



EDSF Bulletin - Jan 07

Your EDSF Newsletter – Tom Shinsato

Bill Sorensen has asked me to head up the newsletter for this year and I have accepted. Instead of having the newsletter every month, the board has decided to have it published bimonthly on the even numbered months. It will be mailed to members who have paid for the mailing option. On months where there is no newsletter (odd numbered months) a bulletin, containing current events such as meeting minutes, event schedules, and other time critical information will be published. The bulletin will not be mailed out but will be available for pickup at the field bulletin board. A designated print date will be set once the “gears” of the newsletter team are synchronized. A copy for each member will be printed so please take only one for yourself. The newsletter and bulletin will be posted on the club website for those wishing to view it on-line.

Ron Beighle, a former EDSF club member, has retired from the hobby several years ago. He has graciously printed the newsletters and club membership applications at no charge to the club and has offered to do so again. This amounts to a sizable savings to the club for which we are greatly appreciative. Thank you, Ron. You may recall that the printing quality was excellent which made for beautiful photos.

If anyone wishes to submit articles for the newsletter, please feel free to do so. This is your newsletter -- others may be interested in what you have to say. Keep your article to a maximum of 3/4 page. If you have photos to go along with the article, include that also.

This year, several well qualified and experienced RC pilots from our club have volunteered to help with the newsletter on a monthly basis. This will greatly improve the quality of the newsletter by providing better coverage of all club activities and issues. If you have suggestions for improvements, submit them to the newsletter staff, board members or myself.

Gerry Markgraf – Recently retired from Boeing-Long Beach after 40 years as an Engineer/Manager/Project Manager. I started flying gliders at El Dorado in 1977. I have an Oly II, Windward, Aquila, RO-8, Super Questor and Legend sailplanes, but switched to electrics at an early date and have been an avid electric modeler since. I enjoy aircraft of unusual configurations and lately, have concentrated on WW I and Golden Age scale.

Tom Shinsato – I have been an EDSF club member and RC pilot for about 3 years and have enjoyed every minute of it (excluding crashes). Thanks to help from other club members, I have become an improved pilot and have learned a great deal from fellow pilots. I also enjoy building and experimenting with different designs and modifications. I live in Cypress, 6 miles from El Dorado.

Clay Hollingsworth – Just turned 49 last week. I live in Garden Grove with my wife of 18 years and my two children, who are 16 and 13. I learned to fly sailplanes 26 years ago, with slope gliders being my introduction to the hobby. I also have experience in flying glow fuel models from TeeDee .049s to 120 size biplanes. I’m now Director of Glider Operations for EDSF.

Jared (Tip) Stalls --Married. Home in Lakewood CA.. Jack of many trades with a wide variety of skills. Currently I am a Production Cost Estimator and Assistant Director of Safety at a very large commercial sign company in Orange County. 45 years in modeling. 25 years in RC planes. 20 years in RC electrics planes. For fun and for competition. Primarily RC Gliders but have built and flown a wide variety of models, mostly aircraft, including but by far not limited to: FF, CL, RC.

Newsletter staff --
Left to right:
Gerry Markgraf,
Tom Shinsato, Clay
Hollingsworth,
Jared Stalls



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January Meeting Minutes – Chris Myers

Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2007.
Called to order at 7:00 pm.
Officers in attendance: Bill Sorenson, Bill Duncan,
Steve Butters, Chris Myers.
Members / guest present 38.
Minutes from December meeting approved as read.
Discussed the Winchline, changes approved.
Discussed purchasing hats.

Marshall gave a demonstration on the Winged Shadow
See How. Orders were taken.
The new 2007 budget was read by Bill Duncan and
approved.
Clay Hollingsworth discussed the 2007 glider contest.
A advisory committee was formed and approved.
A raffle was done by Bill Sorenson.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Glider News – Clay Hollingsworth

Well, I first want to wish all of our members a happy and healthy new year. The outlook for the club looks bright for 2007 and I hope that everyone will take an active roll in helping to make our club better than ever. I for one have always been involved in club contests and have been a regular weekend flyer at EDSF for years, but had stayed away from club meetings and politics. In the last 3 months I've come to realize that if you expect things to change for the better you must get involved to make it happen.

By running for a board position during our last elections, I hope that more people within the club have a better feel for my perspectives on the club and how to deal with some of the difficulties we've faced of late. I want to thank Bill for creating a position in the club that will allow me a chance to act in an official capacity to not only enhance glider operations within EDSF, but to do so in a manner that is consistent with the FAA's recommendation and the park's rules.

That being said we have high hopes and even some plans for increasing soaring participation this year. First, we will be having 18 soaring contests this year, 9 for Thermal Duration (TD) and 9 for discus launch gliders (DLG). These contests, starting in February, will be on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month. We will be starting these contests a little later in the morning (11am) than in the past in order to allow as much open flying for the club as possible.

During the TD contests we have to close the field to other club flying due to the high frequency of launches and landings during these contests. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. We will have spotters to look out for full size aircraft and to make certain that all pilots are observing the 400-foot ceiling. During the DLG contest we can have open flying for all club members.

We also hope to have an entry level two meter class for those looking to learn how soaring works. There are a number of inexpensive balsa kits as well as some ARFs that will fit the bill for this class. For many of us old timers, building with balsa was at the root of our RC modeling and there's still nothing quite as beautiful as a framed up model waiting to be covered! Suggestions are welcome as we look to grow participation in our TD contests with new models and new flyers.

'Til next month, wishing you fluffy white clouds and big lift!

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2007 AMA Show – Gerry Markgraf

The 2007 AMA Show is over and the wait for next year's show begins. I always enjoy the show and look forward to it each year. My impressions of this year's show were varied. As a confirmed builder of old style "stick" models, I made a bee-line for the Dumas booth. Alas, they were not there this year (although scheduled to be there). A sad little group of chairs around a table filled the space. As I wandered the show, I noticed quite a few of the spaces filled with chairs as well as several empty booths. In the end, I couldn't remember seeing any vendors that offered traditional built up kits. There were lots of ARFs and the quality as well as fidelity to scale seemed very good. I also noticed a lot of new brushless motor suppliers and Lipo suppliers. I suspect that is going to be a real tough business to succeed in, as there are so many suppliers.

Two booths were staffed by EDSF members. Joe Ballasch's Leisure Electronics of Downey is a favorite of mine and this year, Ed Baxter and Bob Reynolds were demonstrating the delights of adapting the electronics in toy flying models into real serious flying machines. Final impression is that the show was a bit smaller this year – I suspect because the little guys find it more efficient to sell and advertise off the internet. There were lots of really neat ARFs and exciting stuff from larger manufacturers and importers, but I will miss face time with the little guy.

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Southern California Soaring Clubs – Jared Stalls

Many things were discussed at this year's Southern California Soaring Clubs meeting. The primary result was the addition of a provisional 2-meter class, and a special "Highest Placing Woody" with awards in each contest. Both contests will only have 1st place awards until we can prove they have enough participation to warrant additional trophies. All pilots will still be restricted to flying in a maximum of 2 classes. You can fly in Open and RES, Open and 2-meter, or RES and 2-meter. Our "Highest Placing Woody" award will go to the best overall finish by a pilot flying a qualified aircraft in any class.

The SC2 definition of a "Woody" is a built up model constructed primarily from wood. Carbon fiber, Kevlar and other composite materials may only be used internally in the spar. Molded fiberglass fuselages are not permitted.

We have also voted to keep the SC2 rules in place regarding the number and use of aircraft. The new AMA rules allow you to switch between aircraft during a contest. For SC2, you cannot use a backup unless your primary is unflyable.

Proposed Contest Schedule:

25 March – SWSA	July – Nats break
22 April – TOSS	26 August – SWSA
20 May – HSS (provisional date, subject to adjustment)	23 September – ISS
24 June – EDSF at ISS field	28 October – TPG
	18 November – Rain Make-up Date