



SVSS flying site is located at Yolo county's Grasslands Regional Park south of Davis, CA.
 Directions: From I-80, take the Mace Blvd. exit. Follow Mace south 4.0 miles. The gravel driveway entrance is directly opposite Tremont Rd. Follow it into the park for approximately 200 yards past the horseshoe and archery areas to the field.
 Shortcut for eastbound I-80: From I-80, take Pedrick Rd. exit. Follow the frontage road eastbound on the south side of I-80 for 0.8 miles. Take Tremont east for 5.4 miles.

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The Prez Sez

By Dave Finberg (May, '06)

Hello SVSS,

This month will be a busy one for SVSS. Our Club meeting will be held Wednesday the 10th from 7:00-9:00 pm at the SMUD building and we will be hosting three contests this month. Our monthly contest will be held on Saturday May 13th, the 15th Annual Spring Fling will be held Saturday and Sunday May 20th and 21st and the Richard Beardsley Invitational Cross Country contest will be held on Saturday the 27th. The Club contest held on the 13th will begin with a pilots meeting at 10:45 am with myself as CD. The tasks will be 3,6,6,9 minutes flown in any order. Spot landings will be scored with the tape. Winches will be open from 11:00 until 2:00 and you may fly when ready, with the last launch no later than 2:00. The later contest start time is to accommodate field preparations for our annual Spring Fling contest. I urge all club members and contest attendees to arrive early Saturday to help, bringing gloves and weed whackers. Our annual Spring Fling contest and celebration promises to be a good one. I invite everyone to attend. Dave London will do the Bar-B-Q. Dudley Dufort is the event coordinator and still needs volunteers. Following is a copy of his recent message to the Club: SVSS is in need of volunteers. Two of the more labor intensive aspects of Spring fling are winch operators and landing judges. If you've been

personally contacted by Scott, Peter, Frank or myself to help with the winches, I hope you've risen to the occasion. Experienced winch operators are crucial to a well run contest and we really need your help. If you're not on call as a winch operator, we could sure use your help as a landing judge or in the transmitter impound area. Family members are cordially invited to lend a helping hand if any are so inclined. If someone would be interested in the prestigious position of Landing Judge Coordinator, I'd like to hear from you. Please keep May 20th and 21st open and please start thinking about how your talents and those of your family can contribute to make this the best Spring Fling ever. Please contact him at (916) 991-1266 with any questions you have and to volunteer. My thanks to Doug Lent who has donated 2 cases of Sacramento Brewing Co. Red Horse Ale to the Spring Fling. The tasty brew will be divided among those who volunteer to work on field prep on the 13th and at the Spring Fling contest. (no alcohol is to be distributed or consumed prior to any contest) I thank Ron Kucera, Bob Mosher, Dave London, Kipp Geisler and Stan Scharosch for helping with the mowing. I offer a special thanks to Dudley Dufort for bringing out his large Tractor Mower and walk behind weed whacker to help knock down the tall spring weeds and Richard Hanschu for all the work he has done to keep our field green. In addition to ordering parts for and repairing our Club owned tractor mower and weed whacker, mowing the field and repairing the sprinkler system, Richard has generously

loaned the club \$700 to expedite the repair of our well system. I want to thank Mike Clancy on behalf of SVSS, for donating to us, the unused funds leftover from the Northern California Soaring League. I know the money will continue to support glider guiding in the spirit of NCSL. And now, two stories that remind us to fly safely. Recently at the field, I met another member of the club, I had not previously met, and had a good conversation with him. You know me and how I love a good conversation. Well..... While I was talking and flying my Multiplex EZ-Glider Electric, my radio transmitter started beeping at me to inform me that its battery was low. I heard the warning, but because of fatigue and the distraction of conversation, I forgot to land the plane. A few minutes later my plane spiraled in from about 300 feet and nosed straight into the ground behind the fence at the South end of the field. Not to worry. The ground was soft and the plane, made entirely of EPP foam, bounced 5 feet up, before coming to a rest. I've never seen that happen before. In fact I've never let my transmitter run out of juice before. After walking across the field to retrieve the plane and inspect the damage, I was surprised to find almost no damage at all. Just a small crack in the nose of the plane, behind the prop spinner. It was easily repaired with a few drops of Super Glue and was ready to fly again in minutes. What a tough plane eh? Needless to say I was very lucky that my plane did not hit anyone or anything of consequence. All's well that ends well, and I will endeavor to concentrate more on flying and less on talking in the future. My second story involves launching my red Oly II with the receiver switched off. Near the end of a great day of flying, I was making a few adjustments to my transmitter, my Oly II lying on the ground, with its RX turned off. I was asked if I wanted to take the last launch before they put away the winch for the day. I could not refuse such a generous offer. You may have noticed, if you have ever watched me launch, that I am usually very careful to wiggle the stick on my TX to make sure that my planes RX is turned, on and working, and that I always welcome such a request from the winch operator. You may even have been asked by me, to wiggle your stick before a launch, though I admit I rarely ask now, because I started to feel that I was insulting the more experienced fliers with the question. I had done the wiggle check at each launch earlier that day. On that final launch though, I assumed, because I was working with my TX, that my RX was still on, so I walked up to the winch, hooked up my glider and launched into a nerve-racking free flight. The glider floated off the line

into a nice thermal, and being well trimmed, circled up into the sky, and headed north. I cursed myself and immediately informed everyone at the field of what had happened. My friends immediately sprung into action. Weeds calmed me down, and Cameron brought me a pair of binoculars, while Jim jumped into his car to follow the glider. After watching it climb, for what seemed like an eternity, it finally floated back to earth, landing in a plowed field about a hundred yards past road 35, just north of our field. I took note of visual landmarks, in line with where it went down and also took a compass bearing to help me recover the lost glider. By the time I got everything packed into my car, Jim had returned with my glider. He had driven north on Mace and watched it land in a plowed field. I was relieved to find out that no one or thing was damaged by the plane and that there were only a few small tears in the gliders Monocote. I have my name and contact information in all my planes, but never expected to need it. Both of these incidents are personally embarrassing and could have had a negative impact on the Clubs interests. I share them with you, hoping they will highlight the need to avoid distractions when flying, and for vigilance when performing repetitive tasks both on and off the field. Check your plane every time you step up to the winch, and if your retrieving, don't be shy about asking for a wiggle with each launch. You just might prevent a friend from making an unplanned free flight. I end this months letter on a sad note. The passing of Larry Kramer. I did not know him personally, but I understand he had many friends in the soaring community. Letters of condolence may be sent to his family at the following address.

Larry Kramer
36 Olive Avenue
Larkspur, CA 94939

Strong lift and gentle landings
Dave Finberg
President: Sacramento Valley Soaring Society

R/C COUNTRY



M-F - 10:30-7:00
SAT - 10:00-5:00

6011 FOLSOM BLVD.
SACRAMENTO, CA 95819
CHET & TERRIE VAN SCYOC (916) 731-5868

Minutes of the Meeting, SVSS October 26, 2005

By Acting Secretary, Joan Nolte

The meeting was called to order by Prez Dave Finberg.

One guest, Bob Carter introduced himself. Bob Moser “dragged” him to the meeting.

No May minutes were available for approval.

No May treasurer’s report was available for approval.

Bills for the pump and equipment repair, which had been approved at a previous meeting were presented for reimbursement.

Old Business

Spring Fling

Dave London presented \$146 make from the food sales.

The event was flying oriented rather than a fundraiser.

The date was determined by the CD’s and Contest Coordinator.

Thanks to all the many volunteers before, during and after the contest especially Dudley Dufort, Jim Thomas, Scott Meader, Dave London, Cameron Clark, Bill Rinkleib, Dave Finberg, Rich Hanschu and Peter Dan nenfelser, Sr.

Suggestions for next year:

Form committee and choose date early.

Notify former entrants.

Mentor new committee leaders

Use the same design on the T-shirt every year.

Include shirt in application fee.

Ed Lockhart would like to help with photos for advertising.

Dave pointed out that it is easy to make suggestions, but it’s another step to volunteer to take on some of the contest tasks.

New Business

Our Instructors are Dave London and Cameron Clarke, but many of our officers and members also help new fliers.

We still have no VP for equipment. Rich Hanschu and Dave Finberg have been keeping up the equipment.

Hand-outs or newsletters in hobby shops advertise our club.

Show and Tell

Dave Finberg, Paul Myers and Bob Carter



Last Update 5/5/06

Sacramento Valley Soaring Society Events

2006

July

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| 8th | SVSS Club Contest - CD Richard Hanschu |
| 12th | SVSS Club Meeting - SMUD |
| 15th & 16th | Gamblers Gala - Sierra Silent Soarers |

August

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| 9th | SVSS Club Meeting - SMUD |
| 12th | SVSS Club Contest - CD Bill Curry |
| 19th | Training Day |
| 26th & 27th | Cross Country @ California Valley |

September

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| 9th | SVSS Club Contest - CD Mike Clancy |
| 13th | SVSS Club Meeting - SMUD |
| 16th | Training Day |

October

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| 7th & 8th | Fall Festival - Central Valley Radio Control |
| 11th | SVSS Club Meeting - SMUD |
| 14th | SVSS Club Contest - CD Joan Nolte |
| 21st | Training Day |

Sacramento Valley Soaring Society Events

2006(Continued)

November

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| 11th | SVSS Club Contest - CD Open |
| 18th | Training Day |
| 22nd | SVSS Club Meeting - SMUD |

December

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| 9th | Toy Fly - Bruce Moore |
| 9th | SVSS Awards Banquet |

Contests

June 2006 Monthly Club Contest Winners



Joan Nolte - 3rd Place Grey Cup, Don Doe - 2nd Place Grey Cup, Mike Clancy - 1st Place Grey Cup, Scott Meader - 1st Place Master, Bob Huff - 3rd Place Expert, Kipp Geisler - 2nd Place Expert, Mehrdad Amir - 1st Place Expert

SVSS Preliminary Financial Statement

May, 31 2006

| <u>Checking Acc.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Debits</u> | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Starting Balance | | | | \$4,327.83 |
| Income | May Contest | \$139.00 | | |
| | Spring Fling Entries | | \$960.00 | |
| | Membership Dues for 06 (2) | | \$75.00 | |
| Total | | \$1,174.00 | | \$5,501.83 |
| Expenditures | T-Shirt Rrefunds | \$180.00 | | |
| | Lee Cooper (Printing) | \$69.82 | | |
| | Sport Shop (Trophies) | \$981.00 | | |
| | Porta Potty (Monthly Service) & S/F | \$352.66 | | |
| Total | | \$1,583.48 | | |
| Ending Balance | | | | \$3,918.35 |

SVSS Preliminary Financial Statement

Spring Fling 2006

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Debits</u> | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Entry Fees | \$2,280.00 | | |
| Total | | | \$2,280.00 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Porta Potty (2 Additional units) | \$228.00 | | |
| Trophies | \$474.00 | | |
| Total | | | \$702.00 |
| Prophet | | | \$1,578.00 |