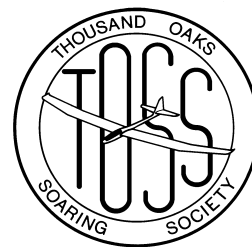


TOSSUP 98



Hand Launch Contest

Lex Mierop is organizing a Handlaunch Contest for November 1st. at Redwood. He's promoted it through RCSE and the HLG mailserver as well as individual mailings to local HLG specialists. This promises to be an interesting event and it may well be the first of many similar ones. Here is the text of the mail message that he sent out.....

"The Thousand Oaks Soaring Society is pleased to present a TOSS HLG contest.

"Plan on multiple rounds of man-on-man action for those inclined to throw model aircraft into the sky til they become specks. Here's your chance to show your stuff without a long drive for those in the north end of SOCAL.

"Particulars:

"When: Sunday, November 1, 1998
Signups at the field 8:00am-8:30; Flying starts at 9:00

"Where: TOSS Club field at Redwood School, Thousand Oaks, CA.

"Who: Two Classes; Open & Silver Eagles
(Junior class if enough interest)

"Tasks: To be announced at pilot's meeting

"Prizes: Trophies depending on number of entries.

"Entry: \$3.00

"Misc: All club/field rules apply. 60" max wingspan. SEs may have a launcher provided at CD's discretion. No Microwaves.

"CD: Lex Mierop (805)499-2256 eves.
E-mail questions/concerns to me at lex@nts.net
Drop me a line if you think you might come.

The AGM is Coming.....

Its once again time for nominations for the various club offices, or rather "*Time to shuffle those hats*". The AGM will be the November club meeting and nominations are required by the October meeting. (We discussed the nominating process during the last club meeting but as of the present we hadn't taken up Bob Swet's suggestion that people didn't have to be present at the October meeting to to be nominated but they did have to be present to decline a nomination.) If you're interested in becoming a club officer but don't know what's involved then feel free to ask. You may be surprised..... ♦

October's Contest *(Bob Swet)*

It all started with blue sky and a few wispy clouds. There was virtually no wind. It was warm but never getting too hot. Several members from SCSA joined the usual TOSS crowd to participate in our monthly adventures in proving our local status. With Edgar Weisman volunteering to be the CD and requesting three 10 minutes flights, I was quickly nominated into being the CD. I guess that most people thought I would be more reasonable. Within a short time I was announcing our tasks were a 3, 6, and 10 flights scored 950 maximum points for the air time and 50 point landings based on a 25 foot circle.

First round went quickly. Most planes could float for the three minutes and thus permitting fine tuned for the weather conditions. That is except for Don Northern who didn't catch on to the fine difference between "we are going to have a hand launch contest" and "we are having a hand launch contest". Though most planes outsized Don's by at least two, he was determined to fly his 'C' Star in the "Sportplane" class. Personally, I think he flew it to show us up. I am sure that Don was questioning his intentions when he posted the second shortest time for the first round.

During the later parts of round two a stillness came over the field. All wind had died out. You could have used a leaf for a plumb bob. For many, this time spelled disaster for not only had the wind died, but the lift appeared to have disappeared as well. It was time to separate the pilots from the flight engineers. A number of pilots includ-

ing our newest club competitor, Jim Pendergrass, wished the airlines would land ahead of schedule like their flights had. With a little luck and allot of body english, I had made my times.

Sand baggers, plane chasers, a balsa tree planter and "gutsy pilots" would typify most of the competitors during the third and thankfully last round. It was still dead calm. The sky was blue with a few clouds appearing on one horizon. Finding a thermal appeared to be a dream. Most everyone waited for someone else to seek out the lift. When lift was found, however meager it may have been, a gaggle of sailplanes would appear in the sky circling like vultures over a dead carcass. Regrettably, Jim P. discovered that his previously sacrifices to Mother Earth would not cover his new debts. Thus ended his new V-tail essence on the third launch. I am beginning that his plane was jinxed. When bringing it to the field for its maiden flight, Jim tripped on the curbing. Luckily, the sailplane was there to cushion his fall.

When all surprises had finally emerged, we had a new (in the sense of for his very first time) TOSS member finishing as the top Expert. Congratulations Mike Stern. It has been a long time coming. Art McNamee beat Edgar W. in 2 meter. For Sportplane, though Don Northern put on a valiant HLG demonstration by placing second, it was Don McNamee who was victorious. ♦

Name	Glider	R1			R2			R3			Total	Normal	Year
Mike Stern	Mako	3:00	81	990.5	6:01	93	993.9	10:00	99	999.5	2983.9	1000	1000
Don McNamee	Gemini 'S'	3:00	92	996	6:00	89	994.5	10:01	84	990.4	2980.9	999	999
Hank Schorz	??	3:01	100	994.7	5:59	82	988.4	10:02	90	991.8	2974.9	997	997
Mike Reagan	Addiction	2:59	82	985.7	5:59	79	986.9	10:00	94	997	2969.6	995.2	995.2
Paul Trist	Addiction	2:59	81	985.2	5:58	78	983.7	9:59	76	986.4	2955.4	990.4	990.4
Edgar Weisman	Pumpkin	3:00	67	983.5	5:58	82	985.7	9:56	70	978.7	2947.9	987.9	987.9
Greg Nikola	??	3:02	90	984.4	5:56	96	987.4	9:58	0	946.8	2918.7	978.2	978.2
Gary Felice	Mako	3:00	28	964	5:58	67	978.2	9:54	13	947	2889.2	968.3	968.3
Dan Werner	Saphire	3:00	90	995	5:58	91	990.2	8:16	95	832.8	2818.1	944.4	944.4
Art McNamee	Addiction	2:59	70	979.7	4:50	14	772.3	10:00	84	992	2744	919.6	919.6
John Erickson	Edge	2:59	90	989.7	4:36	0	728.3	10:00	92	996	2714.1	909.6	909.6
Peter Stairs	Eagle	3:05	83	965.1	5:59	80	987.4	7:00	0	665	2617.5	877.2	877.2
Bob Swet	Cumic	2:59	55	972.2	6:00	89	994.5	6:05	78	616.9	2583.6	865.9	865.9
Bill Karp	F3B Eagle	2:54	45	940.8	2:24	0	380	7:16	59	719.8	2040.7	683.9	683.9
Art McNamee	Laser	3:00	72	986	5:59	78	986.4	5:05	0	482.9	2455.3	1000	822.9
Edgar Weisman	2M Super-V	2:53	93	959.6	3:13	0	509.3	9:51	86	978.8	2447.6	996.9	820.3
Don McNamee	Salsa	2:59	94	991.7	5:59	72	983.4	10:00	84	992	2967.1	1000	994.4
Don Northern	C' Star HLG	2:27	0	775.8	5:59	85	989.9	9:58	60	976.8	2742.5	924.3	919.1
Bob Swet	Cumic	2:59	95	992.2	5:59	98	996.4	2:59	22	294.4	2283	769.4	765.1
Larry Jimenez	Paragon	2:58	82	980.4	4:20	86	729.1	5:06	12	490.5	2200.1	741.5	737.3
Jim Pendergrass	Essence	2:23	0	754.7	3:23	0	535.7	0:00	0	0	1290.4	434.9	432.5

Just in case you've not noticed.....

Marty's Hobbies is now got bits from "Planes, Wings, Things" in stock - reflective tape, hinge tape, "those round things that hold servos into wings", towhooks and so on.

Notes on Visalia *(1998 Silver Anniversary Fall Soaring Festival - Bob Swet)*

This is the last leg of the Triad, the other two being Arizona and Rose Bowl. There are four classes, Open (203 contestants), 2 Meter (20), Nostalgia (46) and "Grey Cup" (32) - a total of 301 entries with 269 fliers. TOSS entrants were Art McNamee, Bill Karp, Bob Swet, Don McNamee, Edgar Weisman, Gary Filice, Larry Jimenez, Michael Reagan, Michael Stern, Jonathon Spoer and Terry Koplan.

FRIDAY.....

We (Art, Don and myself) met at Art's house to van pool to Visalia. We piled planes, radios, chairs, bags, coolers and yet more planes into Art's van. Left at 0700 to get there early enough to practise. Arrived at 1000 and set up camp. While debating to fly to avoid re0kitting the field was shut down to all flying at 1100.

Nice day with a light breeze.

SATURDAY.....

Very cool on arrival (definitely not shorts weather). Lack of frequency pin being returned caused delay in the first round. Tasks are 3, 5, 7 & 6 minutes at 1 point/sec. Landings are 2*30' box with scoring 5 points anywhere in the grass landing zone, 1½' box worth 80 points, 3' long box worth 40 points, 6'L box worth 20 points and remainder of the 30' box worth 10 points. Pop-offs were one per contestant for the duration of the contest, had mine on my first flight, flew it out from 60' made my 3 minutes time so

I could save my pop-off for a longer flight time. Santa Ana winds picked up throughout the day which meant into the wing launch and landings. By late afternoon both launches and landings were tricky. The HLG contest that's normally held before Saturday dinner was cancelled due to high winds.

SUNDAY.....

Tasks are 3, 4 and 8 minutes at 1 pt/sec, landings the same as Saturday. Conditions were sunny with light breeze, normal direction (launch and landings downwind). Carnage increases as pilots try to improve their positions by dorking the landings. Mid-pack (10 pilots with middle of the pack scores) fly off for a \$100 prize. Terry Koplan (ex-TOSS) participates, scores well but not well enough. Flew his antique Viking (previously flown in a World Championship contest). Raffle was spectacular as ever. Many kits, lots of Multiplex servos, bicycles and radio systems given away. "Who is that guy with all those orange colored tickets?" was a common question. Three TOSS members win awards - Edgar (1st place, Grey Cup), Bob (2nd. place, Nostalgia) and Don (3rd. place, Nostalgia).

CVRC put on an excellent contest as usual. Its amazing what a club of 22 members can do when everyone participates. They kept it moving - minimum equipment downtime. Can't wait to go again next year. Good time was had by all - everyone came back with a story or two.

Open

1	CLERX	BEN	TPG	7246
2	KINDRICK	KEITH	CVRC	7240
3	TIMBS	NORM	PBSS	7208
4	MEADER	SCOTT	SBSS	7188
5	FOX	MIKE	-	7184
6	SCHAT	DAVID	SULA	7181
7	PERKINS	DARYL	PSS	7172
8	WURTS	JOE	PSS	7164
9	TRIEBES	MARK	SBSS	7162
10	TOSCHI	STEVE	SBSS	7162
16	REAGAN	MICHAEL	TOSS	7112
65	STERN	MICHAEL	TOSS	6835
119	FILICE	GARY	TOSS	6271
152	KARP	BILL	TOSS	5897

2Meter

1	ROBERTSON	JERRY	CASL	6898
2	LEVOE	MARK	PSS	6190
3	GILLIS	BILL	S3	6161
17	SPOER	JONATHAN	TOSS	3244

Gray

1	WEISMAN	EDGAR	TOSS	7024
2	FINKENBINER	KEITH	CVRC	6988
3	RATNER	MICHAEL	PSS	6986
11	MCNAMEE	ART	TOSS	6580

Nostalgia

1	ENGER	LARRY	HSS	6991
2	SWET	ROBERT	TOSS	6930
3	MCNAMEE	DON	TOSS	6911
6	NORTHERN	DON	TOSS	6792
13	KOPLAN	TERRY	TOSS	6350
23	JIMENEZ	LARRY	TOSS	5847

TOSS Photopage from Visalia *(contributed by Bob Swet).....*

From the top....

The winners (Bob, Edgar and Don), Terry Koplan, Don launching with Jonathon Spoer and dad behind, Don looking for something, Peter Stairs flying with Art pointing (*"its over there"*), and *"Launch Time"*. (Bob's pictures also included Gary timing for Michael Stern (too murky to print in B&W) and a nice airtow picture which will appear when there's more room.)

