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Meetings are held on odd numbered months after the Monthly Contest at Southfork Ranch. On even numbered months we meet at Lake Highlands Recreation Center located at 9940 White Rock Trail (White Rock Trail at Church) at 6:30. Club dues are \$20 per year payable to Perry Dunlap. Contributions to the newsletter are encouraged. Visit our Web site at: www.slnt.org

February 2008

From The Prez

By Jim Taylor

We had a gathering (not a formal meeting) of eleven members after the January contest to discuss the TNT schedule. As I mentioned in last months newsletter, there was a concern about the ability of Southfork and the club to prepare the field for the TNT after the field's use the weekend before for other SF activities. It also was determined that the Texas/OU game is scheduled for Oct. 11th the normal TNT scheduled weekend. Therefore the TNT is being shifted to the third weekend (Oct 18, 19, &20). Henry Bostick has cleared these new dates with SF and other Texas clubs.

Mike Moreland has been asked and has accepted the task of point man for the TNT activities. We want to get an earlier start in developing plans and needs for the event. Areas that were not adequately covered or not covered at all were such things as the raffle, publicity, etc. I am sure Mike will be asking for help and ideas from all of us.

As a reminder all aircraft must have your name, AMA # and contact information located where it can be easily found. This is a requirement of the AMA.

See you at the meeting Monday night at the February 11th at Lake Highlands Recreation Center.

**This months meeting is on Monday, Feb. 11, at
Lake Highland Recreation Center at 6:30**

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January Contest

By Arnold Claycomb - CD

The Pro-Am event was held on January 6th at Southfork. The weather was great and 10 flyers signed- up. Tim Bennett and Mark Williams brought the winches to the field and Perry scored, thank you for your guys help .The task was 15 minute add- up with the FAI landing tape. Four rounds were flown because people wanted to watch the football game. For each round, team member's flight times were added for a target of 15 Minutes. There was a \$5 entry fee, which was divided among the top three teams.

The results:

1st: Dale King, Mark Williams
2nd: Mike Moreland, Gary Warner
3rd: Jack Hamilton, Arnold Claycomb
4th: Henry Bostick , Jim Taylor
5th: John Bourland, Tim Bennett

February Contest

By Arnold Claycomb - CD

The February will be on the 10th. The contest will be an "add 'em up" format, landing task to be determined.

We're scheduled to fly both Open class and RES, we'll decide specifics in the pilots' meeting which will be at 9:30 am first flight starts at 10 am.

Reminders

You must have your Name and address or your AMA number on your plane to be covered by insurance.

Also to quote Safety code "I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol" .and as per our agreement with Southfork we will not bring alcohol on the premises.

Email Warning

Jim Taylor

I have received an email from the IRS stating that I have a refund and to receive it I need to fill in the attached form. The form asks for my SSN and my Debit Card # so that they can put the funds into that account. I called the IRS and they are aware of this scam and asked me to forward it to Phishing@irs.gov.

Raffle for F3J Team Trip

Barry Kennedy

The US F3J Soaring Team will be competing in the world championships June 30-July 5th, 2008 in Turkey, with Daryl Perkins, Ben Clerx, and Rich Burnoski as the Senior pilots. Junior pilots are AJ McGowan, Brendon Beardsley and Jeffrey Walter. Also returning Junior World Champion Cody Remington will compete now as a Senior.

The team is selling raffle tickets and merchandise to help fund the trip. Please check out their website <http://www.usf3jteam.com> for pilot biographies and for merchandise and raffle tickets. The team consists of 3 senior pilots, 3 junior pilots and the 2006 Junior World Champion. The plan is for the website to also report daily contest results. The team appreciates your support in their quest to bring home the gold.

Dues Are Due

The dues are \$20 (cheap!) and payable to:

Perry Dunlap
10035 Milltrail Dr
Dallas TX 75238

January Contest



Class A Man-on-Man

By Tim Bennett

After postponing our regular monthly contest on the third Sunday due to cold and high wind forecast, we agreed to try the morning of Sunday the 27th. Fog was the challenge this time so we activated the phone network and agreed to delay the start to 11:00 AM. I arrived at the Eastfield site a little before 10:00 in case any flyers were missed by the call up (there was one) then I waited in the car for the soup to lift. For most of an hour I couldn't see the no parking sign across the street I was parked on. I even turned on my flashers for fear somebody might run into my car even though it was well off the pavement.

At about 11:00 the crowd began to gather as the sign then the street then the buildings around the field began to appear. By 11:30 we could see the sun and by 12:00 blue skies.

Eleven flyers signed up and flew the scramble in what turned out to be great conditions. Sixteen flight groups and one flyoff later, we had completed the first contest of the 2008 Top Gun chase. More than one made the maximum time four times including one where all four were locked in until one ran out of batteries and landed off the field. Fortunately, the model was found, after an extensive search, on the grounds of the rehab center across the road. (It is our hope the pilot will be released soon.)

The results follow:

1. Gary Warner	GL Special	23
2. Arnold Claycomb	GLS-6	21
3. Tim Bennett	Blaster II	20
4. Andrew Lawson	Blaster/Okie	16T
5. Jack Hamilton	Omega	16T
6. Mike Moreland	Monarch	15
7. Hal Ussery	Omega	12T
8. Chuck Fisher	Omega	12T
9. Chris Vanderbilt	Champion	12T
10. Bobby Dixon	Monarch	9T
11. Bill Maserang	XP 9	9T

Our next contest will be Sunday 2/17/08 at Eastfield College. Pilots meeting will start at 9:30 and first flights at 10:00. We will fly from the long upstarts with task to be announced. Come out and join the fun.

15th Annual Midwest Slope Challenge

The 15th Annual Midwest Slope Challenge will take place on May 15-18, 2008 at Wilson Lake in Kansas. It makes no difference if you fly thermal or slope everyone is welcome to attend. You will find all information and entry forms at the following web site.

www.midwestslope.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Monthly Contest	11 Monthly Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17 Hand Launch Contest	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 Monthly Contest & Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Hand Launch Contest	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Reminders

Sunday, February 10th - Monthly Contest

Monday February 11th - Monthly Meeting

Sunday, February 17th - Monthly Hand Launch Contest

DUES ARE DUE

Soaring League of North Texas 2008 Contest Schedule			
Date	Event	Class	Contest Director
February 10	Add-up	Open and RES	Arnold Claycomb
March 9	Thermal Duration	Open	Julian Tamez
April 13	T1 International	Open	Mark Williams
May 4	Seeded Man-on-Man	Open	Henry Bostick
May 17-18	“Blue Sky” Hand Launch	Open	Tim Bennett
June 8	Triathlon	Open and RES	Tim Bennett
July 13	Thermal Duration	Open	Perry Dunlap
August 10	7-minute Precision Duration	Open	Jim Taylor
September 14	TNT Warm-up & Lone Star SS	Open and RES	Dan Ahearn
October 18-20 ?	TNT	Hand Launch, Open and RES	
November 9	Man-on-Man	Open	Tim Bennett
December 14	Pro-Am	Open	Arnold Claycomb