	85	985	9:58	46	943.0	2889.0	982.2	979.0
Brian Boggs	Hades	2:59	0	895	7:00	92	992	10:02	89	986.0	2873.0	976.8	973.5
Don Northern	Gemini 'S'	3:01	86	981	6:58	90	985.7	10:04	0	894.0	2860.7	972.6	969.4
Bob Swet	Cumic	2:59	87	982	7:01	0	897.9	9:56	42	936.0	2815.9	957.4	954.2
Lex Mierup	Flamingo	2:49	0	845	4:37	91	684.6	9:54	0	891.0	2420.6	823.0	820.2
Dan Werner	Sapphire	3:07	86	951	0:00	0	0	0:00	0	0.0	951.0	323.3	322.3
Art McNamee	Laser	3:00	18	918	7:01	56	953.9	9:56	0	894.0	2765.9	1000.0	937.2
Don Northern	Gemini 'S'	3:02	82	972	6:57	92	985.6	9:59	95	993.5	2951.1	1000.0	1000.0
Bob Swet	Cumic	2:59	66	961	7:01	83	980.9	10:00	63	963.0	2904.9	984.3	984.3
Jim Hazlewood	Paragon	3:01	0	895	2:58	0	381.4	7:59	0	718.5	1994.9	676.0	676.0
Bill Karp	Pantera	2:59	62	957	7:00	0	900	0:00	0	0.0	1857.0	629.3	629.3

43.	CHASTELER FRANK	AVTS	SPORTSMAN	1,796.00	598.87
44.	GOMEZ, EMANUEL	ISS	SPORTSMAN	1,775.00	591.86
45.	THOMAS, ROSS	HSS	3-F	1,744.00	581.53
46.	MCNAMEE, ART	TOSS	EXPERT	1,725.00	575.19
47.	CAVAZOS, ROBERT	ISS	EXPERT	1,635.00	545.18
48.	HENDRY, STEVE	HSS	EXPERT	1,596.00	532.18
49.	GLASS, ROBERT	ISS	SPORTSMAN	1,566.00	522.17
50.	BROWN, ROBERT	ISS	SPORTSMAN	1,423.00	474.49
51.	SCHORZ, HANK	none	SPORTSMAN	1,356.00	452.15
52.	ADAMCZYK, CASEY	HSS	SPORTSMAN	1,181.00	393.80
53.	NELISSEN, MARC	ISS	3-F	1,072.00	357.45
54.	SCHULTE, PAUL	TPG	SPORTSMAN	1,008.00	336.11
55.	NIKOLA, GREG	PSS	EXPERT	944.00	314.77

Southern California Soaring Clubs
Contest Team Scores

Contest Number: 5 Date: 8/29/99 Club: HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY
Contest Director: ROSS THOMAS

1.	TORREY PINE GULLS	10	1,000.00	977.66	968.99	0.00	2,946.65
2.	HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY	13	996.67	993.33	934.31	0.00	2,924.31
3.	SOARING UNION of LOS ANGELES	5	977.33	970.66	896.97	0.00	2,844.95
4.	THOUSAND OAKS SOARING SOCIETY	5	954.98	883.63	829.61	0.00	2,668.22
5.	INLAND SOARING SOCIETY	10	860.62	843.28	836.95	0.00	2,540.85
6.	EL DORADO SILENT FLYERS	3	822.27	814.27	721.24	0.00	2,357.79
7.	PASADENA SOARING SOCIETY	2	960.99	314.77	0.00	0.00	1,275.76
8.	ALISO VIEJO THERMAL SOARERS	1	598.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	598.87

Monthly Contest Results - Year to Date

(April was the HLG Contest and August the BUBW)

Name	Club	January	February	March	May	June	July	September	Total
Don Northern	TOSS	1000.0	945.7	913.0	1000.0	886.1	1000.0	1000.0	6744.9
Bob Swet	TOSS	663.2	992.5	971.8	938.6	793.4	987.4	984.3	6331.3
Art McNamee	TOSS	585.7	968.1	997.1	921.0	629.1	862.3	984.4	5947.7
Edgar Weisman	TOSS	745.2	981.7	1000.0	867.9	1000.0		996.7	5591.5
Bill Karp	TOSS	796.9	877.9		971.6	795.1	617.0	979.0	5037.5
Gary Filice	TOSS	773.1	958.6			904.8	863.9	987.8	4488.2
Mike Stern	TOSS		771.4	772.4	724.5	216.1	943.5	995.5	4423.4
Larry Jimenez	TOSS		881.3		651.3	680.8	968.4		3181.9
Peter Stairs	TOSS	560.7	917.2	911.5		696.3			3085.7
Martin Usher	TOSS		330.4	268.5	581.7	879.2	859.0		2918.8
Hank Schorz	SCSA	372.5	977.6	784.8					2134.9
Dan Werner	SCSA	305.9	1000.0					322.3	1628.1
Greg Nikola	SCSA	379.0		992.8					1371.8
John Erickson	SCSA							986.9	986.9
Brian Boggs	SCSA							973.5	973.5
Lex Mierop	????							820.2	820.2
Jim Hazlewood	TOSS							676.0	676.0
Greg Boswell	????						661.5		661.5
Brent Blair	TOSS				335.0	233.5			568.5
Gerren Blair	TOSS				469.6				469.6
Lowell Norenberg	SCSA	370.5							370.5
Claus Langer	SCSA	290.5							290.5
Brian Filice	TOSS					101.1			101.1

