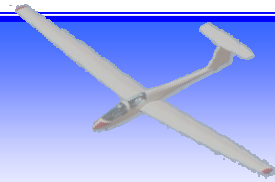


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Safety is Important!

As you know, we always provide you with a safety message that applies to our hobby and sport. Along with that, we have the Lost Stewart Award, (formerly known as the Turkey Award), which is our friendly reminder of a safety mistake you made that could have been avoided. This month, we go where our safety message has never gone before...your fingertips.

We depend on our fingers for way too many things, and getting one hurt can really hinder you. Well, it seems that our candidate of the month tried to do without one of his fingers. For whatever reason, our candidate was messing with one of his electric powered models, and during that process installed and connected the flight battery. Now, I have mentioned more than a few times that when you are servicing an electric powered model and have to install the main battery to check it out, never leave a prop on the motor. Obviously, this message was issued to no avail as our intrepid candidate somehow hit the throttle, the prop began to turn (really, really fast!) and as the plane lurched forward, it got an appetite for human fingers. These are NOT the same things as deep fried chicken fingers, unless we're talking about a hungry electric motor. The end result was a well sliced finger and a slightly damaged plane. Thankfully, that was all that happened, as it could have been a whole lot worse. For this deed of daring and forgetfulness, we honor:

Steve Anderson

with the Lost Stewart Award for March 2011. And just in case you are keeping track, Steve also had it last month! Don't fret about that last fact, Steve. You're not the first one to get it twice in a row!

Now, you have to imagine, none of us are immune to having a foopah. I just did a dandy one! I recently bought a new Blade SR helicopter and was

setting up the model on my JR Radio. Please understand that I flew Futaba systems for the better part of 15 years or more, and if you are familiar at all with the servo channel sequence on the Futaba, it goes: Channel 1 is aileron, Channel 2 is Elevator, Channel 3 is throttle, and channel 4 is rudder. And although I switched to JR more than a few years ago, I still have some habits formed by flying with Futaba. So, where does this "habit" thing come into play?

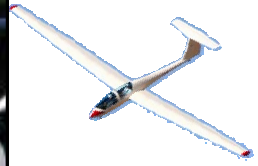
Well, the heli is a BNF model..."bind-n-fly". In order to bind, you have to have the main battery plugged in to start the binding process. That was okay, right up until I noticed the aileron control was reversed. For you non-JR users, aileron is Channel 2. But, that Futaba habit kicked in and I flipped the switch for Channel 1, which on the JR is THROTTLE! So, here is this heli, sitting on the floor awaiting my command and I flipped the Channel 1 switch...**INSTANT FULL THROTTLE!** Yeow! This little heli shot straight up and found my ceiling fan, flopped around up there a few times like a pinball machine and then zapped straight down, inverted onto the couch! Amazingly, nothing got broken and nobody got hurt, but the dog took off like a scalded cat and my pet parrot tried to exit his cage... unsuccessfully. Even my wife had that bulged eyeball look when this all happened, while both my son and I rolled around the floor laughing our brains out!

Yes, that makes me a Turkey Award candidate, but I didn't lop the tip of my finger off in the process, like Steve did. So, there you have it; Steve is still the Turkey of the Month, but you guys need to learn from our mistakes.

Mike Lee



From the Oval Office: *ISS President, Mike Lee*



The Presidential Challenge

We have moved the date of the Challenge to May 13, 2011 because our original date simply rushed up on us so fast that we did not have all of our preparations done. So, make sure you prepare for this new date and also take note that we will host a **SWAP MEET** on that day. NO charge for selling or buying. Just bring out planes, equipment, kits, tools, and other things you wish to sell or trade.

New and Repaired

Last month, I reported that some of us suffered some pretty heavy losses in aircraft and equipment. Robert and Kari Cavazos has their Supra mid-aired at SWSA, I had my Xplorer mid-aired in Phoenix, Matt Garland lost a plane in Phoenix, Robert Cavazos damaged an electric powered Ava in Phoenix, Steve Anderson mid-aired one or two people at the field with his electric models, and John Dora got into a combat match and harpooned two adversary planes in only 10-seconds, (but combat collisions don't really count). And JR lost a flat foamie F22 model when it got harpooned while performing a low, slow pass across the field. I think that may have been one of the two planes that Steve Anderson claimed. It's been a bit of carnage on the ISS pilots. However, I am glad to report that many of the damaged planes have been repaired or replaced. Steve Anderson pretty much destroyed one of his victims, so there is no hope for that plane. Robert and Kari replaced the outer wing panel of the Supra as the lost one was truly lost...it is still in the rough foothills of Duarte. I replaced my heavily damaged Xplorer fuselage, thanks to Bob Breaux at Soaring USA! Steve Garland just put a new Icon II model into the air, although I don't think it will replace the Xplorer 3.5 that Matt lost.

New planes showing up include the cute little Mosquito twin motor fighter/bombers made by E-Flite. Dennis and Les both have one, and Les has a very large version of the Mosquito from Hobby Lobby. Chico Romero had a new 59 inch foam powered sport glider. It is mostly sport, not glider. He got that from Hobby King. John XXXXX had a new 3-D foamie out for exercises and it flies great! Chico and I think John also had some new E-flite Extra 300 aerobats out to fly. I

believe Denny or JR came out with a flat foamie XB-70 electric pusher bomber that just looks cool.

We have a lot of activity going on out there now, and I must stress the use of common sense, courtesy and safety while flying. Be aware of the air traffic around you and more importantly, the people around you. Patience will be a golden commodity on the field, meaning if it looks a bit crowded in the sky, wait a few minutes and then fly. It will avoid a mid-air collision. Be aware of pilots retrieving a plane on the field. We don't want to have any aircraft to people contact. We all want to have fun and enjoy this wonderful sport, so practice common sense, courtesy and patience when flying. (BTW, you don't want to fly when I'm in the sky....I have 25 mid-air kills to my credit, not including combat kills).

The Competition Scene

In a winter where we have seen plentiful rainfall for a change, we should have predicted that the possibility of a contest being rained out would be real...and for the March 20th SC-2, it was real. Really rained out! (I still want the job of being the weatherman....you can be absolutely wrong and not get fired!) So, we have nothing to report for the Competition Scene this month. A few of us may end wandering on up to Fresno for their Spring Fling event. It's not a big event, but a very friendly one. In fact, it normally has maybe the same number of entries as a good SC-2 event, but not the different skill classes within a group, like SC-2. Good people and good fun. Sometimes, good windy stuff. In the three previous years we have attended, we have seen high winds, rain, sunshine, really cold temps as well as blistering temps....heck, you never know. Makes for a decent challenge. While we are talking competition, here is our tentative schedule for our own summertime contests at the Soccer field:

The Gene Hays RES Challenge
ISS hosts the SC-2

June 19
August 21

We have only just submitted the request to the AYSO for these dates, and so are subject to change, so hang in there. We will keep you informed.

Mike Lee

Things Found at the RC Expo

The RC Expo was off and running on March 19 & 20. There was a bit of apprehension in my mind as I noted some empty booth spaces this year. I understand that at least 2 large players pulled out due to increased booth space rates, which is a bad thing no matter how you look at it. Although there were free tickets to be found, the show was certainly not free, when you have to pay \$9.00 just to park a car. And forget the great bargains to come back for on Sunday....if you did that, it costs you \$18.00 just to get the great deal due to parking. If you were into RC cars and trucks, this was the place to be. If you needed batteries, it was nice to be here. If you needed planes, it was slim pickins'. I ended up with a new motor from a known vendor, only to find out my motor just vibrates and won't turn a prop. Take it back? I don't think so! Despite paying \$25.00 for it, it would cost me another parking pass and the gas to get there, making my motor cost almost \$50.00! Instead, I'll buy one from Hobby People this week for \$25.00 and if it goes bad, at least I don't have to pay to park there!

Truly, there was not that much to see for the airplane fans. Nice outdoor demos for flying and lots of race car action. But if it was airplane stuff you were after, guess you better stick to the AMA Show.

That's all I have this month. The field is growing wild grass and weeds like crazy with all this rain and mild weather. We will all need to pitch in with some yard work in the near future. Don't forget our upcoming Presidential Challenge in May. We have a flyer for that, hopefully somewhere in this newsletter. Be courteous, considerate of others, be safe and above all, have fun! That's why we fly!

Mike Lee

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SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN SOARING SOCIETY

13th ANNUAL BENT WING CONTEST

- LOCATION:** General Shafter School, 1825 Shafter Road, Bakersfield, CA 93313.
Coordinates: N 35.223 W 119.024
- DATE:** April 16, 2011 (Saturday)
- EVENT:** Precision duration thermal contest, for R.E.S. and WOODY class sailplanes. Rudder, Elevator, Spoiler controls only. Arresting devices are allowed. WOODY class is automatically entered into R.E.S. class.
- SCHEDULE:** Pilots check-in 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM. Pilots meeting at 8:45 AM. First launch at 9:00 AM.
- TASKS:** In order: 4, 5, 7, 8, and 6 minutes tasks. The last round has to start before 12:15 P.M. Scoring will be 1 point per second, with a one-point penalty for each second over the task time.
- LAUNCHING:** Contest leader will have the honor of launching first in the next round. One pop-off per round will be allowed with CD's discretion allowing more if circumstances warrant. Open winch by rounds but you will be called up if flying lags too much, again, at CD's discretion
- LANDING:** Final approach has to be from the south, crossing over the fence and between two cones in order to score landing points. A 25-foot, full circle, 25-point tape is between the safety line and fence. This defines the landing area. A "stand behind line", parallel to the fence and safety line, is established by where the pilot is standing. Any part of the plane landing behind this line is a (-30) point penalty.
No circling in the landing area. If so, you must go out and cross the fence again
Lawn dart landings will not be scored. The tape has to touch the nose of the plane.
- AWARDS:** R.E.S. - 1st Place - \$50.00; 2nd Place - \$25.00; 3rd Place - \$15.00 and 4th Place - \$10.00
WOODY - 1st Place - \$50.00
- ENTRY:** Entry fee is \$25. No refunds!
- SANCTION:** This is an AMA sanctioned contest. AMA membership is required and will be checked.
If you have any questions, contact the Contest Director, Jerry Tonnelli, at:
(661) 978-3152 (evenings). Work (661) 327 - 4778 or jobpdi@aol.com

Please make check payable to: "SSJSS"

Send Entry Forms to: Jerry Tonnelli
410 Brookhaven Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93304

NO REFUNDS

Pilot,

A cyclone fence to the north, west and south surrounds the grass landing field, with the edge of the asphalt parking area defining the eastern boundary. Any part of the sailplane coming to rest outside of the landing field will score a zero for flight time. There is ample room for four 25' landing circles. Will have two launch and retrieve units with a third back up. The distance to the turn around is a little more than 550'.

Last contest was a LSF, Level V. The school has **restrooms!**

Hope to see you, and thanks for your support,
Jerry Tonnelli

Website, www.sjss.netfirms.com

Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email address: _____

Frequency: _____ AMA Number: _____

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Directions to new flying Site. General Shafter School, 1825 Shafter Road, Bakersfield, CA 93313. For a map to the school, type the above address into Google.

From the North:

- ◆ Drive South on Hwy 99 through Bakersfield to the Houghton Road Exit.
- ◆ West 1/4 mile to South H Street.
- ◆ South 1 mile to Shafter Road.
- ◆ Right on Shafter Road to the school and turn into the westernmost driveway,

Parking is on the basketball courts on the west side of the school.

From the South:

- ◆ North on Hwy 99 to Bear Mountain Boulevard (SR 223)
- ◆ West 0.7 mi to South H Street
- ◆ North 1 mile to Shafter Road
- ◆ Left on Shafter Road to the school and turn into the westernmost driveway,

Parking is on the basketball courts on the west side of the school.

Celebs at ISS Field March 13, 2011



Left to right: Joe Wurts - World Champion, sorry didn't have a name, George Morris, visitor from Colorado, new member Jun Catacutan, Charlie Morris, and Jen Morris, George's daughter

Remaining SC-2 2011 Contests

April 17	VVRC Victorville
May 22	HSS at SWSA
June 25 & 26	SULA at Field of Dreams, MoM 2 day Event
July 17	MoM at VVRC, Victorville
August 21	MoM at ISS, Soccer fields.
September 25	TOSS, Thousand Oaks
October 23	TPG, San Diego

Dawn Patrol Over Gilman Springs



Gilman Springs

RC Flyers

WHERE: Killeen Field, Gilman Springs Rd. Moreno Valley, CA.

WHEN : Saturday - April 16, 2011 - 8am to 3pm.

FEE: Landing Fee - \$15. **NOTE:** Must show current AMA Card.

ACTIVITIES: Open Flying (WWI Warbirds Only), Awards, Raffle.

AWARDS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd - for over 60 size, 60 & under size, and Electric any size.

Also, Award for "Pilots Choice" and Award for "Peoples Choice".

(Model must be flown to be eligible for an Award).

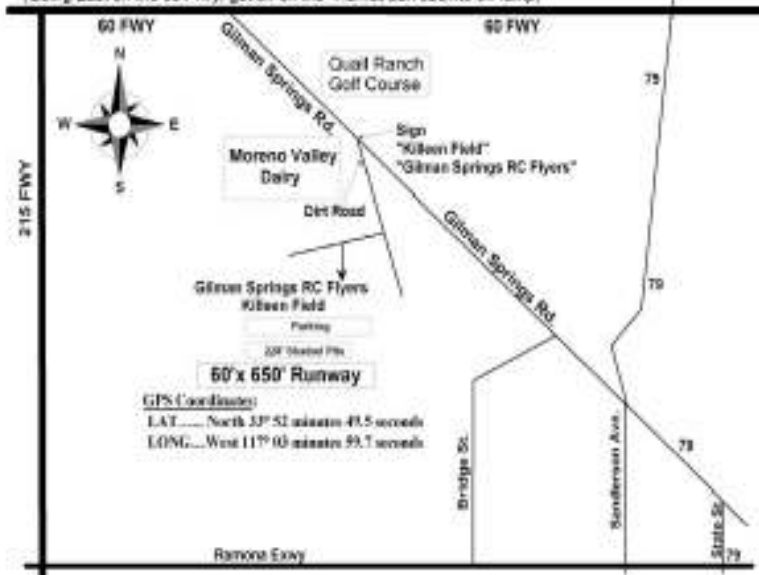
FOOD CONCESSION:



(Going East on the 60 Fwy, get off on the "Hemet/San Jacinto" off ramp)

Dust off your WW I
Model and show it
off at this Fly-In.

Enjoy our
Paved Runway
&
Shaded Pits.
You'll love it!!!



Open To All* *Spectators Welcome* *RVs Welcome



For information, contact Mike Stone at (951) 845- 7039



**THE MENIFEE VALLEY FLYERS
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR
FIRST ANNUAL SPRING**

HERITAGE LAKE FLOAT FLY

SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2011

**Site: Heritage Lake
McCall Blvd, Just East of Menifee Road
Menifee, CA 92584**

Check in at 8:00 AM, Open Flying starts at 8:30 AM

Beautiful, Large, Clear Lake, Picnic Area, Lots of Parking



**Open to all
AMA Pilots
Entry Fee:
\$10.00**



**Public Welcome - Free Admission & Parking
Refreshments Available On Site -- Open Raffle**

DIRECTIONS

Take the 215 Freeway (North or South) to the McCall Rd. exit. Turn East on McCall and go straight for approximately 1 mile. Cross over Menifee Road and Continue East on McCall to the parking area.

For More Information Contact: Ray Gould (951) 634-4112 or Matt Stein (951) 850-1521

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*The Inland Soaring Society
Presents*

**The
President's
Challenge
Fun-Fly**

**For Electric or
Non-Powered Models**

**May 14, 2011,
8:00am**

And bring models to sell...It's a SWAP MEET FOR FREE!

Tasks:

- ◆ **BlackJack Precision Landing**
- ◆ **How Slow-can-u-Go!**
- ◆ **Limbo Reverse**
- ◆ **Spin City**
- ◆ **Free-for-All Combat**
- ◆ **Precision Bomb's Away!**

Task details can be found on our website at:

<http://www.glideiss.us/newsletters/2011/February%202011%20final.pdf>

Location: ISS Flight Center, Riverside, Ca. Get on I-91 in Riverside and exit on Van Buren, going south. Go to Dufferin Rd and turn left into the Citrus State Park. Go past the entryway 1/8th mile and we are on the left.

Entry fee is only \$5.00 for the entire day! Prizes awarded to the winners. The idea is to keep the President from winning anything!