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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

May 2008

From The Prez

By Jim Taylor

April was a quite month for me, having gotten out to the field only two or three times. Have you seen the winds blow like they have been during April?

The April contest was also conducted in high winds. One thing did occur during the contest that I need to mention. One of the contestants was blown of course during his landing approach (I think that was the case) and wound up in the pond at the south east corner of the field. He made the decision to wade into the pool to retrieve his ship. To wade in he removed his shoes and waded out (how far I am not sure) until the water was about four feet deep. He was able to get the ship out in good shape after emptying the water out of it.

I bring this incident up to discourage this from happening again. Here is some history on information about the pond.

- The pond was stocked with fish at one time, 10 to 15 years ago, for entertainment during picnics and other events.
- The water is stagnant and is primarily replenished by rain; however, it is filled from the ranch's well when a need arises.
- I am told that it is 12 to 15 feet deep.
- The pool has not been cleaned in recent memory.

Some concerns were voiced when I began asking questions of ranch personnel. There have been snakes seen in the water and with so many large events that take place in the field there is no telling what has been thrown into the pond.

LET'S NOT WADE INTO THE POND

This newsletter will be received after the May contest. We will be back on our normal publication for the June newsletter.

Have a good time as all of us celebrate **Mothers Day**.

April Contest

Mark Williams - CD

The day for the April unlimited contest dawned rather cool and clear, however it was already windy with a forecast for higher winds later. Fourteen flyers decided to join us at Southfork. My plan was to fly five rounds and keep the task challenging. The landing task was the FAI tape reduced to 20% to make flying more important. Our first round at around 9:45 AM was set at 5 minutes and proved to not be easy. The third round was set at 7 minutes and very few made it. During the third round I was watching my Windtronic 2 wind meter and saw multiple gusts to 28 MPH at about seven feet AGL. Imagine what it probably was at altitude! We held a pilots meeting and it was decided to finish the day with one more 5 minute round.

The top five were as follows:

Arnold Claycomb
Tony Burmudez
Rob Davis
Julian Tamez
Rodney Amonett

Thank you to all that brought winches to the field. Also, thank you to all that helped to set-up, maintenance, tear down the equipment and score for the event.

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).

Class A Man-on-Man

By Tim Bennett

The SLNT April event was held on schedule on the 20th at Eastfield with nine flyers and brisk winds from the south. Unfortunately, Mike Moreland folded the wing of his Sidewinder II on the upstart in a warm-up launch and had to drop out. The remaining eight flew in some very exciting conditions featuring some monstrous lift and serious sink. Only one flight group saw more than one maximum score and that group had three. In one other group one pilot missed a maximum time by two seconds when his model stalled and nosed in breaking the fuselage. Fortunately it was the last round he needed to fly. Two additional models were damaged causing their pilots to drop out. It seems that all are repairable and will fly again. The results follow:

1. Gary Warner	Monarch/Blaster	20
2. Tim Bennett	Blaster	18
3. Jack Hamilton	Omega	16T
4. John Bourland	Xterminator	16T
5. Arnold Claycomb	GLS-6	15
6. Bobby Dixon	Monarch	11
7. Andrew Lawson	Blaster/Okie	DNF
8. Hal Ussery	Omega	DNF

Our next contest will be the Blue Skies Over Texas two-day event Saturday and Sunday 5/17 & 18/08 at Southfork Ranch. Pilots Check the web site for details.

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

LSS

LONESTAR SOARING SERIES

The Lonestar Soaring Series is now in place. Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas will each host a sailplane event with 2 classes, Open and R.E.S. In addition to individual awards at the end of the year for Open and R.E.S. we will have a team award. I have attached the guideline, and if you have any questions please give me a call. This is going to be a lot of fun, especially the Team part. One of the primary purposes of the LSS was to generate greater activity among the clubs. All events will be 1 day with the exception of Austin, which will be 2 days. The schedule for 2008 will be **Houston on Saturday, May 3rd, Austin on Saturday/Sunday, July 19 & 20, Dallas on Sunday, September 14, and San Antonio on Saturday, November 15.** Look forward to flying with you at these events, and like I said earlier, this is going to be a lot of fun!

Henry Bostick
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LONESTAR SOARING SERIES (LSS) – FRAME- WORK

Nov. 30, 2007

1. All (LSS) contests must include Unlimited-Open and RES classes as defined by the current AMA rulebook. Each host club shall be responsible for determining the tasks to be flown and for running their event.
2. Final contest scores and placings, and \$1.00 per entry (for year end awards), shall be forwarded to the (LSS) Scorekeeper in a timely manner. The (LSS) Scorekeeper will validate the scores, determine year-to-date standings, and publish official results that will be posted on each club's website. Trophies (including year-end awards) will be redistributed if awarded in error at a contest.
3. The team series scores for each club shall be the total points for the highest three finishers from the club, regardless of class. First place in each class shall be worth 10 points, second place 9 points, third place 8 points, ... down to tenth place and below worth 1 point each. The Team Trophy for the year will be awarded to the club with the highest total team scores for all four contests.

4. Year-end awards will be based on the totals of each pilot's best places from no more than three of the four contests scheduled for the season, based on the same points as in 3., except that there shall be no points awarded below tenth place. The number of year-end awards to be given in each class will be determined by the participating clubs' representatives, based on the total participation in each class for the year.

5. Each contestant must declare which club they are flying for at the time of registration for the first contest they enter in a year (the contestant must be confirmed as a member of that club by the Club's President or his representative). A contestant may not change clubs during the year.

EXAMPLE OF TEAM SCORING

OPEN

1 ABC	Hawks	10 pts
2 GHI	ASF	9 pts
3 MNO	ASF	8 pts
4 STU	Hawks	7 pts
5 YZA	ASF	6 pts
6 EFG	Hawks	5 pts
7 KLM	SLNT	4 pts

RES

1 DEF	SLNT	10 pts
2 JKL	HOTSS	9 pts
3 PQR	SLNT	8 pts
4 VWX	HOTSS	7 pts
5 BCD	ASF	6 pts
6 HIJ	HOTSS	5 pts
7 NOP	SLNT	4 pts

TOTALS

Hawks	$(10+7+5) = 22$
SLNT	$(10+8+4) = 22$
ASF	$(9+8+6) = 23$
HOTSS	$(9+7+5) = 21$

For 2008, the Houston Hawks contest will be in May, the ASF in July, SLNT in September, and HOTSS in November. Each club will set their own date(s), but will try to avoid conflicts with monthly contests scheduled by any of the other clubs, as well as with the Mid-South (May 24 and 25), the AMA Nats (July 27-Aug. 3), the LSF Masters of Soaring (probably Sept. 20 and 21), or the TNT (Oct. 11 and 12). Browne Goodwin will serve as the LSS Scorekeeper for compilation of year-end points.

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	Burmudez, Tony	6	8	12								26	
3	Bostick, Henry	12	3	7								22	
4	Claycomb, Arnold	5	4	13								22	
5	Warner, Gary	7	12	3								22	
6	King, Dale	11	9	1								21	
7	Bennett, Tim	9	6	5								20	
8	Amonett, Rodney	10		9								19	
9	Luetke, Jochen		11	8								19	
10	Williams, Mark	3	10	6								19	
11	Davis, Rob	6		11								17	
12	Hamilton, Jack	7	5	4								16	
13	Freeman, John		14									14	
14	Ahearn, Dan		7	2								9	
15	Bourland, John	8										8	
16	Maserang, Bill	4										4	
17	Kennedy, John	3										3	
18	Freeman, Sean		2									2	
19	Dixon, Bobby		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								28	
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	Fisher, Chuck	4	1	3									8	
11	Moreland, Mike	6	2										8	
12	Vanderbilt, Chris	3											3	

May 2008

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

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					



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Reminders

Saturday and Sunday May 17th & 18th - Blue Skies Hand Launch

Soaring League of North Texas 2008 Contest Schedule			
Date	Event	Class	Contest Director
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
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