

TOSSUP 99



Ventura County Forming a R/C Modeler Association

7/29 - A kick-off meeting was held tonight to form an R/C modeler association within Ventura County. This association will initially consist of the six local R/C airplane clubs (Ventura County Comets, Simi Valley Flyers, Conejo Valley Flyers, Camarillo Flying Circus, Thousand Oaks Soaring Society, and Channel Islands Condors). The goals of the association is to "Establish a joint usage Ventura County Regional Flying site". Its objectives are to:

- 1) "Educate our Ventura County flyers in the importance of an association."
- 2) "Keep or acquire flying sites."
- 3) "Public relations, inform the public how we benefit the County."
- 4) "Youth programs, establish and maintain"

The concept of the association was developed because two clubs (Conejo Valley Flyers and Channel Island Condors) are searching for new flying sites. CVF has recently lost their field and CIC field will be closing with the next 7 to 9 months. It seems that neither club with their limited memberships have enough political clout within the city/county/state/federal arena to quickly obtain a new location for their activities. As an association representing over 700 local AMA members (R/C powered aircraft and sailplanes), it is hoped that enough clout will be held in order to be heard within the political circles.

Immediate activities will include picking a name, create a mailing to solicit funds and communicate to county AMA members, nominate officers, incorporate the association and hire a spokesperson. As you imagine, this will take money. Each club is being asked to donate \$100 (more will be gladly be accepted) to the association to initially be used to pay for incorporation and to cover the cost of the mailing. Additional funds will have to be obtained to cover future legal costs and the spokesperson.

Meeting minutes - Each club of the association was represented by a club officer. Also attending was Don Goeschi, Associate Vice President of District X of the AMA. The association name of 'Ventura County R/C Modelers Association' was selected. Incorporation (5013C?) will likely to be in California or Nevada, which ever ends up being cheaper. It was recommended that the association offi-

cers not include any club officers who are actively participating in obtaining a new flying site for their own club. Side Note - The CVF and CIC will continue to pursue their own endeavors individually. VCRCMA will pursue obtaining a regional site (independent of all clubs) and will only provide representation of Ventura County flyers in backing CVF and CIC in their efforts. Edgar Weisman (TOSS) has volunteered to bring maps of the area to the next meeting to help locate possible flying sites. If there are any club members that are willing to provide free or substantially reduced rate legal representation or as the spokesperson, they should inform the association of such. Once the association is formed, the AMA will be solicited for financial and political backing. The support of R/C boat and car enthusiast will not be sought after at this time but may be at some future date. The next association meeting will be held Monday, August 9th.

TOSS involvement - You are probably by now thinking why should TOSS participate since we already have a flying field or what is in this for me. The answer is simply, Your future in the hobby is depending upon it. All clubs eventually lose their flying fields. In the past year alone, 18 clubs have lost their fields in Southern California. Each year, it gets more and more difficult to obtain/retain a field. When we lose our field someday in the future, we will be asking for VCRCMA backing. Hopefully, they will be there to help us.

During the August TOSS club meeting, we will be voting on the approval of TOSS participation within the VCRCMA in conjunction with the \$100 initiation fee. If you will not be present at the meeting and wish to have your vote included, please contact any club officer and inform him of your approval or disapproval. And when you receive the solicitation from the association for a donation, please give as much as you can. Don't think of it as a donation, rather, you should consider it an investment in future enjoyment.

Bob Swet

"Built Up / Bent Wing" Contest

This annual extravaganza replaced the regular monthly contest, allowing owners of quasi-vintage sailplanes to fly with others of like type without the distraction of composite "glass slippers" or bounce-o-matic foam planes. The contest consisted of four tasks of 3 minutes, 5 minutes, 8 minutes and 4 minutes scoring one point per second up to the time with one point per second penalty for over plus a ten percent of the flight points bonus for landing in a 25' circle. Team placings were changed to be the top two scores from each club participating to allow all of the clubs attending to have a chance at the trophies, trophies which were offered for up to the top four placing from the winning club.

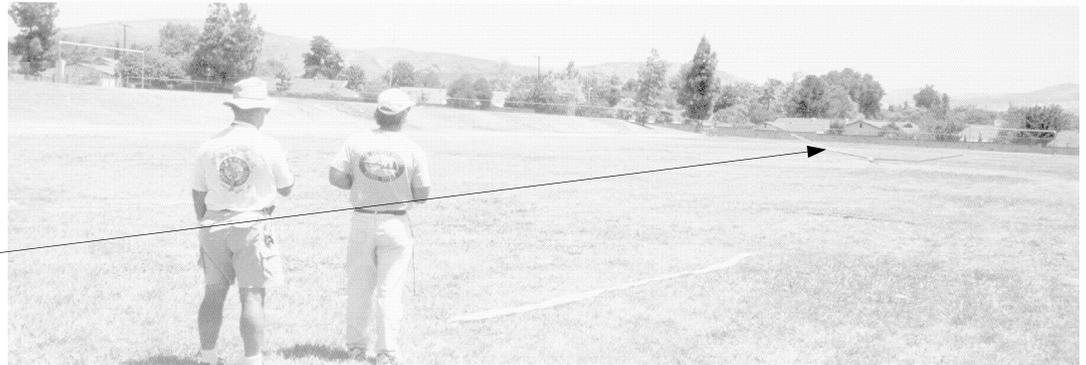
Flying conditions were good to ideal - clear skies, little consistent wind apart from thermal activity to start building during the morning to the onshore breeze that's typical for this time of year. The air temperature was cool for August - in the upper 70s - which made participating pleasant.

The first round was a short round that was more a test of whether contestants could remember how to spot land a polyhedral plane. Some couldn't and there were several significant overshoots of the landing area. Things rapidly settled down to an evenly paced contest with few glitches in the launch and 'incidents' during flying. There were a couple of serious crashes, one caused by a wing failure

which caused the plane to spiral in over the extreme north-east of the field and the other caused by a rudder falling apart on launch causing the plane to come down on a driveway on Gainsborough just over from the flying field. Both these caused extensive damage to the planes. (There were two other incidents - one being loss of elevator control and the other being a plane hung up in the retriever but both planes were brought down without damage.)

Once the contest was over it was discovered that there was a tie for the top two places. A fly-off round of 3 minutes scoring up to 100 points on a 50' tape was used to decide the winner. Mike Reagan took first place with 2:58/84 against Jerry Tonnelli's 3:01/75, a very narrow margin. He probably deserved the title, though, because of the plane he was flying. He was sharing Edgar's, a plane that flew fine but had "something weird" about the spoilers that made them unusable for spot landings. (They would cause the plane to yaw about when deployed - OK for losing height but useless on approach.) . Mike therefore had to land the thing without using spoilers - a significant feat.

Right - Winning the contest. Mike Reagan, with Edgar timing, landing to win the fly-off. The plane is a bit difficult to spot in this photo (it shows up better in color). It is 45° up from the far end of the tape.



Below - Jerry Tonnelli about to launch in the fly-off. Jerry's plane is a highly unusual configuration, having a flat center section with upswept tips and a V-Tail. It looked very modern for a BUBW!



Results of BUBW Contest - August 1999

Individual Scores

Rank	NAME	Team/Club	TOTAL	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			Round 4		
			POINTS	Time	Landing	Points									
1	Mike Reagan	TOSS	1315.6	3:01	IN	196.9	5:02	IN	327.8	8:01	IN	526.9	4:00	IN	264
2	Jerry Tonnelli	SSJSS	1315.6	3:01	IN	196.9	4:59	IN	328.9	7:58	IN	525.8	4:00	IN	264
3	Don McNamee	TOSS	1291.7	3:01	IN	196.9	5:02	IN	327.8	8:00	IN	528	3:59	out	239
4	Larry Jimenez	TOSS	1283.7	2:49	IN	185.9	4:58	IN	327.8	7:54	IN	521.4	3:46	IN	248.6
5	Jerry Dyer	SSJSS	1257.6	3:00	IN	198	5:00	IN	330	7:50	out	470	3:56	IN	259.6
6	Art McNamee	TOSS	1257.5	3:00	IN	198	5:01	IN	328.9	7:56	IN	523.6	3:27	out	207
7	David Butkovich	SWSA	1239.6	3:00	IN	198	4:59	IN	328.9	7:32	out	452	4:03	IN	260.7
8	Ron Lindgren	SCSA	1230.6	2:47	IN	183.7	5:01	IN	328.9	7:59	out	479	4:01	out	239
9	Mike Morjoseph	HSS	1223.7	2:58	IN	195.8	5:05	IN	324.5	8:06	IN	521.4	3:02	out	182
10	Ross Thomas	HSS	1202.8	3:05	IN	192.5	4:57	IN	326.7	7:56	IN	523.6	2:40	out	160
11	Pete Stairs	SCSA	1183.4	3:04	out	176	4:58	IN	327.8	7:56	IN	523.6	2:36	out	156
12	Mike Stern	TOSS	1178	2:57	out	177	4:48	out	288	7:59	out	479	3:54	out	234
13	Bill Karp	TOSS	1158	2:50	out	170	5:00	IN	330	8:00	out	480	2:58	out	178
14	Lowell Norenberg	SFVSF	1148	3:00	IN	198	5:04	out	296	7:53	out	473	3:01	out	181
15	Edgar Weisman	TOSS	1129	3:02	out	178	3:58	out	238	7:55	out	475	3:58	out	238
16	Don Northern	TOSS	1113.5	2:58	IN	195.8	4:59	IN	328.9	5:27	out	327	4:02	IN	261.8
17	Bob Swet	TOSS	1108.6	2:56	IN	193.6	5:00	IN	330	6:30	out	390	3:15	out	195
18	Karl Hawley	HSS	1106.1	2:51	out	171	5:08	IN	321.2	5:51	out	351	3:59	IN	262.9
19	Ed Slobod	SFVSF	1096	0:55	out	55	5:01	out	299	7:50	IN	517	3:45	out	225
20	David Farless	PSS	1009.5	3:03	out	177	4:57	out	297	4:37	out	277	3:55	IN	258.5
21	Jerry Fox	CVRC	950.8	2:59	IN	196.9	5:01	IN	328.9	3:17	out	197	3:48	out	228
22	Martin Usher	TOSS	946	3:03	IN	194.7	4:51	out	291	4:30	out	270	2:53	IN	190.3
23	Gerren Blair	TOSS	817.1	2:24	out	144	3:11	IN	210.1	4:09	out	249	3:34	out	214
24	Brent Blair	TOSS	460	1:28	out	88	2:28	out	148	2:13	out	133	1:31	out	91
25	Scott Wells	SSJSS	171.6	2:36	IN	171.6									
26	Browne Goodwin	SULA	161	3:19	out	161									

Team Scores

	Team	# of flyers
1	TOSS	12
2	SSJSS	3
3	HSS	2
4	SCSA	3
5	SFVSF	2

Right - The Individual winners, Mike Reagan (TOSS) on the left took first place from Jerry Tonnelli (SSJSS) by the narrowest of margins in the flyoff.

Left (previous page) - The (TOSS) Team winners, Mike Reagan, Don McNamee, Larry Jimenez and Art McNamee.



More Pictures from the Contest



Left - The Table 'o Loot, showing individual and team trophies and the pile of stuff raffled off at the end of the contest.

Below - Pilot's meeting, Don "telling it like is going to be"

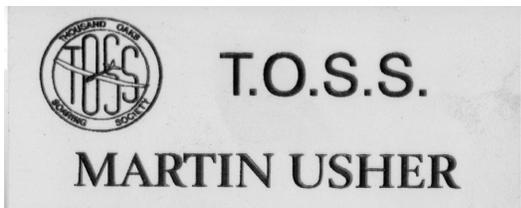


Above- Doling out the raffle prizes
Below - Larry picking up 4th. place



Larry's Name Badges

Larry Jiminez has done name badges for some club members and would like to know whether anyone else is interested in getting one. They're about 3" by 1 1/4", nicely finished in dark blue with the club emblem, club name and member's name etched in white. He gave me a line drawing of the badge which doesn't do them justice so I scanned mine which gives you a better idea of what they look like. (Note that the picture is a negative.)



Larry will order more if there's interest (he needs a few to make the order economic). They cost \$6.50 each. If you want one call him on

Club Contact

The article on Page 1 suggests that we may as a club decide to commit "resources" (that's money to you) to this new organization. Its in everyone's interest to understand what's involved and what our committments are likely to be and its important for the club to hear your views. If you can't make it to the meeting you can make your views known in writing, EMail or telephone (use this as a last resort because the message could get lost). Contact Martin Usher at the address on the front of the mailer, EMail him at: martin_usher@prodigy.net or call on 492.1176 and I'll make sure that your views are heard at this meeting.

