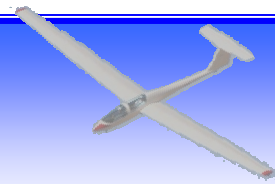


ISS Newsletter

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Safety, Safety and More Safety!

Now, first off, I apologize to this club for my loss of temper back in early April. It had to do with a safety issue and I was the victim. I give no excuse for my poor behavior, and I am sorry to anyone if I offended you. Here is the timeline of events.

As I exit my car on the parking line, I note that John Dora already has his P-40 Warhawk on the pit line and he is assembling another model. I begin to put one of mine together and about halfway through that, a small electric plane lands and careens into the side of John's P-40! Thankfully, there is no damage done that I know of, and the owner of the errant electric apologizes for his intrusion. However, this did raise our eyebrows a bit as to why the plane landed so close to the parked models. Then it happens; not 10-minutes after the first incident occurs, another errant electric model does an almost identical close in landing, only this time, it careens into my primary contest model and buries the wire landing gear strut into the right aileron of my plane. I lost my temper because I could not understand how one mistake can happen and only 10-minutes later, the same mistake is made by another pilot.

Yes, mistakes do happen and accidents occur. But now you know why I continue to press home the messages of safe flying over and over again. So, that we get the idea and put it into practice. Accidents are preventable, and in this case, easily done by landing out and away from the pit lane where people and models are located. I will have to continue hammering away at writing a safety message to you for as long as it takes to insure we are doing everything we can to prevent avoidable accidents. Think safety, practice safety and fly safely.

Speaking of flying safely, (again), we have noticed that our field is revealing evidence of more rogue pilots flying from our field. I have seen the wreckage of a scale electric fighter plane in the area of where we stake down the winches. Actually, I am hoping the single prop blade with part of the hub belongs to a club member who may have crashed but won't admit to it...out of pride. I would feel much better knowing it was a club member and not a rogue. And then, we found the wreckage of an electric ducted fan Habu model. This is a fairly fast model for our field, and from what we could see, this plane not only completely destroyed on impact, but it had been crashed before. The nose had reinforced nylon tape wrapped around it to do a quick repair of some previous meeting(s) with terra firma. Only two ISS pilots own a Habu that I know of, and that would be Steve Garland and Robert Cavazos. Both report they still own whole, complete and flyable Habu models. So, I'm pretty sure this wreckage is from a rogue.

My point in this conversation is that these uncontrolled pilots represent a significant danger to our existence at this field. Should they crash in the wrong place, like into the Citrus State Park or the neighboring houses, we would be at great risk of being kicked out. I have heard of one plane landing in the park, and the Park Ranger acknowledged it was not an ISS club member. But we also know people have parked on the roadway and walked on down to fly...one of them did just that while we were out there flying! He didn't even try to come in the gate or even look

on the field to see if anyone was there. Obviously he had done this activity several times before and so he just made it a habit to park up on the road and walk on down from the citrus trees. Boy, was HE surprised when he saw us! (Not to mention our surprise).

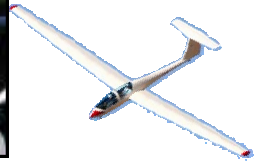
There is a lot to think about concerning this situation. Because we are not there, who would stop anyone from lighting up a glow powered model on our field? Who would prevent a pilot who may be quite competent, from flying in an unsafe manner and then does the unthinkable...an accident causing personal injury? Pretty serious stuff to think about. I'm not asking anyone to be a Park Ranger and take things into your own hands. But I am asking that if you happen to come across an unauthorized pilot who intends to fly from the field, do not confront him, but do contact the Riverside PD to report this person. The cops will do the rest. The key to remember is that by contract with the City, all pilots MUST have AMA membership to fly from the field. They don't have to be ISS members, but they must have AMA. That's all you need to tell the officer.

Mike Lee, Fresno



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

Competition News



The Fresno Spring Classic

So, a few of the ISS gang showed up at Fresno for their Spring Classic event. We had Robert and Kerry Cavazos, Ed Stewart, Mike Skube and myself making the 3.5 hour run to Fresno, plus some pit stop time in Bakersfield. We all arrived on Friday, and found mondo lift conditions all around! It was ludicrous lift! But, the weatherman had a different story for us on Saturday. It was heavy overcast and winds coming and going at all times. You might launch into calm air and land in a stiff downwind condition. Needles to say, this also made thermals tough at times.

The ISS group was doing just fine, save for hitting this rather narrow landing target. In the windy conditions, it was tough. I managed to hit two out of four flights, and found myself in the top 5 after 4 rounds. But, that didn't last long.



Ed Stewart dropped his time, Mike Skube dropped his time in the fourth round, and then I got caught by the curse and dropped round five....hero to zero. Now, I don't really know what Robert and Kerry had going with scores, but I do know that Kerry was dancing and whooping it up when Robert nailed a landing. Believe me, that wasn't all she was happy about. Kerry finished ahead of all the ISS boys! She kicked our proverbial buns! She drove the knife home and twisted it! It was an ambush, and she deserves the kudos! Her final placing was 18th, with Mike Skube in 18, Mike Lee in 22, Ed was 26th and

Robert was....was...uh, back in 37th. (You know that the conversation during the trip back home was one sided!) (It had to be!) About the most popular thing for Skube and I could discuss was how much either one of us sucked at this event.

I did notice a few unusual things happening at this event. On Friday, one plane was demolished on launch when the pilot apparently failed to turn on his radio. A bit later, another plane bit the big one after the pilot lost his grip on the plane while pulling back on the hi-start. I haven't heard of that one for an eon or so. On Saturday, a top notch pilot had his bird go in at terminal velocity after the flight battery gave way. A few minutes later, a pilot from San Diego tried to drill for oil....unsuccessfully. The plane went out of control for unknown reasons, but I'll bet it was a battery. There were no mid-air collisions that I remember and no folded wings on the winch, but plenty of things falling from the sky.

Well, we did have fun at the event and that's what the hobby is all about. From here, we go to the SC-2 at Victor Valley!

The April SC-2

Let me start out with telling you that Kerry continued to whoop and holler her way to the winner's circle! But first, let's discuss the Victor Valley event.

The city is Hesperia, and is settled just east of the Cajon Pass. Rick Pearson is the guy pushing sailplanes at Victor Valley RC, and doing a good job of it. His field has multiple winch stations and landing zones. There is plenty of ground space and air space for anything, and so this is a pretty good place to have a contest. The tasks to fly was set at a 6-minute, 10 and 8 minutes with a 50-point maximum landing on a 27 foot landing tape. Besides flying well, the goal was to fly the rounds before the strong afternoon winds came up.

Taking on the first round was not too much trouble, as most off us got off to a good start. Manny Gomez had to scratch for his final 3 minutes as the lift became spotty. Then came round 2 for a 10-minute flight. Several ISS pilots took a hit as lift became light and sparse. Robert Cavazos and Les Ward came in short, but the bad hit was indeed

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a hit, as Ed Stewart was involved in a mid-air collision with Andy Thonet. The outer 6 inches of Ed's wing panel was shredded and hardly a scratch was found on Andy's tail. Ed managed to fly the round completely and made a 98 point landing! I wasn't able to monitor all of our pilots, and so don't know how Steve and Matt Garland was doing. Neither could I see Kerry, Chico Romero, George Gomez and Les on all their flights. Rick Pearson had a heck of a scare when his Shadow launched out his hand and the winch instantly died. The plane plunged straight down from about 25 ft. Amazingly, no damage was found. John Dora almost got killed when another plane popped off the line, went exactly straight up, came straight down and pulled out at 5-ft and aiming at John and Ed Stewart. Both John and Ed ducked, and barely got out of the way!

The third round was a tough round. Manny Gomez launched into sink and fell short of time, after posting two brilliant rounds. Ed borrowed John's plane and posted a good round, and then there was Kerry, who was doing just fine! In fact, so was Matt Garland and Chico. Well, heck, I'll just tell you how well they did. Taking the RES Class was Chico Romero with his first victory of the season! Also Robert Cavazos took Third place in RES Class. In the Sportsman Class, Kerry Cavazos nailed Third Place, which what the hoopla was all about! In the Intermediate Class, Matt Garland took the top spot with some good flying, and taking a Third Place spot in the Expert Class was Mike Lee. But wait! The surprise of the event is that the guy who got drilled in a mid-air collision won the Expert Class; Ed Stewart!!! Ed was hitting the landing like a man possessed! That contest in Fresno must have given him religion, as he even hit a good landing with Johns' plane! Go figure. It was a costly win for Ed, and one that will take a long time to heal, knowing that the damaged wing panel will take up to 4 months to replace! But, let me tell you, ISS people; The ISS team dominated the event by placing somebody into every class of the day! Truly awesome, guys and girls!

Mike Lee

Winners Victor Valley



Score information at SC-2 Victorville, by Rick Pearson

WOW... what scores they were...**Mike Lee (ISS)** had all perfect time scores and two landings in the 90s and still.... only placed 3rd in Expert!!!!

In fact there were three 99 landing scores... one by Mike Reagan who didn't trophy!!!!

What's up with that???????

Congrats to Ed Stewart (ISS) for his 1st place win in Expert and high score overall...You had to work for that one ED! I guess that **99 LANDING** in round 2 did the trick!

2nd place in Expert class, went to **Ali Khani (SULA).**

3rd place in Expert class, as I mentioned, went to **Mike Lee (ISS).**

Matt Garland (ISS) took 1st place in Intermediate class.

Matt made all his times giving up only 10 seconds in all three rounds. This placed Matt 16th overall in a very competitive field of 36.

Way to go Matt!!!

2nd place in Intermediate went to **Dan Borer (SWSA).**

3rd place in Intermediate went to **Henry Arance (SWSA).**

Craig Townsend (SULA) took 1st place in Sportsman class with very consistent flying. Craig gave up only 39 points RAW to the overall winner ED Stewart to place 11th overall.

2nd place in Sportsman went to **Major Anderson (SWSA).**

3rd place in Sportsman went to **Kerry Cavazos (ISS)** of the "Cavazos Team".

Chico Romero (ISS) won honors in RES nailing a 99 landing in round 1.

Chico gave up only 20.4 points RAW to the overall winner Ed Stewart.

2nd place in RES went to **Edgar Vera (SWSA).**

3rd place in RES went to **Robert Cavazos (ISS)** of the "Cavazos Team".

Ross Thomas (HSS) took 1st place in Woody class.

WOW go ISS & SULA....

I think flying conditions were very close to ideal and a good time was had by most.

Perhaps, next time we should have all 10 minute rounds?

Rick Pearson

Thank You to ISS Sponsors





*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!

THANK YOU!!!

A big ISS shoutout to **HAROLD CLARK** and **BOB DORSON!!** Bob brought his Kubota tractor down to the field for us, and smoothed out the rain damage to the entry drive of the field. Harold is our neighbor to the north of the field. He brought out his tractor and Bush Hog and mowed the entire field for us. This was no small undertaking. He worked the field over from 8am until well past noon. Great job to both of you! ISS pilots are indebted to both of you.

Sunday May 1, 2011 FLYING FIELD WORK DAY

Work day down at the field. Lots of help from our members spraying weed killer, weed whacking and dragging the field. The Santa Ana's even showed up to blow away the debris. Winds were too strong to fly, although Ed S. had to try his combat plane out. (always entertaining). Not to worry though, hardhats and safety helmets were handed out before take off. We worked until nearly 10:00 am and the field looks great. Should be easy to maintain going into our summer flying season. Outstanding turnout and a great job to all of you:

Denni Bourassa; Steve Anderson; John Dora; Don Thurber; Bryan Starkey; John Swaine; Mike Lee; Ed Stewart; Steve Garland; Bill Hensely; George Gomez; Les Ward; John Bikle. Oh, and" Jerry Reed" showed up too, although he didn't do much but lean on a shovel handle. Punk!!

Submitted By Jerry Reed, Safety Officer



SC-2 2011 Contests

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

Fresno Classic





**The Inland Soaring
Society**
Presents the 9th Annual
RES Challenge
Gene Hays Memorial

June 19, 2011
**At the Fabulous AYSO Soccer Fields,
Riverside, CA**

Join us for a great day of laid back but competitive RES class flying from the wonderful grass fields in Riverside. Trophy awards to 5th place, plus best Woody finish, Concours and the Sportsmanship Award!

Flight Tasks: 5-min, 8-min, 11-min and 15-minute flights.
Flight Points: Point per second, over/under.
Landing points: 25 point in-or-out zone.

Field opens at 7:00am, pilot meeting at 8:30am, and first launch by 9:00am. AMA Membership required. SC-2 rules in effect for woody models, (meaning you can have a fiberglass fuselage).

Contest Director: Mike Lee, (email mlee8249@msn.com)
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