

The Eagle's Nest



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President's Message

By Rich Beardsley

Hi All:

This one will be brief—seems like there are a million things to be done before the Spring Fling. We are really down to the short strokes. I think we really have the important things taken care of, now all that's left is the hard work.

It just so happens that the June club meeting is the Thursday before the Spring Fling. The June meeting is to be held at the flying field. I will be cooking Tri-Tip for those that show up. I do need a head count—so e-mail me at n774rb@sbcglobal.net and let me know how many will be attending. I plan to be at the field in the early afternoon to fly, cook and help with setting the field up for the Spring Fling. Let's all come out and bring your family and friends. We will have a great fun fly, BBQ and help the regular volunteers set up. I've had lots of members volunteer to bring other dishes. Depending on how many people indicate they will attend, I may ask for additional contributions to the food department. I'll let you know.

On another note, I just got back from California Valley. The CalValley XC race was a real HOOT. If you have not been to our XC race, you really need to go crew for a local team. It is a great way to spend a weekend flying and pit racing. The weekend saw awesome weather. Jim, Bruce and Bob put up a mileage that buried the rest of the teams. The average mileage was 58 miles, they did 102+ miles. Everyone was back at the CalValley Lodge firing up the BBQs when at 6 p.m. they finally landed. Sunday was another great lift day. Everyone got around the 22+ mile speed course at least twice without landing. Joe Wurts and team did the 22 miles in 38 minutes. Rich Spicer and I managed 42 minutes for 3rd place. A fun time was had by all. Special thanks to Dudley for providing sausage, and pancakes every morning for breakfast!!!

I just received an XTREME POWER SYSTEMS module for my JR 9303. A full report will be forthcoming.

We also have a few items for the Spring Fling raffle. The club would like to extend a BIG THANKS to HORIZON HOBBIES and GREAT PLANES for their contributions. We need to shop there and support the companies that support us. When you shop with them, tell them "THANK YOU" from SVSS. The local contributors are Ed Granger, Neil and Joan Nolte, and another BIG THANKS to RC COUNTRY. Be sure to thank all them, and when you visit RC Country, thank them for their support.

See you at the Field, and remember: Have Fun!! Rich B

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Purpose

SVSS is a social organization whose purpose is to promote the safe and skillful operation of radio controlled model sailplanes. SVSS is an AMA chartered club, number 2752. Membership is open to the general public.

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Monthly Meetings

SVSS general membership meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 7 PM in the meeting room at SMUD, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, California. Our meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contests

Monthly contests are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. Beginners and spectators are always welcome.

AMA

Membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics is required prior to flying in any SVSS organized event or using and SVSS equipment.

Club Rules

1. Have fun
2. See rule #1

Editor's Corner



By Dudley Dufort

June will be a very busy month.

There is some form of flying activity every weekend. The Fresno Silver Cup is a two-day contest on the first weekend. The 10th annual Montague Cross Country Challenge is a three day event this year. For those who haven't, this is THE year to fly Montague. The club contest, with Bill Curry at the helm is on the 16th. The following Thursday President Rich Beardsley, will hold court at the field. Flying in the afternoon will be followed by a first class tri-tip dinner. The club meeting begins immediately after dinner. Be sure to let Rich know if you plan on attending. Rich and Susan are going to a lot of trouble and expense for us, they certainly deserve our thanks and consideration. Spring Fling follows on June 23rd and 24th. An editorial admonition follows here. It is every members responsibility to help out at Spring Fling. Do your part. Don't let the task of a successful event fall on the shoulders of just a few. Everyone likes to play and have fun. It's our club motto, right? But there's some work to be done too. Please, do your share!!

June 2007

SVSS Key Dates

2nd & 3rd Fresno Silver Cup
 8th - 10th - XC Montague
 16th - Club Contest
 Bill Curry CD
 Tasks 3,5,8,10
 21st - Meeting at the Field
 23rd & 24th Spring Fling

Happy Birthdays

6/3 - Bob Umberger
 6/4 - Don Brown
 6/13 Al Schluer
 6/13 - Nick Kassem
 6/13 Jim Marburger
 6/15 Mike Clancy
 6/16 Chuck Freas
 6/27 - Frank Leggio

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Fresno Silver Cup
3 Fresno Silver Cup	4	5	6	7	8 Montague Cross Country	9 Montague Cross Country
10 Montague Cross Country	11	12	13	14	15	16 SVSS Club Contest
17	18	19	20	21 Club Meeting at the Field	22	23 Spring Fling
24 Spring Fling	25	26	27	28	29	30

SVSS Preliminary Financial Statement

May, 31 2007

<u>Checking Acc.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Debits</u>
Starting Balance			\$5,499.59
Income;			
	May Contest	\$160.00	
	Spring Fling Entries (8)	\$380.00	
	Membership fees (2)	\$90.00	
	Total	\$630.00	
			\$6,129.59
Expenditures;			
	Contest Easy Glider		\$70.00
	Dixon Polaris (Lawn mower)		\$2,146.43
	Davis Waste (dumster)		\$95.00
	Annual Dinner resturant Deposit		\$50.00
	News Letter Mailing (Feb, March)		\$222.95
	Mower Fuel		\$56.72
	Porta Potty (Monthly Service)		\$128.70
	Total		\$2,769.80
Ending Balance			\$3,359.79
Increase/decrease in operating funds			(\$2,139.80)

Nolte's Notes

Minutes of the Meeting, SVSS, May 17, 2007

President Rich Beardsley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. By my count, eighteen members were present. Guest attendees Dean Church and his wife Frances came from Rio Vista to check out the proceedings. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published, and the Treasurer's report was presented and approved, the balance being \$3359.79. Susan Beardsley once again refused to allow Rich out of the house without a supply of cookies which, of course, were gobbled up quickly by those fortunate members who had the foresight to attend the meeting.

Old Business:

The new trail mower arrived and was given a road test by several club members. "Awesome" seems to be the general impression. Because the mower ended up a bit more than originally calculated, the purchase of a large-wheeled string trimmer was shelved for the time being. Bob Mosher estimates we can cut the entire field in less than four hours based on his sessions with the new mower. As reminder to all, Rich mentioned the June meeting would be at the flying field with eats at 6:00 PM and the meeting to start at 7:00 PM. He'll send out an email reminder and request an RSVP so he can get a head count for the tri tip to be served prior to the meeting. Get there as soon as you can and fun fly beforehand. A work party is planned for May 23rd to clean out the storage containers - festivities to begin between 2:00-3:00 PM and the more the merrier.

New Business:

Dave Finberg informally polled those flying Easy Gliders to check the interest in, and feasibility of, changing the Easy Glider/One Design competitions to a Saturday other than that scheduled for the club's monthly thermal contest. Most of those polled by Dave were agreeable to hold it on a separate Saturday. After some discussion of the pros and cons, it was decided to keep the Easy Glider/One Design class contest on the same Saturday as the monthly contest, but fly the rounds after the regular contest has been completed.

Show & Tell:

George Steiner showed off his electric power-pod equipped Gentle Lady. Ed Granger gave us some of the particulars of his scratch built Skybird which incorporates a Weeds' Bigitta fuse to carry the flying surfaces and radio gear. Bill "Weeds" Rinkleib displayed his electric Spitfire constructed from a Ripmax kit. Paul Myers passed around several pieces of his latest scale project, a 118" wingspan model of a Ilya Muromets, Russian heavy bomber, c.1915. Lee Cooper suggested folks take in the current exhibit at the Air Museum located in the McClellan Industrial Park (formerly McClellan AFB) property.

Program:

No program conducted this month

The meeting was closed at 8:15 PM.

California Dreamin'



Seven teams converged on beautiful California Valley over the third week end in May. A pilgrimage of sorts that's been going on since the early eighties. Some of the SVSS represented teams and their members whom you may recognize were; Broken Aero; Jim Rolle, Bruce Moore and Bob Huff. Atomic Fireball; Rich Spicer, Rich Beardsley. Dust Devils; Dudley Dufort, Peter Dannenfeller, Stan Scharosch, Bob Umberger. Team Tuna; Scott Meader, Mike & Cindy Gervais. Of course Dean Gradwell, the Mayor of Montague, was there with the rest of the Flying Tigers, representing the State of Oregon. Dean

was accompanied by son Paul Gradwell and Roger Hebner. Necron and Ellias, were the two teams representing Southern California. Joe Wurts, a.k.a "The Ringer" drove in from Los Osos and flew with team Necron.

California Valley is on State Hwy 58 half way between Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo. C.V. is favored by cross country guys because it's very sparsely populated. There are no fences, no trees, very little traffic and strong thermals. Everyone stayed at the California Valley Lodge. (Like there's any other choice!) It's a small motel owned by a Kenny Tabb. An amiable man who's become a good friend to all of us over the years. The elevation is 2,200 ft. The air is clean. It's very quite and peaceful except for the scream of varios by day and the occasional howl of the coyote at night. SVSS hosted a pancake breakfast both mornings. Meat, chicken, tri tip and the ubiquitous tube steak, all cooked al la Weber, were the evening fare. Suffice it to say, no one went hungry.



Cross country contest or events usually run two days. The tasks consist of distance and speed. Saturday was distance. Where you launch and fly a set course for as long and as far as you can. Sunday the task was speed. Launch and complete a set course as fast as possible. On either day, if you're dissatisfied with your flight, you can return to the field,

relaunch and begin anew. Saturday's big winners were our very own Broken Aero. Jim Rolle, Bruce Moore and Bob Huff demolished the competition on Saturday's dis-



tance task. After six hours, three plus, loops around the course and 103 miles these guys nearly doubled their next closest rival of 58 miles. Most of us finished flying around 3 PM. We were tempted to put a tack strip on the road. It was dinner time and the “loopers” were still out there. There was no way those guys were gunna quit. They were on a mission. Their objective was to exceed the all time California Valley record of 112 miles previously set by Joe Wurts. They didn’t beat him but they sure got close. To give you some perspective of their accomplishment; Sacramento to Boomtown is 104 miles. Broken Aero flew THAT distance. And they did it on one, continuous flight. Incredible!! On Saturday, Peter Dannenfesler got his 25 kilometer pin for the 24 miles he flew.



On Sunday team Necron along with Joe, “the Ringer” Wurts bested the field in the speed competition. They completed the 23 mile course in 38 minutes. That’s an average speed of 35 miles per hour! Factor in the time they took to thermal along the route and you’ll gain an appreciation of how fast they had to go to maintain that average. Let’s just say it’s “rumored” that they exceeded the speed limit here and there. Also rans were in the 40 minute range. Those speeds were twice as fast as we’re accustomed to seeing. Yeah! There was some good air. Try HUGE AIR.

Cross Country junkies are looking forward to the 10th annual Montague Cross Country Challenge. It’s three days this year on June 8th through the 10th. I’ll be there. Will you?



Size Does Matter

By Bob Mosher



The assembly crew

launch areas take about an hour and a half each to mow. This mower when pulled behind the tractor mower can cut about a 9 or 10 foot wide swath. This was a great investment for the club. Come on out and ask me for a quick lesson on how to operate it and spend 15 or 20 minutes mowing, the help will be appreciated by the others that volunteer their time mowing.

The first of May we got the new pull behind mower to help cut down the mowing time folks spent. Let me tell you it has cut the time by at least one third. On the day it arrived some of the club members jumped right in and assembled it. Then the Pres. Rich took it out for the first spin. Every one had smiles from ear to ear when we saw how fast this combo made short work cutting the field. I mowed the lawn area in one hour the next week. The



Da Prez takes it out for a spin.

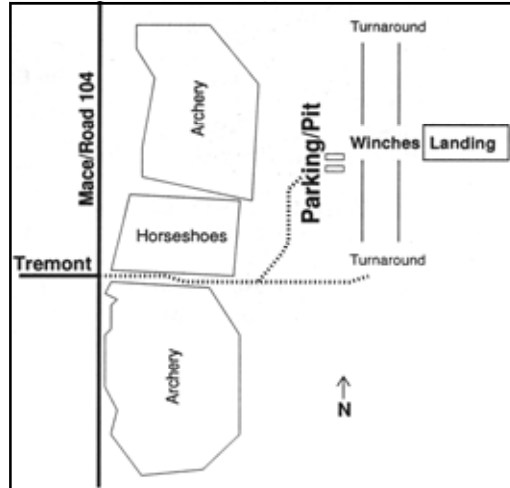
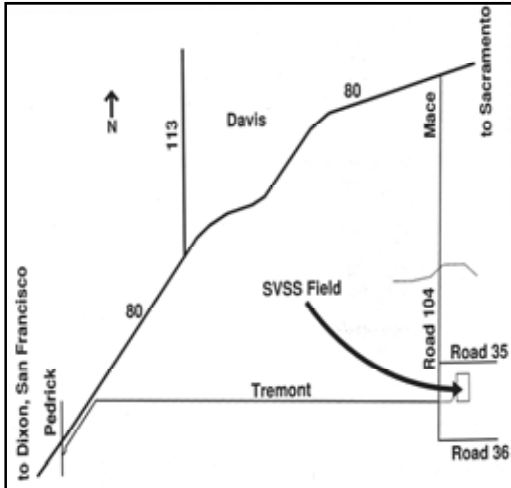
10th Anniversary Montague XC

6/8 - 6/10

Spring Fling 2007

June 23rd & 24th

Have you entered and volunteered?



The SVSS Flying Site is located at Yolo County Grasslands Regional Park, south of Davis, CA.

Directions: From I-80, take the Mace Blvd. exit. Go south on Mace Blvd. 3.8 miles to the intersection of Tremont Rd. Turn left (east) on the gravel driveway and drive past the horseshoe and archery areas road to the field.

Shortcut from eastbound I-80: From I-80 take the Pedrick Road exit. Follow the frontage road eastbound on the south side of I-80 for 0.8 miles. Turn right on Tremont Rd. Follow Tremont for 5.4 miles. Cross Mace Blvd and enter Grasslands Regional Park.

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