



# Christmas Banquet

*President Strickland* called the December meeting of the combined TMSS—Brainbuster meeting to order shortly after dining on our delicious banquet repast. It was time for the Annual Awards show, presented by the esteemed presidents of both clubs, Abram and Lenny.

During Lenny's recapitulation of the past year and look into the future, he said he had picked up the torch from Percy and was ready to move forward and upward. TMSS has gained some new members this year, Jerry, Larry, John and Bill. We have also lost some long time members and associates over the past year. They will be missed but are now soaring with the Master Pilot.

A significant number of members soared with CASA at Warrenton this past year at their annual Thermal Duration ESL contest. They enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the Horse Feathers Farm and airfield.

Additionally, Lenny said he would move forward to secure the Isle of Wight field for at least another year.

Abram mentioned a few things about the Brain

Busters Free Flight Club. Their accomplishments were many and their aspirations for 2008 are great. In addition to all of their normal contests, an International Postal Contest will be held.

It was at this point the awards for the night began. The first were the



Fruit Baskets. The recipient for the Brain Busters Ladies was Charlotte Kelly. Jim Penland was the winner of the Fruit Basket from the Brain Busters Men. The TMSS drawing winners for Fruit Baskets were Mrs. Roberts for the Ladies and Ed Avera for the Men. Congratulations Fruit Basket winners.

Some of the other winners from the TMSS Door Prize were:

Bob Stewart

Bill

Helms

- Reid Roberts
- Jim Penland
- Josh Glaab.

The Brain Busters winners of their Door Prizes were:

- Ed Sullivan
- Bob Stewart
- Bill Sigara
- Ed Dolahan
- Santa Claus
- Ed Avera

Some of the 'Special' Awards and their recipients were:

Santa — Chuck Wagon of the Year.

Ed Avera was awarded the coveted Pop Off Award.

Frequency Pin #11 recipient was Abram VanDover.

It was drawing close to handing out the rest of the awards. The Boyle Builder Bowls were awarded to:

- Jim Kelly
- Bob Bennett
- Abram VanDover

Indoor Champions were:

- Lenny Singer
- John deBolt
- Walt Collins

For TMSS, Sportsman, Unlimited winners were:

Jim Penland



### Upcoming Events

- March Contest is March 22.
- March Mig was Mar 19 at PHF.
- April Contest is slated for April 12.
- April Meeting Apr 16
- May Contest May 10.
- ESL Contest May 17.
- ESL Contest May 18
- May meeting May 21.
- June Contest June 14.
- June Meeting June 18.
- Annual Ft. Lee Soar In June 28-29.

### Notice

**March Contest  
March 22  
CD  
Ed Avera  
Pilot's Meeting  
1030**

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In Sportsman, Two Meter the winners were:

Jerry Limber

Jim Penland

John Moody.

The Expert, Unlimited winners were:

Ed Arnaudin (rcvd his 3rd place trophy at the field at Hardy Souls.

Len Strickland

Reid Roberts.

The Expert Two Meter Winners were:

Ed Avera

Bob Stewart

Len Strickland

The Harold Crane Memorial Trophy this year was a very difficult decision as every Brain Buster was Most Deserving of the Award. For this reason, the Trophy was awarded to the entire Brain Buster Club.

The Vernon Saunders Sportsman of the Year Trophy was presented to a most deserving, hard working individual, R. Percy Pierce.

With that, the banquet ceremonies came to an end for another year and many stories of the past year were shared. See you next year!

## January Meeting

### President Strickland

called the January meeting of the TMSS to order shortly after 7 p.m. on the 16th day of January 2008. Secretary Abram VanDover read the minutes from the previous November meeting. The minutes were accepted and approved as read. Treasurer Tom Anthony told us we had \$3445.88 in the kitty.

**Old Business:** A discussion was

held concerning the Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet. Everything had gone well with no major complaints.

The Hardy Souls contest for January 1 was also discussed. The Contest went well, the food provided by Chef Greg was great, the wind blew like ..... well you get the idea. The CD for the event, the ever popular PP had some non-alcoholic Apple drink for all the winners. President Strickland also had some non-alcoholic champagne for the event that was quite tasty.

A vibrant discussion was held concerning Park Flyers type models was held. The topic was finally shelved as our By-Laws specifically state that "Gliders or powered gliders" and Park Flyers do not meet this requirement.

Member Reid Roberts submitted a request to pay \$99.00 for our 2008 web site hosting (www.soartmss.com)

**New Business:** Our Annual June 2008 contest will be held at Ft. Lee on the 28th and 29th this year. Abram Van Dover and Ed Avera will be the CD's for this event. A flyer will be posted on the website and flyers will be sent to various clubs and Hobby Shops in the VA/MD/NC areas. Ed Avera will check with MidVA RC to ensure the availability of the property for those dates at their February meeting.

Mr. William Mims was voted in as our newest member of TMSS. Welcome aboard, Bill!

CDs were selected for the club's monthly contest for the rest of the year. The lucky winners were:

March	Ed Avera
April	Abram VanDover
May	Tom Anthony
June	Reid Roberts
July	Bob Stewart
Aug	Ed Arnaudin
Sept	John Moody
Oct	Jim Penland
Nov	Len Strickland
Dec	Dave Stack

**NO FLYING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS SITE!!!!**

## February Meeting

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### President Strick-

**land** called the February meeting of the TMSS to order shortly after 7 p.m. on the 20th day of February 2008. Secretary Abram VanDover read the minutes from the previous November meeting. The minutes were accepted and approved as read. Treasurer Tom Anthony told us we had \$3445.88 in the kitty.

**Old Business:** President Strickland says our By-Laws need revision if we are to allow Park Flyers to fly their models at the present Court House Site. A vigorous debate was begun as to what actually constitutes a Park Flyer. This has to be determined before October 2008 if they By-Laws are to be changed. A Park Flyer Committee was formed, to be headed by Josh Glaab to hash

# Hardy Souls Contest 2008

So here we were once again, looking the New Year square in the eye, with out first contest against Mother Nature for the year. In times past, we have relied on the Christmas Banquet to predict the weather for us and I think we pretty much hit it right again this year. As you recall for the Banquet, the weather was not all that bad, no rain—not a good sign—no snow—another bad omen—but it was kind of cloudy—our last ray of hope. The weather wasn't too bad at the very early part of the day, after all, the sun did come up, but the day was expected to deteriorate as time progressed. Our CD for the Day, the ever diligent Abram VanDover had everything well in hand and called the Pilot's together for the first Pilot's Meeting of the Year. Abram was feeling very benevolent and called for flight tasks of four, eight, nine, ten and eleven minutes. Of course the 4 minute first round was one where there was no peeking at the clock. It all depended upon the internal clock of the pilot. Oh, that was with no landing points for anyone with that round too. For the rest of the tasks, a regular strip landing was used with graduated landing points for everyone that could get close to the point. One Pop Off per pilot.

And so the day began. Round One showed Don Richmond, Bob Stewart and Len to have the best internal clocks, al-

though Don's was better regulated when flying 2 meter than the Unlimited Class. BS and Len were both 3 seconds over while Don was 2 seconds under when flying 2 meter. Rumor has it he was calibrating his clock during Unlimited so he could clean up during the 2 meter flying.

Did I mention the wind was really blowing?

Round Two had 7 or our intrepid pilots coming in between the 7 and 8 minute mark, some of which even had landing points to add to their score.

Round Three was a little bit more difficult. How about that wind out there? 7:10 was the longest flight by a long shot by Len and 2 meter was lucky to stay in the air long enough to get a clock on them.

Round Four began with Lots of Wind Blowing and Josh pulling in a 9:50. That was not the norm though as most of the pilots who had not put away their aircraft for the day only was in the 3 and 4 minute era.

The final round began with the wind still whipping the snot out of everyone except Josh who managed another almost 10 minute flight. You can see the final scores for yourself on the right, but I think most everyone did have a good time despite the windy conditions.

## Unlimited

Josh Glaab	2404
Len Strickland	1831
Don Richmond	1459
Luther Mitchell	1258
Dave Stack	1288
Dick Proseus	1045
Will Newton	961
Regis White	907
Bob Stewart	880
Dr. Mark	707
Ed Arnaudin	604
Dogman Moody	457
Ed Avera	169

## Two Meter

Len Strickland	1183
Dick Proseus	957
Luther Mitchell	697
Dr. Mark	401
Dogman	280
Don Richmond	238
Ed Arnaudin	199
Gus Burgin	110
Josh Glaab jr.	80



## TMSS 2008 Championship Points

Contestant	Cls	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Unlimited</b>													
John Moody	S	476	1000										1476
Jim Penland	S												0
Josh Glaab	E	1000	1000										2000
Len Strickland	E	762	860										1622
Dave Stack	E	536	556										1092
Mark Sedlak	E	294	692										986
Reid Roberts	E		912										912
Don Richmond	E	607											607
Luther Mitchell	E	540											540
Dick Proseus	E	435											435
Bob Stewart	E	366											366
Ed Arnaudin	E	251											251
<b>Two Meter</b>													
John Moody	S	1000	1000										2000
Jim Penland	S	250	180										430
Jerry Limber	S												0
Josh Glaab jr	JR	1000											
Lenny Strickland	E	1000	482										1482
Josh Glaab	E		1000										1000
Bob Stewart	E		812										812
Dick Proseus	E	809											809
Mark Sedlak	E	338	466										804
Luther Mitchell	E	589											589
Reid Roberts	E		266										266
Don Richmond	E	201											201
Ed Avera	E	168											168
Gus Burgin	E	93											93

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has the blessings of Mid VA RC to be held on the 28th and 29th of June. No \$\$\$ will be collected at the field as they are a non-profit club. We will pay MidVa \$200 for field use.

New Business: Dave Stack fielded a motion to have an ESL contest on May 17 & 18, seconded by Bill Mims. It will be a Thermal Duration for Unlimited Gliders only and will have landing points. The purpose of this contest is to increase the number of contestants and to reestablish con-

tact with ESL. Josh will CD the event and obtain all the necessary paperwork for AMA Sanctioning.

President Strickland led a discussion on new members and how to do this within club rules.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040



## February Contest Scores

Percy Pierce was the Even though they only flew 3 CD for the day on that bright rounds of 8 minutes, each of crisp day in February when those rounds was a struggle to the February Contest was stay aloft for the allotted time. held. Carefully plotting and Nearly all the flights were 1/2 outlining his plan for the day, or less of the time put in dur- he arrived at the IOW Field ing Unlimited Flying yet I be- ready to go! In the mind lieve they a had a good time numbing cold (only 56 folks) while participating in this he had a Pilot's Meeting contest. As you can see from where the tasks for the day the final scores on the right, were laid out. Giving us a Josh came out on top in both break on all the higher math, classes but he did see some he had selected to fly 5 stiff competition from Reid in rounds of 8 minutes each. Unlimited and BS in the two That way it wouldn't be all meter rounds. that hard to remember. A Thanks to Percy for landing task was provided, running the show for the day, with a simple you made 25 we appreciate your efforts points or you didn't. Could- very much. Thanks to all that n't get much easier than that. were there and especially, So with that, two classes and Greg!! eight pilots, the February con- test was underway.

It was a pretty good day for the Unlimited Class Pilots with some pretty good scores in each round. Josh took an early lead and never looked back as he came out on the top of the heap for Un- limited.

For the two-meter pi- lots, it was a different story.

### Unlimited

Josh Glaab	2270
Reid Roberts	2071
Len Strickland	1952
Dr. Mark	1571
Dave Stack	1252
John Moody	906

### Two Meter

Josh Glaab	1084
Bob Stewart	880
Dogman	572
Len Strickland	522
Reid Roberts	288
Jim Penland	103



## TMSS Club Records as of August 2006

As of August 31, 2006

### IOWCH/Nike Park

### Other sites

Hand Launch: Reid Roberts

Two Meter: John Moody, 32:14 flying a Spirit 9/9/2006

Don Richmond at Ft Lee with a Cera

Standard: Gene Hollabaugh 13:59 flying an Oly II, 8/19/2006

Mark Sedlak 9:43 at Ft Lee with an Aquilla

Unlimited: Ed Arnaudin 8/26/2006 1:05:00

Doug Barry 41:03, at Ft Lee with an Ava

Electric: Ed Arnaudin, 2/25/2006

Please let me know about any records you set. Need name, time and model name and date.



### SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS FOR March 2008

The NEXT meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 19-** 7:00 PM at the Old Terminal Building at Patrick Henry Airport. Directions to the building are as follows: Exit route I-64 onto Jefferson Avenue toward the Airport (North). Go to traffic light at Bland Blvd, and turn right. Follow this road (past New Terminal turn off) to parking lot with tower for rotating beacon. Park in this lot and enter building through the automatic door. There should be signs to help you near the door.

**\*\*\*\*\* Next Contest is March 22, 2008 \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*\* CD will be Ed Avera (probably not, but)\*\*\*\*\***

**Ed will host Unlimited and Two Meter Classes**

**Don't forget that we do not use frequency channels **18, 26, 28, 38, 44, or 52** at the IOW Court House Site. Note the *Latest* list**

**Remember, everyone who flies at IOW MUST be an AMA member and a TMSS member (or limited guest). *The IOW site is for sailplanes and electric sailplanes ONLY!!! No flying is permitted at the Fairgrounds Site at this time!!!!!!!***

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