



MARCH 2008 meeting

Vice President

Moody called the March meeting of the TMSS shortly after 7 p.m.. on the 19th day of March 2008. Secretary Abram VanDover read the minutes from the previous February meeting. The minutes were accepted and approved as read. Treasurer Tom Anthony told us we had \$3544.55 in the kitty.

~~Old Business:~~ Any and all By-Law Revisions are due by Oct 2008. Josh will complete an update of our By Laws. There is a large amount of Park Flyer data in Model Aviation Magazine that will be used as a reference. There are differences concerning AMA insurance and reduced membership costs but may also have reduced benefits at the same time.

June Contest – On track for the scheduled days of 28 and 29 June. Abram will be the CD on the 28th and Ed Avera will CD the event on the 29th The Administrative Tent is arranged and will house the Score Keeper and Transmitter Impound Area. The Pilot's Meeting is planned

to be held at 0930 daily. Ed Avera usually opens the gate somewhere around 0700 so the equipment setup can begin early. Trophies for Sportsman and Expert along with the Highest Placement Junior Entrants are planned. The trophy will be in the form of a plaque or acrylic block.

ESL Contest is set for May 17 and 18. Jim Deck sent his regards and wishes for good weather. One of the tasks for Novices is the LSF Ladder tasks. This is non Precision Duration where you can fly anything from HLG on up. An Open Winch over the duration of the contest will be observed so as many flights as you want can be made. The LSF Ladder Tasks are in the progression of tasks of 5, 15 and 30 minutes plus 1 and 2 hours. Restricted frequency resolution will have to be taken care of prior to the contest weekend. Abram mad a motion that TMSS pay for the Trophies for ESL contest seconded by Reid Josh will come back with a final tally but this usually runs about \$400 per weekend event for all the ones to be pre-

sented. The vote was; 1 opposition 2 abstention 7 for. Motion carried. Porta Potties usually cost about \$105/weekend. FAI tapes and LSF tapes for landings. Lenny will pickup the ESL winches. Tom Broeski will bring new Optima Batteries. ESL TD will be done in Rounds, a single 6 minute and 5 ten minute rounds along with spot landings in a 45 minute round.

New Members? What can be done to attain new members. Some ideas thrown around were additional Media coverage such as during our contests! Park Flyer introductory AMA cards. By law revision are necessary for this to take place. Buddy Box flights are also a plus.

~~New Business:~~ Someone is needed to take the winch over. PP retiring from hauling stuff back and forth as of April 2008. He has been hauling the trailer around for the past 10 years and has been supporting the club with winches since 1966.

During the meeting last month BS was cut off



Upcoming Events

- *March Contest is April 5.*
- *April 12 Contest –Abram VanDover CD..*
- *April Meeting Apr 16*
- *May 10 Contest Tom Anthony CD.*
- *ESL Contest May 17/18 Josh Glaab.*
- *May meeting May 21.*
- *June 14 Contest–Reid Roberts CD*
- *June Meeting June 18.*
- *Annual Ft. Lee Soar In June 28-29. Abram and Ed Avera CD's*

Notice

**March Contest
April 12
CD
Abram VanDover
Pilot's Meeting
1030**

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TMSS 2008 Championship Points

Contestant	Cls	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Unlimited													
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
Two Meter													
John Moody	S	1000	1000										2000
Jim Penland	S	250	180										430
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

New Stuff: Thought we would spend a few minutes to talk about some new stuff out there. Big news is still the 2.4 GHz radios and modules that can be used in the RF deck of Futaba's etc. Some may be a little pricey, about the same as a new radio for the module and receiver, but if your radio is in good shape, it should be no problem. Unless you would really rather get a whole new system. If so you really have a lot of choices and it may be hard to make up your mind if want the Spektrum, JR, Airtronics, Futaba, EVO or whatever.

Good luck with that.

Most of the time we get to see some new things on a monthly basis. Lately, most of the new stuff has been in the area of lipo battery capacity and discharge/charge rates. Now these are good for the electric powered models that we engage from time to time. But as far as stuff we usually talk about in the sailplane arena, there just ain't a whole bunch of new stuff lately.

About the only thing new here is the exchange rate with the Euro. Bad news is the buck doesn't go as far when trading for Euros.

Most of the stuff we see at Kennedy Composites (AVA etc.) still sells for the same price in Euros but the \$Bucks have gone up. Even the Japanese Yen has been doing good against the Dollar yet.

For the scratch builder, Lonestar Balsa suffered a huge setback near the end of last year when a gargantuan fire burned most of their supplies. They say they will be back in business soon and we certainly hope so as they were one of the premier balsa suppliers in the US with great prices and super balsa. Well, that's all for this month. See ya' at the field

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rom speaking several times. Every member present at the meetings has the inalienable right to speak during these meetings. However, each of us needs to extend the courtesy of not interrupting the member who has the floor to speak. The President will take control of the meeting. Using Robert's Rules of Order as noted in the By-Laws and will be adhered to as required

Winch and trailer storage—Greg had said at one time the winch could be stored at his place if necessary. The CD will have to coordinate all efforts to ensure all equipment is at the contest at the required time. Dave Shoemaker allowed us to store the trailer and charger at his place over the other side of the rise before. How about it Dave, can we use your place again. There is Storage Site by Smithfield can it be store there AND be charged? Josh will look into costs.

Flying on Sunday? Email Lenny so he can inform county guy concerning use of IOW field.

Lenny is building a new trailer.

Reid – As a result of the article in the Franklin Newspaper, he has been contacted to help conduct a workshop at a Kids Camp. Reid will help with SouthWest Adopt a Pilot program and TMSS. He sought approval for June 24th. Top Gun Academy he is to conduct working with 5th Graders. PP motion, second by Purple Tom and unanimously passed.

Abram recommends 1 Adult/5 kids for using the Delta Dart Program. Abram advised Reid he will need help and a lot of Glue.

2015 move to adjourn.

The March 2008 TMSS Contest as Directed by Mr. Ed Avera.

Try as we may, there just was no justice for March when it came to our

monthly contest. Ed Avera was scheduled to be the CD by proclamation. Usually, we have the March contest early so the diehard Swap Shop Fans can attend the Annual Trek to Lebanon and one of the better swap meets of the year. The first weekend was a wash out, as was the third, fourth and fifth. With that, there are no more weekends left in March. Our final chance will be the first weekend in April, and then it will be time for the April Contest so.....

TMSS/ESL Spring Challenge:

This is just a note to let all of you know that the Tidewater Model Soaring Society (TMSS) will open-up the Eastern Soaring League's (ESL's) 2008 Unlimited competition season on May 17 and May 18 in Isle of Wight, VA (near Smithfield). The contest will have Sportsman, Expert, Novice, Junior, and LSF-Ladder classes. This is our first ESL contest since 1999 and hope to build upon this year's experience, so come on out.

The LSF-Ladder class is an experimental event intended to engage a broader section of the soaring community (see below for more details). Right now, we are considering an open-winch/round format for everything except the LSF-Ladder task. Lots of flying. Come on out and join us. CDs: Josh Glaab and Reid Roberts.

The Ladder event is designed to provide a low-pressure competition for those who are looking for LSF Thermal tasks as well as those who prefer the pure-soaring aspect of our hobby (as opposed to split-second approach and spot landings). For this event, pilots will time themselves using a timer that will sound an alert when the task time is reached and will be on their honor. The time will be non-

precision, meaning that if you fly for 5:35, you will get a perfect 5 minute score. Note that a 4:35 would be a zero score. The League of Silent Flight (LSF) Thermal Duration task times compose the Ladder (i.e. 5, 15, 30, 60, and the big one: 120 minutes). If you are a beginner, and need another flyer to help coach, that is Ok, but please check with the CD. Note: any type of sailplane is Ok to use in this event, 2M, Unlim, woodies, RES, Moldies, things you found in the attic, things you found in the backyard.....;-).

Unlike normal Thermal-Duration events, there is no need to worry about the exact time of the flight, only that you exceed one of the flight times and you do need to complete them in order. However, unlike other Ladder events, you can keep racking-up 5 minute flights if you are having trouble getting to the next step. For example, if pilot A already has a 5 minute flight, but his next flight is a 9:15, he can still count a 5 minute flight. This is done to provide positive motivation for those in this group to fly, fly, fly (and also necessitates the 1 pilot per frequency).

Landing tasks in the Ladder event are also a little different. For the 5-minute flights, the landing task is a 100-point in/out 3 meter (LSF L-1) landing. For all other flights, the landing task is a 100-point in/out 1.5 meter task. This is done to more effectively follow the LSF pilot ladder guidelines.

Thanks, Josh.

**TMSS/MID VA RC
24TH ANNUAL
RC GLIDER CONTEST
JUNE 28 & JUNE 29, 2008
(LSF SANCTIONED)**

SPONSORS	Tidewater Model Soaring Society and Mid VA RC
SITE	Fort Lee Drop Zone, Petersburg, VA
REGISTRATION	Pre-Registration is not required but highly recommended. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., with a Pilots Meeting at 9:30 a.m. on each day. Sportsman and Expert cost is \$15.00 for Saturday or Sunday, \$25.00 if you desire to register for both days. Juniors (under age 19) are \$1.00 each day.
CATEGORIES/EVENTS	Unlimited Sailplane (Sportsman, Expert and Junior Divisions) Thermal Duration: Tasks, Rounds, and Times to be announced at the Pilots Mtng. Landing Task: Graduated Runway both days.
WINCHES	12 Volt Standard Winches and Retrievers
AWARDS	Sportsman and Expert Divisions will be awarded through Third Place, Highest placing Junior Awards each day
REGISTRAR	Abram VanDover , 112 Tillerson Dr. Newport News, VA 23602. (757) 877 2830, vandover@cox.net . CD for Saturday
CD Sat CD	Ed Avera , 10492 Bland Ridge Rd., Petersburg, VA 23805. (804) 732 8429, ednav@comcast.net . CD for Sunday
LUNCH	Fast Food Restaurants are located within 3 miles of the flying site along Rte 36 and a lunch break will be observed
WHERE TO STAY	Some motels close to the flying site are: Days Inn, Ft. Lee 4911 Oaklawn Blvd., Hopewell (804)458 1500 (1.7 mi.). Innkeeper Motel , 3952 Courthouse Rd., Hopewell (804)458 2600 (1.8 mi.) Travelodge Petersburg . 2201 Ruffin Mill Rd. Colonial Heights (804)526 4611 (3.8 mi.). Days Inn , 2310 Indian Hill Rd, Colonial Heights (804)520 1010 (3.8 mi.). EconoLodge Ft. Lee , 25 S Crater Rd, Petersburg (804)861 4680 (3.8 mi.)

Registration Form for TMSS/MVRC RC GLIDER CONTEST

Send to: Either Registrar or CD for June 29 at the address listed on the reverse side.

Name: _____
Email: _____ AMA#: _____
Address: _____
Phone (day): _____ (eve): _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Frequency Channel #: _____ Alternate Channel : _____

Expert Saturday \$15.00

Sportsman Sunday \$15.00

Both \$25.00

Junior \$1 each Day

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TMSS Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Directions: From any direction (95 N or S OR 64 E or W), take the 295 bypass around Richmond on the eastern side of the city. Get off at exit 9 (Rt. 36) WEST toward Ft. Lee and Petersburg. Turn RIGHT about 2+ miles onto River Road (also State Route 646). The site is approximately 2.5 miles down this road and will be on the right hand (passenger's side of the car) as you travel N. This will be after crossing the railroad tracks. If you go on River Road where you have to make a sweeping turn to the right by the Prison, you went too far and now you have to turn around.



TMSS Club Records as of January 30, 1999

Nike Park

Electric, Woody Blanchard 15:33 (Model WINGO w/8-cells)

Unlimited, Mike Matthews 20:24

Two-Meter Bill Conkling 8:14 (2-Much-IV)

Other sites

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



SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS FOR April 2008

The NEXT meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 16** 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 April 12, 2008 *******

******* CD will be Abram VanDover*******

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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First Class