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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)

# SEPTEMBER 2009



## From The Prez

By Dan Ahearn

### My "Forest Gump Moment"

If I'm channel surfing late at night, there are a few movies I'll stop and watch, one of which is Forrest Gump. OK, so what does this have to do with RC Soaring in Dallas TX? Well I've

had a few Forrest Gump moments in my civilian and military career, for this familiar with the movie; I'm referring to being in or around great moments of history, without really know it.

A few weekends ago I realized that I am the clueless bystander to Jochen Luetke's LSF Journey. It's true, I've managed to be on the field to witness several of John's tasks to include cross country, duration and wins.

On Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> it happened again, John went for his two hour Thermal Duration task at the 407 field in Lewisville. Betting a frontal passage the night before would yield the needed conditions, the usual 407 crew and a few other guest showed up with the idea of helping to complete the task.

As John tells it; *"the first hour and a half only took 15 minutes, the last 30 minutes took 3 hours....."*

Which really is at the core of this advanced task, sure you can find a thermal and stay airborne, however as we all know, flying conditions almost

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at Southfork after the contest**

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always change over a two or three hour flying session, imagine dealing with that over one flight, which is why there are a select few with the LSF-V designation.

As with other LSF tasks, this one was a team effort as the rest of us did what we could to spot lift and help the flying/spotter team of John and Henry make the right decisions. Two hour into the task, with a minute or two of buffer, John completed his task, putting the coveted LSF-V within reach this season, one more level V win, the 10K cross country, and of course 8 hrs on the slope! I know I'll do my best to be there for the next event.

**See ya'll at the field....**

## **New members**

When I last spoke with Perry he confirmed we've seen a few new members join the club, this is always good news. It looks like most of the folks are slope pilots who've joined us at the Waste Management site. When contacted by interested pilots, we always join them on the hill for the first time to be sure the procedures are adhered to. They always ask if joining the club is mandatory, of course it isn't, but invariably they join SLNT. That said we've also seen some new TD flyers at 407, the website being the source. So I'll say it again, if you're out flying at Eastfield or 407, don't be too surprised if a new guy shows up, chances are they came out looking to fly with you.

## **Radian Challenge**

I've wanted to do this forever, but didn't want to take away anything from the other club events. Rob has been in communication with South Fork and we have permission to fly the SATURDAY prior to the TNT weekend. This came from a desire to get on the field a few days prior to the TNT to clear any debris, get the field mowed, or whatever. I know I've seen some pretty crazy things out there after a major event, from fireworks debris to silver ware! So this year we'll get out there a week prior and give the field a good look over, and while we're at it, we'll have a fun fly on the field, which will include a winch, and a fun fly Radian contest. Details to via email and the website, but it will be something along the lines of how we fly Class A man on man, all up timed motor run, last down. It

will also be a good opportunity to get in a toss or two prior to the big event.

## **TNT Prep**

Speaking of which, it's getting to be that time of the year. Shirts have been ordered, winches have been strung, sanctions are in, Cindy is dealing with the packets. This weekend I'll get a dedicated TNT web page up on the site and we'll spread the word on the net. I'll be looking for individual commitments to help with winches and a few other admin duties, in general however, while we have a few items to check off the list, this amazing club runs on autopilot year after year.....

## **TNT warm up**

### **Dan Ahearn CD**

Just another contest prior to the big one, we'll fly unlimited for 5 rounds and a graduated runway landing. Don't forget, club meeting following the event, I'd like a good turnout, we'll wrap it up in 15 min or so.



# August Contest

By Henry Bostick - CD

The August SLNT contest was also round 2 of the LSS. We had 15 pilots in RES, and 20 pilots in The OPEN class. We flew 3 rounds of RES, and 4 rounds of OPEN. The weather was a little warm, but the higher winds forecast did not materialize. All things considered, a pleasant day of flying. The equipment worked great! The only downside of the day was the loss of an Ava. Listed below are the results. Thanks to everyone that helped. Hope to see you at the field soon.

## R.E.S

John Luetke  
Tommy Lamnek  
Walter Higgins  
Henry Bostick  
Gene Trevino

## OPEN

John Luetke  
Julian Tamez  
Tony Bermudez  
Thomas Cooke  
Mark Williams

# Class A Man-On-Man

By Tim Bennett - CD

On the 16<sup>th</sup> we held our August contest at Eastfield with 7 entrants flying the Round Robin Man-On-Man event. In this format each pilot flies one flight against each of the other pilots in turn with the last down being the winner of the pairing. The pilots accumulate one point for each win. The one with the most wins is the winner of the event. Ties are resolved based on head to head pairing results. Winds were stiff enough to make launches challenging and lift was not easy to find making for some close pairings.

The results follow:

1. Jack Hamilton	Pearl	5
2. Gary Warner	GL Special	4T
3. Bill Maserang	Monarch	4T
4. Arnold Claycomb	GLS-6	3T
5. Tim Bennett	Blaster	3T
6. Jim McNeal	Garnet	2
7. Bobby Dixon	Monarch	1

Our next contest will be the Sunday September 20 at Eastfield College. Pilots meeting will be at 9:30 with first flights at 10:00. We will fly from the 50-meter upstarts.



CHUCK'S EYES AREN'T WHAT THEY USE TO BE -  
HE'S "BEEN" FLYING THAT HAWK FOR 5 MINUTES!

### SOARING TOP GUN 2009

Place	Name	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	TNT	Nov	Total	Drop 2
1	Bostick, Henry	6	7		13	8	6	8				48	
2	Luetke, Jochen				11	9	12	11				43	
3	Tamez, Julian		6		9	6	13	7				41	
4	Williams, Mark	3	8		10		10	9				40	
5	Bennett, Tim	8	5		8	3	8	5				37	
6	Warner, Gary	5	9		7	7	3	6				37	
7	Amonett, Rodney	7			12		7	4				30	
8	Claycomb, Arnold	2			2	10	11					25	
9	Bermudez, Tony		10					10				20	
10	Bourland, John	4	4			5	4	1				18	
11	Hamilton, Jack				6	5	5					16	
12	Maserang, Bill		2		3	4	1	3				13	
13	Dixon, Bobby	1			5	4	2					12	
14	Davis, Rob						9					9	
15	Ahearn, Dan		3		1			4				8	
16	McNeal, Jim		1		4	2						7	

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2	Bennett, Tim	4	7			5	4	8	3				31	
3	Hamilton, Jack	7	3			2	7	5	7				31	
4	Claycomb, Arnold	3	9			4	2	7	4				29	
5	Maserang, Bill	2	3			6	3	3	5				22	
6	Dixon, Bobby	5	5				5	4	1				20	
7	Bourland, John	1	6			3	6	1					17	
8	Lawson, Andrew		2					6					8	
9	Moreland, Mike		8										8	
10	Ussery, Hal	6	1				1						8	
11	McNeal, Jim					1		2	2				5	

# September 2009

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			

# October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Monthly Meeting	13	14	15	16 <b>TNT</b>	17 <b>TNT</b>
18 <b>TNT</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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**Soaring League of North Texas  
2009 Contest Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Class</b>	
September 13	TNT Warm-up	Open, RES and maybe Hand Launch	Dan Ahearn, Julian Tamez, Tim Bennett
<b>October 16-18</b>	<b>TNT</b>	<b>Hand Launch, RES &amp; Open</b>	Dan Ahearn, Julian Tamez, Tim Bennett
November 8	Man on Man	Open	Julian Tamez
November	LONESTAR SOARING SERIES - San Antonio	Open and RES	
December 13	Pro-Am	Open	Rob Davis