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Meetings are held on odd numbered months after the Monthly Contest at Southfork Ranch. On even numbered months we meet on the second Monday 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](http://www.slnt.org)

# June 2008

## From The Prez By Jim Taylor

May was an interesting month. Weather improved some but the winds remained strong. Dan Ahearn and Mark Williams began to explore slope soaring as an alternative to TD. It would be great if a usable site could be located for us to use for slope soaring. It would bring a new (for SLNT) and expanded activity for the club to get involved in.

Speaking about expanding our hobby; several events occurred in May which does just that. First the DLG Blue Skies was held at Southfork and a few of us flew aerotow a couple of days this month at the sod farm east of Dallas on I30.

The Blue Skies event will be covered elsewhere in this newsletter by the CD, Tim Bennett.

We flew aerotow on two separate days; one of these days was filmed by the Discovery Channel. Dale King and I participated from the club while Hal Ussery photographed the activity. Other participants were Don Hafer (president of Dallas RC) the tow pilot, Andrew Jameson (furnished the tug) flew his sailplane equipped with a video camera and Charles Shaffer flew his sailplane. The cinematographer was Al Lester of Lester Productions from Calgary Canada and Ben Schaub the director and producer from Toronto Canada. The Audio technician was David who was on contract and is located here in the Dallas area.

**This months meeting is on Monday, June 9, at  
Lake Highland Recreation Center at 6:30**

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The filming activity lasted five hours for about five minutes of finished edited video. Ben said we will be furnished DVDs of the complete finished program which will happen sometime this fall.

I enjoy the artistry and humor of Jerry Van Amerongen the creator of Ballard Street. I have included one Sunday cartoon that might strike a cord with some of you.

See you at the contest June the 8<sup>th</sup> and at the meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> at the rec. center.

## May Contest

By Henry Bostick - CD

Mays contest was a seeded M.O.M event where your score groups you. This allows for very fair competition as you are in your peer group and in the same air with the same opportunities.

We had 15 pilots so each round consisted of 3 groups of 5 pilots. Each rounds task was 10 minutes plus a landing added at the end. Scores in each group were normalized to 1000 points, so the max was 1100 points per round. We flew 5 rounds, so the best possible score for the day was 5500 points.

Several of us had driven to Houston on Saturday for the 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the LoneStar Soaring Series, so we were getting a lot of airtime. The winds stayed mild and most had a good time flying this styled event.

I would like to thank those that brought their personal winch equipment, and the other club members that helped organize the field. Perry once again did a great job scoring. The scores listed below show how close and competitive this event was.

- |                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| 1. Henry Bostick  | 5464 |
| 2. John Luetke    | 5451 |
| 3. Rodney Amonett | 5435 |
| 4. Tim Bennett    | 5189 |
| 5. Dale King      | 5114 |

## June Contest

Tim Bennett - CD

The June contest is the Triathlon on Sunday, June 8, at Southfork. There will be two events - one Open and one RES. The pilots' meeting will be at 9:15 with flying at 9:30 (summer schedule).

## Editors Note

I have lots of picture for this issue but I've run into a technical snag. I don't have time to resolve it for this issue, but we will have lots of pictures of the aerotow video shoot and a new cartoon by Chuck Fisher in the next issue.

## 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.

# Blue Skies Over Texas 2008

By Tim Bennett

Our May Class A Sailplane event was the third annual Blue Skies Over Texas Discus Launch Glider Contest. The two day event was held at Southfork Ranch the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. A web site was created and a discussion thread established on RC Groups. Representatives of the clubs contacted other flyers from around Texas and the country and yet we only were able to attract six flyers to the event. Two drove from New Mexico and one from Oklahoma.

The weather was great with light winds and clear skies on Saturday and only moderate winds and clear skies on Sunday. We flew seven rounds of man-on-man ten-minute time slot competition on Saturday and three more on Sunday then reduced the field to the final four for a three round flyoff. Cash prizes were awarded for these top four places with first place receiving \$96.

The models flown have evolved with three of the six flyers flying original design models they crafted themselves. All are derived from the technology developed by Dr. Mark Drela of MIT. The models these guys are making are lighter and faster than past examples with launch capabilities approaching 200 feet! Unballasted weights of 7 oz were common with RDS control linkages for flaperons reducing drag. All used bagged foam wings with thin airfoils and reduced chord.

The results are shown below:

SLNT -- HANDLAUNCH												
Blue Skies Over Texas 5-18-08												
	RND	RND	RND	RND	RND	RND	RND	RND	RND	RND	TOT	PLACE
NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Austin Williams	1000	1000	988	1000	1000	819	967	820	1000	983	9577	1
Jim Walker	948	990	1000	900	696	914	824	1000	1000	1000	9272	2
Dave Register	1000	983	857	700	655	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	9195	3
AS Khalsa	466	1000	776	1000	1000	1000	1000	616	1000	689	8546	4
Tim Bennett	982	846	1000	700	253	374	799	925	800	383	7063	5
Mike Moreland	758	418	694	500	636	823	794	770	667	494	6553	6

Fly Off Results						
	RND 1	RND 2	RND 2	TOTAL	OVER ALL	PLACE
Dave Register	692	783	1000	2475	11670	1
Austin Williams	705	1000	0	1705	11282	2
Jim Walker	1000	726	0	1726	10998	3
AS Khalsa	881	392	0	1273	9819	4

# Lone Star Soaring series (LSS) report

By John Luetke

The Houston Hawks hosted the first leg of the LSS on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I sincerely hope that this will become a tradition over the years as participation and fun factor were high. The day presented challenging conditions with an abundance of wind. 15-20 were the norm with higher gusts. This did not represent much of a problem for the open class models, but the RES class suffered a bit with some down field landings. I won the furthest downwind landing contest by pushing the field boundary limits. I am sad to report that there was no prize for this one, just the mocking of my teammates as I ventured on my hike of shame.

The SLNT was represented by Tim Bennet, Henry Bostick, Rob Davis, John Luetke and Joolio (Julian Tamez). 3 rounds of RES were held in the morning. I am happy to report that there were no fatalities though out the day, except for an open class model that tried to push an irrigation sprinkler out of its path. Needless to say, the multi-ton sprinkler just snickered as the models wing permanently conformed to the shape of the sprinkler. The RES portion of the day, outside of the wind, was fairly eventless. 10 minute flight times and runway landings at half value were the tasks. The top 3 were John Freeman (1), Julian Tamez (2) and Henry Bostick(3).

The open class contest portion of the day was the same task format and unfortunately the same wind. By this time thermals had started to develop, which as you know also brought along sink. If you found a thermal upwind and took it, you had to bail after 40 seconds to make sure you could get back. Vision limits were tested on this day. At one point my timer advised me that he was of no help to me because he had no idea where my airplane was. This seemed to be the norm for most of the contest if you wanted to make your time. I wish more Dallas members could have attended, Walter Higgins ran a tight ship and a great contest

The top 3 in open were John Luetke (1), Tim Bennet (2), and Jack Strother (3).

The final point spread for the club portion of the LSS is as follows:

SLNT	28 points
ASF	18 points
Houston Hawks	18 points
HOTSS	13 points

Full Contest results and Pictures can be seen at [www.houstonhawks.org](http://www.houstonhawks.org)

TEAM SCORES FOR LSS				
5/4/2008 Houston Hawks Contest				
	Points	Position	Pilot	Class
SLNT	10	1	Luetke	Open
	9	2	Tamez	RES
	9	2	Bennett	Open
Total	28			
Hawks	8	3	Strother	Open
	7	4	Higgins	RES
	3	8	Lamneck	Open
			Fussell	RES
Total	18			
ASF	10	1	J Freeman	RES
	4	7	Gonzalez	RES
	4	7	Bermudez	Open
Total	18			
HOTSS	6	5	Renker	RES
	6	5	Renker	Open
	1	11	Barton	Open
Total	13			



Lone Star Soaring Series Winners

## AMAZING SIGHT, AMAZING REACTIONS

By Pancho Morris

I hope you had a chance to see the WWII war birds that were in town several months ago at the Frontiers of Flight museum. The B17, B24, B25 and the P51 were beautiful! I did not see them at Love Field but living and working in Mesquite I was able to see them many times as their flight path on their “Buy a ride” tours would take them right over our house or the hardware store on their way to Lake Ray Hubbard and back. It was awesome to see them fly over. They were so low and slow. The sound was incredible and unlike anything else you hear now. It would stop me in my tracks whenever I heard one coming. I would run out of the house or even stop in mid sentence while waiting on a customer and run outside to watch them fly by. They were so majestic. What really amazed me most, though, was being in a parking lot or someplace else when one would come over and no one would even look up to see what it was. They could not have not heard it, it’s unmistakable. These are the planes their granddads flew to protect their freedom and they did not even look up to see them fly by. It always made me shake my head in disbelief.



### SOARING TOP GUN 2008

Place	Name	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TNT	Nov	Total	Drop 2
1	Tomez, Julian	8	13	10								31	
2	Bostick, Henry	12	3	7	15							37	
3	Burmudez, Tony	6	8	12	10							36	
4	Luetke, Jochen		11	8	14							33	
5	Amonett, Rodney	10		9	13							32	
6	Bennett, Tim	9	6	5	12							32	
7	King, Dale	11	9	1	11							32	
8	Claycomb, Arnold	5	4	13	6							28	
9	Warner, Gary	7	12	3	5							27	
10	Williams, Mark	3	10	6	8							27	
11	Davis, Rob	6		11	3							20	
12	Ahearn, Dan		7	2	9							18	
13	Hamilton, Jack	7	5	4	2							18	
14	Freeman, John		14									14	
15	Bourland, John	8										8	
16	Strother, Jack				7							7	
17	Lamnek, Tommy				4							4	
18	Maserang, Bill	4										4	
19	Kennedy, John	3										3	
20	Freeman, Sean		2									2	
21	Dixon, Bobby		1									1	
22	Moreland, Mike				1							1	

### Class-A Man-On-Man TOP GUN 2008

Place	Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TNT	Nov	Total	Drop 2
1	Warner, Gary	11	9	10	8								38	
2	Bennett, Tim	9	10	2	7	2							30	
3	Hamilton, Jack	7	6	9	6								28	
4	Claycomb, Arnold	10	8	4	4								26	
5	Ussery, Hal	5	7	8	1								21	
6	Lawson, Andrew	8	5	5	2								20	
7	Bourland, John		11	1	5								17	
8	Dixon, Bobby	2	3	6	3								14	
9	Maserang, Bill	1	4	7									12	
10	Moreland, Mike	6	2			1							9	
11	Fisher, Chuck	4	1	3									8	
12	Williams, Austin					4							4	
13	Register, Dave					3							3	
14	Vanderbilt, Chris	3											3	

# June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Monthly Contest	9 Monthly Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15 Hand Launch Contest	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Monthly Con- test & Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Hand Launch Contest	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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**Reminders**

*Sunday June 8th - Monthly contest*

*Monday June 9th - Monthly meeting*

*Sunday June 15th - Hand Launch contest*

<b>Soaring League of North Texas 2008 Contest Schedule</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Contest Director</b>
June 8	Triathlon	Open and RES	Tim Bennett
July 13	Thermal Duration	Open	Perry Dunlap
July 19 & 20	Lone Star SS—Austin	Open and RES	
August 10	7-minute Precision Duration	Open	Jim Taylor
September 14	TNT Warm-up & Lone Star SS	Open and RES	Dan Ahearn
October 17-19 ?	TNT	Hand Launch, Open and RES	
November 9	Man-on-Man	Open	Tim Bennett
November 15	Lone Star SS—San Antonio	Open and RES	
December 14	Pro-Am	Open	Arnold Claycomb