

TOSSUP 97

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Best Flier Award

(Bob Swet)

The 1996 award for *Best Flier* went to Don McNamee. Congratulations!

New rules were approved at the January meeting for the TOSS 1997 Best Flier Award. First, you must be a paid club member. Second, all monthly contributions will be normalized to the HIGHEST score of that TOSS monthly contest, REGARDLESS of the class that it was scored in. Lastly, the HIGHEST accumulative score based on the "Total number of TOSS monthly contests minus two" highest normalized scores. Examples of that last rule would be; if there were 12 monthly contests, we would count your top 10 scores. If there only 9 monthly contests, we would count only your 7 highest scores. The trophy will be passed to the 1997 winner at the January 1998 club meeting.

January Meeting Minutes

Old Business

There was no old business - the last meeting was at the end of November when we just changed hats.



1) *"Flyer of the Year"* - Mike Reagan came in with the "Flyer of the Year" trophy which he finally relinquished after 5 years. The meeting decided to change the way that the winner was calculated and to award the winner of this trophy a free membership subscription for the next year.

2) *Monthly Competition Awards* - we want to issue plaque type trophies for 1st place finishers in Sport, Open and 2m. Charlie was tasked to call the supplier and order 24 (6 months supply).

3) *Spending Money* - The meeting resolved to get new winch batteries and lines.

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4) *Cross Country Competition* - Edgar Weisman wants to hold a Cross Country competition in May instead of the normal monthly contest. There was some discussion of this because we didn't know whether:-

- The date may clash with another AMA sanctioned event
- There were some logistical problems caused by the current requirement to have passengers riding in the back of pickup trucks seated in approved seats and held in with approved restraints (seat belts).

4) *Contest Directors* - We nominated a CD for each monthly competition for the rest of this year.

5) *Electric Sailplanes* - Thomas Akers brought up the subject of electric sailplanes at Redwood. This subject had surfaced before Christmas with a posting on the RCSD Internet listserver that was critical of TOSS because we didn't allow electrically launched gliders at Redwood.

The concensus of the meeting was this was not a good idea because it was difficult to mix power and sailplanes at this site. Since there was no clear cut way of distinguishing between an electrically launched sailplane and an electric power plane it was thought easier to just not run power at this site. Edgar W. mentioned that it was OK to fly electrics at Paramount Ranch.

SW Regionals

(By Edgar Weisman.)

These were held near Phoenix over the weekend of the 2nd Feburary. They attracted about 170 entrants from all over the US, of which 5 came from TOSS.

The contest was made up of two separate contests back to back, the final score being the total from each competition. The first competition was a 'Triathlon' - three 10 minute

rounds with scoring biased towards even minute times. The second competition was a 5 round TD contest that used a line landing. Everone made their times so the points differences were in the landings.

BJ Weisman won the contest, beating Joe Wurts by 2 points. Other placings were Don McNamee (16), Edgar Weisman (18), Art McNamee (28) & Miles Moran (60). TOSS placed second overall to Pasadena, beating out Torrey Pines.

This competition was the first serious test of the *Addiction*. As it turned out 10 of the first 20 places were taken by the *Saffire*.

“Larry’s Letters”

Larry Jimenez handed out a flier at the club meeting advertising his capability to make vinyl or Monokote lettering. He can make them in red, navy blue, black or white and any height between 1/2" and 2". Cost is \$2 per AMA number or 25c a letter for other lettering such as your name or the name of the plane. There's a wide choice of fonts - his sheet listed about 70. (It looks as if he can use any 'True Type' font.) You can contact him at:-

1943 Channel Drive,
Ventura, CA93001
(805) 652-1937

Larry also brought along some lettering that he's done for people at the meeting. They looked very professional, identical to the kinds of tranfers that come with kit planes.

February Monthly Contest

(By Bob Swet)

It was a cool morning with dew glistening in the rising sun. Our precious planes were propped against any available object in hopes of keeping them dry. The contest director, Mike Reagan, informed the anxious pilots of the days tasks. First round, 4 minutes. Then two rounds of 8 minutes each. Landings would be on measured on 25 foot tapes. Flight time will count 950 points each and landings would be worth 50 points each.

It wasn't long before the first flier was in the air. Soon, lift was found over by the hill. And so the day was started with gentle off-shore breezes, which after the first round, did their normal 180 degree swing. For most, it was a day of gentle lift and strong sink. For the lucky

few, there was the rare strong thermal. And for those waiting, we occasionally got to watch pilots like Edgar, Don N. and Bill K. work their sailplanes at very low altitudes to hopefully make their times.

Before too long, the scores were being totaled and the plaques were awarded. For those not present, picture plaques were (will) be awarded to the top two pilots in open, the top finisher in two-meter class and to the top scorer in sportplane. There is only two stipulations, there must be more than one flier in that class and at least eight fliers total. February results yielded Mike Reagan first in open, Art McNamee second in open, Mike Stern first in 2-meter and Don Northern was first in sportplane.

P.S. Don N., you better watch your tail feathers, Don Mc. is threatening to teach you a few flying lessons with his new Spirit 100 to be flown in sportplane class.

NAME	CLASS	Glider	R 1			R2			R3			Total Points	Norm Points	Yearly Flier Points
			Time	Land	Points	Time	Land	Points	Time	Land	Points			
Art McNamee	Open	Addiction	3:58	95	989.56	7:58	65	978.5	8:01	92	994.0	2962.1	1000.0	1000.0
Mike Reagan	Open	Addiction	3:59	87	989.5	8:00	61	980.5	7:59	87	991.5	2961.6	999.8	999.8
Bob Swet	Open	Opus	4:00	79	989.5	7:59	57	976.5	7:58	85	988.5	2954.6	997.5	997.5
Myles Moran	Open	Mako	4:00	81	990.5	8:00	75	987.5	8:01	49	972.5	2950.5	996.1	996.1
Don McNamee	Open		3:23	74	840.5	8:00	72	986.0	7:58	97	994.5	2821.1	952.4	952.4
Don Northern	Open	Paragon	4:00	95	997.5	6:22	0	756.0	7:59	0	948.0	2701.6	912.0	912.0
Greg Nikola	Open	Addiction	3:57	91	983.6	8:00	68	984.0	5:54	0	700.6	2668.3	900.8	900.8
Edgar Weisman	Open	Saphire	3:58	96	990.0	4:49	27	585.5	7:57	93	990.6	2566.1	866.3	866.3
Hank Schorz	Open	Addiction	4:00	65	982.5	3:52	76	497.2	8:01	92	994.0	2473.7	835.1	835.1
Bill Karp	Open	Magic	3:34	78	886.1	5:43	0	678.9	7:01	47	856.7	2421.7	817.6	817.6
Gary Filice	Open	Mako	4:01	0	946.0	2:52	76	378.4	4:32	59	567.8	1892.3	638.8	638.8
Michael Stern	2m	Banshee	3:55	0	930.2	7:53	52	962.1	8:00	0	950.0	2842.4	1000.0	959.6
Art McNamee	2m	Secret	3:23	92	849.5	-	-	0	-	-	0	849.5	298.9	286.8
Don Northern	Sport	Paragon	2:47	71	696.5	8:01	89	992.5	8:02	87	989.5	2678.6	1000.0	904.3
Devin Holzer	Sport	Paragon	4:07	47	961.1	3:00	66	389.3	8:01	80	988.0	2338.9	873.2	789.6