



September 2008 meeting

Vice President

Moody called the September meeting of the TMSS shortly after 7:00 p.m. on the 17th day of September 2008. Secretary Abram VanDover read the minutes from the August meeting. The minutes were accepted and approved as read. Treasurer Tom Anthony told us we had \$3413.03 in the kitty.

Old Business: The Annual Banquet for TMSS and the Brainbusters is all set for Steve's once again this year. The Banquet will be held on the 18th of December. The cost of this Soiree will be \$18 per person. There is a flyer in this issue of the Silent Flyer that has the directions, time, place and menu for this grand occasion. Please take a few minutes and make your reservation (s) with Abram and let your meal choice(s) be known at the same time. It once again promises to be another big hit for the evening.

New Business: No new business was conducted during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned after 8 pm.

October 2008

Meeting

President Strickland

called the October meeting of TMSS to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of October, 2008. Secretary VanDover read the minutes of the September meeting. The minutes were accepted as read. Treasurer Tom Anthony reported we had \$3413.03 left in our TMSS account.

Old Business: Nominations will be accomplished as a separate entity within new business tonight. No further Old Business to discuss.

New Business: Application for membership from Will Jenkins of Lynchburg, VA was voted on by the membership and Welcome Will Jenkins.

Organization of Hardy Souls. Flyer for the occasion will be made. Food may be provided by some members, possibly Chili, Hot Dogs, Black Eyed Peas, etc. Volunteers for CD – Josh! Sanction or not sanctioned? Bill Mims will help out too.

Dave Stack proposed another ESL Event for 2009, seconded by Josh. Month of May is the planning date. 16/17 at IOW Hosted by TMSS tentative budget of \$800 Lots will help will be needed. Josh will head up a plan of attack for this event.

Nominations of Officers: President: Len Strickland and

Abram VanDover
VP: John Moody
Secretary: Abram VanDover (resigned upon nomination for President) and Josh Glaab
Treasurer: Tom Anthony

Safety Coordinator: Reid Roberts (Volunteered)
The members present voted Len Strickland to another term in office. The rest of the slate was accepted by the membership present

Bill Mims proposed a dedicated contest to the memory of Robert N. Stewart, seconded by Tom Anthony. The Ft Lee would probably would be the best venue. Unanimously passed.

Ed Avera reported that the area between the fence to the prison at Ft. Lee has been modified for use by tanks and is now a tank course. No firing on the range at this time as the range has been closed at least temporarily.

Patrick Small of IOW has been contacted about any modifications to the field that we use at IOW.

The County Administrator contacted President Strickland about Rocket Launches at IOW. This is seen as a vote of confidence on the part of the County.

Denbeigh Career Day will be held on the 29th of October between 3 and 5 at the Patrick Henry Meeting area. Use a modeler type format if planning on attending.



Upcoming Events

- November Contest/Len Strickland CD
- November Meeting, November 19 at PHF
- December Contest/Dave Stack CD, December 6
- TMSS/Brainbusters Annual Year End Banquet December 18 at Steve's Restaurant.
- Annual Hardy Souls Day TMSS Contest. CD will be Josh Glaab, assisted by Bill Mims.

Notice

**November Contest
November 8
CD
Dave Stack
Pilot's Meeting
0930**

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TMSS 2008 Championship Points

Unlimited														
Contestant	Cls	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Bill Mims	S	0	0	0	0	1000	1000	1000	1000	942	1000			5942
John Moody	S	1000	1000	0	0	0		907	151	1000	987			5045
Len Strickland	E	762	860	0	529	889	920	984	1000	1000	805			7749
Reid Roberts	E	0	912	0	541	1000	614	839	970	0	0			4876
Mark Sedlak	E	294	692	0	0	667	854	750	0	819	540			4616
Dave Stack	E	536	556	0	437	0	1000	0	0	886	737			4152
Josh Glaab	E	1000	1000	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	1000			4000
Don Richmond	E	607	0	0	0	0	727	1000	0	0	0			2334
Ed Arnaudin	E	251	0	0	100	111	747	0	934	0	0			2143
Ed Avera	E	70	0	0	0	556	408	0	0	0	0			1034
Neal Huffman	E	0	0	0	0	0	0	974	0	0	0			974
Bob Stewart	E	366	0	0	0	556	0	0	0	0	0			922
Tom Anthony	E	0	0	0	0	778	0	0	0	0	0			778
Luther Mitchell	E	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			540
Dick Proseus	E	435	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			435
Two Meter														
John Moody	S	1000	1000	0	0	0	1000	1000	1000	0	0			5000
Jim Penland	S	250	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			430
Josh Glaab jr	JR	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000			2000
Gus Burgin	E	93	0	0	0	0	141	0	1000	1000	1000			3234
Don Richmond	E	201	0	0	0	0	992	1000	0	0	0			2193
Mark Sedlak	E	338	466	0	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0			1804
Lenny Strickland	E	1000	482	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1482
Josh Glaab	E	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1000
Bob Stewart	E	0	812	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			812
Dick Proseus	E	809	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			809
Luther Mitchell	E	589	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			589
Ed Avera	E	168	0	0	0	0	179	0	0	0	0			347
Reid Roberts	E	0	266	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			266

New Stuff actually NEWS!

The "New Stuff" for this issue will be slightly different than previous months. For the next couple of issues, the BIG stuff will be the Banquet and Reenlistment Papers for next year's membership. First for the Membership for the year. A meeting of the Executive Committee determined that the presently dues of \$25 per annum should continue to be sufficient to sus-

tain TMSS and the treasury for the year of 2009. Please fill out the membership form and return it to the address as listed and we will keep track of who is who in TMSS for the year.

The other form is about the Annual Combined Banquet with the Brainbuster's Free Flight Club. It will be held once again at Steve's this year. Steve's is a friendly place that offered us the best value for our dollar once again this year. The cost is \$18 per per-

son attending and Abram NEEDS to know IF you are ATTENDING, HOW many will be in your PARTY AND what your choice will be for the Dinner. Make checks payable to Abram so he can take care of the bill for the evening and inform him of your decisions as soon as you can. This is a time when early is good to let everyone in on your decision to attend!!!! See you there.

JMSS September Contest

The September 2008 JMSS Contest as Directed by Mr. John Moody.

Dogman was in charge and decided he liked the 'Add'em Up' from the previous month so much that he would continue to tradition but with a couple of twists, Dogman Style. First of all, there will be 5 rounds and you had to fly in all five rounds. Each round would last a maximum of 20 minutes and, oh yeah, you needed to add up your score so you had a maximum flying time of 50 minutes for the entire contest. Just to show his heart was in the right place, you would get either 10 or 25 points for landing, depending on where you ended up in relation to the Landing Tape. With the rules explained to the other Five Pilots, the contest was all set to go.

Lenny and John worked hard and was landing shortly after the 5 minute mark. Mark and Gus were on either side of the 8 minute mark and Bill was stringing together a really good flight in excess of 9 minutes. But then there was Dave who was drilling the sky for a flight for over 11 minutes. All were pretty well lined up to complete this contest in grand style.

Round 2 had Lenny bringing out his Contest Game with a flight just under 20 minutes, the max allowed for any round. Dave and Bill were having a good time and landed on either side of the 10 minute mark. Speaking of Mark, he completed this round with a 7+ minute flight while the Contest Director landed after some bad air around the six minute mark. Gus had a particularly hard time and maybe landing too when he came down with his two meter before the 2 minute mark

had passed. He decided to pack it in after this round, leaving only the Unlimited Pilots to fight it out for the top bragging rights for the day and September.

Round 3 had Lenny turning up the heat when he managed a 16 + minute flight. This took a lot of pressure off him as he only had to fly for a little over 5 minutes during the next two rounds. So he was sitting in the catbird seat so to speak as he did not have to try to find good air for a longer flight again. In this round, Dave and Bill were right behind him a short distance with Dave flying in excess of 9 minutes and Bill pushing past the 8 minute mark. Once again the Doc had a decent but short flight of 7+ minutes and Dogman was tempting fate with a 5 minute. Round.

During Round 4, strategies came into play and hopefully some good air and good luck would come to those who needed to make up some time. Bill decided it was time to get work and had a beautiful 13 plus minutes in the air. Three other of the pilots all ended up with a flight in the vicinity of the 6 minute mark (Dave, Mark and John). That leaves only Lenny who had a really good flight in the 5 minute vicinity. Unfortunately, Bill was unable to continue with round 5 and the contest.

The final round was upon our intrepid pilots and Dr. Mark came up with a great flight in excess of 10 minutes. This would give him a score in the 40 minute range after all was said and done. Dave floated for 5 minutes and when he added everything all up he had a 45 minute total. Dogman also managed a flight of over 5 minutes. When he added everything up for final consideration he was about 20 minutes shy of a full house or 50 minutes. Lenny on the other hand had been pacing himself and a 5 minute flight on his part put him just shy of the 50 minute mark, but it was enough to be the Top Dog at this contest!

You can see the final scores in the next column. I am sure Dogman had a good time as he always does, especially when is the CD. The rest of the Pilots seemed to have enjoyed the day too. Next month, we will discuss the Jim Penland Special Contest. Till then, Good Lift and eyes good enough to recognize it

When it gets there.

Banquet ??

Just a shameless commercial going in here for the Banquet. Abram needs to know if you are planning on attending, he needs your menu choice, number in your party and most of all your 18 bucks for each person that will be attending. Abram will accept cash or cheques in payment. If for some reason you fork over the bucks to attend and something occurs that prevents your attendance, your money can be cheerfully refunded by our Banquet Organizer. As stated in another portion of this missive, the banquet will be held at Steve's once again this year. One further 'tradition' with the Banquet, If it happens to be really nice weather wise on the day of our Banquet, we can usually expect to have some good weather for our Hardy Souls Contest on New Years Day!!!!!!!

Unlimited

Len Strickland	2925
Dave Stack	2592
Mark Sedlak	2395
John Moody	1893
Bill Mims	1784

Two-Meter

Gus Burgin	596
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October Contest

The October 2008 UASS Contest was Directed by Mr. Jim Henland:

Jim had thought long and hard on what to do for this contest. He finally settled on a contest consisting of 4 rounds, doesn't sound all that hard so far. The rounds would be of various times ranging from 3 minutes, 5 minutes, 8 minutes and 10 minutes. He thought about awarding points for landings and finally settled on a grand total of 25 points for a LSF Level One landing and 50 points for a LSF Level Two landing. With that being said and the rest of the rules boundaries explained for this contest, it was on for all eight pilots.

The first round had a variety of times on the score sheet ranging from 10 under two minutes to 6 over four minutes, but no matter what, the scores would reflect penalty points for any flight under or over three minutes.

The next round was known as a really tight race. Five minutes were called for and Lenny was right on the money with 300 seconds on the money! The other pilots were doing air time of 3 and a quarter minutes all the way to 2 seconds under 5 minutes. Looking at the whole group, it was a tight round with everyone within contention.

But that ain't all folks, Round Three would be a real thriller. Bill had his best game hat on and pulled off the perfect 8 minute flight, what a round was developing as Josh Senior had a round where he ended up at the landing

just 2 seconds short of 8 minutes and Dogman spent a little over-time in the air, coming in at 4 seconds over 8 minutes. Lenny managed a flight in the 6 minute region while Mark and Dave were down after having flown in the three minute region. Now they were down to the last round with a pretty close field and a 10 minute flight.

Dave Stack came out on top during this round when he landed 5 seconds short of the 10 minute mark while Josh Sr. put in a flight worth 8 minutes and 10 seconds. John and Bill, while not near the 10 minute mark but closer to 6 minutes did try their very best to end up with some very respectable scores. As you can see when you look at the scores, there is only a 16 point separation between them. By now John was thinking, If I only had flown closer to 3 minutes in round one instead of the 4 minute plus round that I completed. Or maybe Bill had other thoughts on his mind like maybe a couple of landings could have gotten me closer to Lenny's score. In fact that would have given him a 4 point advantage over Lenny. But this is all Could have, would have, should have thoughts and talk on my part.

The two-meter guys has the same tasks for the Contest. Flying half the wingspan showed it was much more difficult to make the full time on a day like that particular Saturday was. Slow starts and fast finishes were the order of the day as even making 2 minutes

Unlimited	
Josh Glaab, Sr.	1632
Len Strickland	1313
Bill Mims	1267
John Moody	1251
Dave Stack	1203
Mark Sedlak	882

Two-Meter	
Josh Glaab, jr	1048
Gus Burgin	542

was extremely difficult for the first couple of rounds. As a matter of fact, it was neck and neck going into the final round. Both had swapped the lead between round and both remained within a few points of one another. During the final round, Josh found a really good spot and outlasted Gus by over 5 minutes, taking the title for the day overall. Of course when you figure it all out, both will end up with 1000 points when the scores are normalized and they are added in with their respective classes.

Well, that is the report from Jim. I must say, this is one time when everything worked out great for our venerable CD. No rain and no postponement as we have seen when Jim is the CD for the month. Thanks for a find contest Jim!

Tidewater Model Soaring Society Membership Information

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Ch-14 _____	Ch-23 _____	Ch-32 _____	Ch-41 _____	Ch-50 _____	Ch-59 _____
Ch-15 _____	Ch-24 _____	Ch-33 _____	Ch-42 _____	Ch-51 _____	Ch-60 _____
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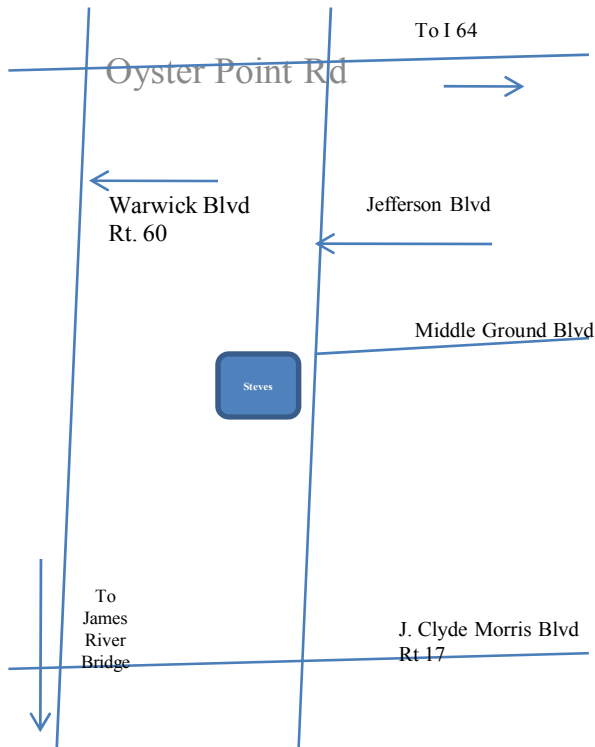
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**Brainbuster's/Tidewater Model Soaring Society's Annual
Christmas Dinner and Awards Ceremony
December 18, 2008**

Ft. Eustis



**When: 6:30 – 7:00 pm
Social ½ Hour
7:00 pm Dinner**

**Where: Steve's Steak
House**

**Who: All Brainbusters,
TMSS Members, Their
Ladies and Invited Guests.**

Dress: Casual

Please mail or give this to Abram VanDover or call Abram at 877-2830 prior to December 13, 2008. Cost of meal is \$18.00 per person. The Menu is below. Make checks payable to Abram VanDover. If, For some reason you are unable to attend after sending Abram your check, Abram will gladly refund Your money. Abram's address is 112 Tillerson Dr., Newport News, VA 23602.

I _____ and _____ other(s) will attend the 2008 Annual Brainbusters/TMSS Christmas Dinner/Awards Ceremony.

of Chicken Meals _____ # of Delmonico Steak Meals _____ # of Fish Meals _____

**CHICKEN
DELMONICO STEAK
FISH FILET
(CHOICE OF ONE)**

**SALAD
BAKED POTATOE
ROLLS
DESERT
COFFEE, ICED OR HOT TEA**

Editor Ramblings:

Here we go again. It seems like the hurrieder I go, the behinder I get. I am only a page or so from finishing this issue up and it has a bunch of pages in it. As you know, I have been pretty busy this year and it isn't over yet. I will be going soon on another one of Uncle Sam's finest within a week and will finally get to return before Christmas. At least I don't have to learn to say Bah, humbug in Japanese after all this year. My current plan for the newsletter is to publish as much as I can after returning from Japan. I will need some help from the other members though in order to get some 'Hot Dope' out in that issue. If you have any thing you would care to have printed in this venue, please email it to me at: ghollabaugh@cox.net or snail mail it to my address as shown on the membership renewal form. Anything at all in the way of an article would be greatly appreciated by myself and the readership.

On another note, is anyone building anything real cool over the next couple of months? I have a couple of repairs to make over the cooler months on a few 'oldies but goodies' that are out in my building shed. One is the Oly II, needing only a few minor repairs (one could only hope for the time to do some things on my do-do list). There is a Paragon or two that can be put together enough to make one good flying machine out of them rather quickly. Some careful planning and modifications, a Searcher can be in the air with a little work. There is also a new kit that got delivered to the house a couple of weeks ago from Kennedy Composites. Granted it is only a two-meter plane, but it seems to be well

thought out and the laser work on the wood is simply fantastic. Nope, not the 2 meter Supra but the Miles C. It was designed by Mr. Kolb and promises to be a contender. There are many parts that you usually don't see that is used for structural reinforcement. Quite an engineered model for the price. As I said, all I need is time. There will be a short window from the middle of December till the first part of February and is the only time I can count on to do some building. With a little bit of luck and no problems from knees or hands will help immensely!

I know Percy has been doing some test and trim flights with his new Standard Class woody out there the past couple of weeks. Pulling down some pretty good times for test flights too if I do say so myself, from the results that I have seen. Of course, there is always Tweety to bring out to try out some more.

A couple of other intrepid builders are out there as well. What is in your stable Twister and Froggy? How about it Jerry, anything else in the building blocks over on that side of the river? Anything coming off the drawing board from the TMSS'rs in the Richmond area? The final appeal will be to our New Mexico member. How full is your building board Dave?

Is there going to be a renewed interest in electric sailplanes in 2009? This has always been an on again, off again class at our contests. I do not believe we have had an electric event since 2004 or before. Ed Avera is usually prepared at all times to participate in this event and I am sure he, for one would be more than happy to participate. Do we have any CD's out there that is ready to include electrics in the lineup? Do we have any

'Electric Pilots' out there that can take Ed Avera on?

Now then on to the New Stuff that we sometimes talk about. The latest in kits is all ready out in the form of the Miles C. I spoke about the Miles C earlier and I will keep you updated as I go through the steps to put it together. Good thing there are a couple of threads out there on RCGroups because there are no instructions included with the kit, only the wood, some hardware and a set of plans. Talking with Barry at Kennedy Composites, there is also a '2 meter Supra' that should be out soon if it hasn't all ready arrived. Of course this one is less of a kit and more like some of the slippery slippers that we see out there. It isn't as expensive as the Big Time Glass Slipper but it will definitely set you back quite a few dollars. Right now might be a good time to buy as the Euro is down, about \$1.28 today compared to the \$1.45 that we saw during the summer months. This would be like being granted a discount of more than 10% if you are doing any importing!!!

A few more digital type servos are being advertised by different companies at this time including Tower Hobbies, who has also thrown their hat into the digital ring. They claim the usual attributes for their servos, better accuracy, better centering and reliability of their product.

Been reading a couple of articles lately on the advantages and disadvantages of using LiPo batteries in our sailplanes, not the electric ones either. Anyone out there have an opinion they want to air on this? This is your newsletter as well as mine and your opinion counts too!

Thank you for reading this.

TMSS 2008 CLUB RECORDS

As of September 17, 2008

	IOWCH/Nike Park	Other sites
Hand Launch:		
Two Meter:		
Standard:	Percy Pierce	16:19 Zenith
Unlimited:		
Electric:	Ed Avera	36:43

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



SCHEDULED CLUB EVENTS FOR November 2008

The NEXT meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 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 November 8, 2008 *****

***** CID will be Dave Stack**

Tom 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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