



August-September 2010

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Coming up.....

- **Next monthly meeting Wednesday September 8th, 2010 6:30 PM at the Saratoga Fire Station. Business meeting starts promptly at 6:30 PM and the General meeting begins at 7:15 PM**
- Always check the web for flying and contest schedules in case of change.
- SBSS Thermal Duration Contest meets at 8:30 AM last Sunday of the month at Curtis School - check RC Groups/Clubs/SBSS for status at 7:00 AM on contest days, and earlier for other info.
- Monthly Los Banos Aerotow is on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Send an email to George Hollidge at: [g.hollidge@comcast.net](mailto:g.hollidge@comcast.net) for details.

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South Bay Soaring Society AMA Club Charter #163

# The Silent Flyer

**November Special AMA Election for our District 10 Vice President**

**You will get a ballot with your membership renewal.**

**Please be sure to vote!**

Many of you may recall Rich Hanson as our previous AMA District X Vice President. When Rich took a position with AMA HQ as the Governmental and Regulatory Affairs person he appointed Jim Giffin as Interim District X VP, and with the 2009 election Jim was elected to the VP position. As many know, sadly Jim passed away a month after the election. Mike Brown, our current Interim VP is now running for the VP position, and running against him is Lawrence Tougas, who also ran in 2009, losing to Jim Giffin.

Most of us pay little attention to the business of AMA, except to complain about what they don't do. I don't want to start a debate either way, just get the word out that we all need to vote for our District VP and why.

Why - we belong to the largest District of the AMA, and our voices will be heard. This is a tough time for organizations of all types, and the AMA is no exception - our membership is shrinking because of economics, aging, and failure to attract new members at a sustainable rate. We as SBSS know it is possible to interest and attract new people to the hobby/sport, look at the great job we have done to grow our club over the past 2 years despite not having a permanent 'home field'.

So please take the time to learn about these fellows and make your own decision about who is better to lead District X for the next 3 years.

Mike Brown: [www.ama10.org](http://www.ama10.org); click on District VP for bio; click on Newsletters tab for the District X Newsletter for recent info - #5 is the latest.

Lawrence Tougas: <http://ama-district-x-election.blogspot.com/2009/08/my-candidate-statement.html>.

...don't forget to visit our web site for other news and information: [www.sbss.org](http://www.sbss.org)...

## Job Opening - Newsletter Editor

Circumstances of life compel me to give up this cushy position. The job is what you make of it, and I like to make a good product, which takes a few hours a month. I can no longer do that, so I am 'advertising' for my replacement.

If any of you are interested, please drop me an email and we can arrange a time to talk about what is involved.

Thanks!

**Bruce DeVisser**  
Editor

## What the heck is STEM?

**STEM** is an all-encompassing project to get the youth of our country more interested in professional careers in the **Sciences, Technologies, Engineering, and Mathematics**. This is a Federally-funded national program that has active participation by local schools.

Living in 'Silicon Gulch' most of us understand the inherent benefits of pursuing **STEM**-oriented education and careers, but the facts are that as a nation we need to do more.

**SBSS** has participated strongly in all of the area events, and there is another one coming up at the end of **September**, a **Take Flight for Kids** event. This year it was planned to be at **Moffet Field** to support up to **10,000 (!)** participants, however, necessary construction will not be completed in time, so it is back to **Reid-Hillview Airport** once again.

This year there will not be any free airplane rides for the kids, so we will have more of their 'mindshare' available.

Please look at the website: [www.takeflightforkids.org](http://www.takeflightforkids.org).

And then ask your club officers what you can do to participate in promoting **SBSS** as a learning tool to cultivate the interest of our local youth.

August 11, 2010: **6:30PM Business Meeting:** @ 6:35 the meeting was called to order

Motion to approve published minutes of July meeting.

**The minutes of last published meeting were approved.**

Treasurer report: John B. Statement: **John presented a statement, showing a July 31, 2010 month ending balance of \$6,850.34**

3. Old Business

a. IRS & FTB tax return filing status update – John B.

**John announced that the State of CA has accepted the application & will review it.**

c. Water Plant Buffer Zone update – **IF** Don Cohn is present

**Rich read an email from Matt Krupp (Plant Master Plan Project Planner) stating that the Master Plan is going to SJ & SC city councils for approval, & the decision on gliders will be made through SJ city's Parks & Rec at a later date.**

4. New business

**7:00 Break... refreshments, cookies & chatter...**

**7:15 PM - General Meeting**

5. New Members in attendance?

6. Announcements:

Discussion of 2.4 GHZ equipment for club trainers

(Please see the following page for my recommendations)

**The club voted yes to purchasing 2.4GHz trainer Tx\Rx hardware from Bob McGowan for a total of \$546**

**Noel offered to sponsor some of the funds from the outreach set-aside.**

Schedule a club auction for the ( October ? ) meeting.

**A club auction is scheduled for the November meeting.**

**Lawrence Tougas campaign for AMA District X VP was discussed.**

**The club voted yes for the SBSS to endorse Lawrence as a candidate.**

7. Flying Activity Reports:

a. July TD Contest Turnout & Results

**Bob D. announced the July results.**

**Bruce L. volunteered to CD the September TD contest**

b. Mission Peak Slermal Activity

c. Los Baños aerotow & slope activity

d. TD activity: Dartmouth or other fields

e. Other Slope Activity: Coyote Hills, Davenport, Sunset, UC Hayward

e. DLG Activity –

8. Outreach Activity Reports

9. Show-n-tell:

**Dave Candee brought in a Falcon 3M sailplane donated to the club by Will Thomas. A quick "auction" was held, in which Peter bought the plane for \$50, which was given to John B. & logged as club income. Will also donated a Wright Flyer which was given to our youngest meeting attendees, and box of soaring magazines which were distributed.**

**Dave C will buy one more copy of the "tuning" DVD for the club library**

9. Entertainment:

**1958 rubber powered free flight footage DVD, narrated by an attendee (name ?)**

**\RD**

## July TD Event Report

from Bob DeMattei

Well, eventually we had a contest. It seems we sort of misplaced a winch/retriever - don't ask. Thanks to Bruce Lewis who drove back home and brought the one that he has. When we finally did get started, Sunday proved to be a great day - sun and thermals. The only breezes were those that indicated thermals. Open class was particularly hard fought - second place was only 2 points behind on raw score and third was 5 points behind that. We had an east coast visitor - Jim Thompson of Boston who used his brother's own plane to beat him in 2M woodie (wonder if he'll be invited back?). We also had another Open Fledgling and an expert flying 2M woodie. We had a total of 18 entries with only 2 pilots doubling up. So here are the results:

|                      |                    |                        |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| OPEN EXPERT          | OPEN SPORTSMAN     | OPEN FLEDGLING         |
| Bob McGowan 99.1     | Marcin Hirny 96.3  | Philippe Sarrazin 79.3 |
| Aaron Lewis 99.0     | Bob Smith 89.7     |                        |
| Greg Norsworthy 98.7 | Bob Smith 31.0     |                        |
| Bruce Lewis 95.0     |                    |                        |
| RES EXPERT           | RES SPORTSMAN      |                        |
| Bob Brown 94.3       | Dick Dexter 52.7   |                        |
|                      | Allen Strahm       |                        |
| 2M EXPERT            | 2M SPORTSMAN       | 2M FLEDGLING           |
| Greg Norsworthy 822  | Rich Duder 780     | Jim Thompson 824       |
|                      | John Bagnatori 712 | Dale Thompson 569      |
|                      |                    | Noel Eberhardt 471     |
|                      |                    | Mike Pavick 410        |

## August TD Event Report

from Bob DeMattei

We have been lucking out on weather for these contests. Yesterday was breezy all day long. Today little to no breeze. However that meant little or no thermals when the contest started. But that changed. All in all things went pretty well. We did have on incident of two planes trying to occupy the same air at the same time. Look guys I know that on the atomic level solids are mostly open space, but at our size that doesn't work.

We had a total of 16 entries among 13 pilots. We had 5 2m woodies and only 1 was a VISTA - diversity I love it.

Here are the results:

|                      |                    |                   |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| OPEN EXPERT          | OPEN SPORTSMAN     |                   |
| Aaron Lewis 94.8     | Marcin Hirny 97.6  |                   |
| Greg Norsworthy 71.8 | Bob Smith 80.7     |                   |
| Bruce Lewis 35.0     | Rich Duder 73.1    |                   |
|                      | Kenichi Izumi 28.0 |                   |
| RES EXPERT           | RES SPORTSMAN      |                   |
| Bob Brown 96.7       | Bob Smith 47.3     |                   |
| Dick Dexter 58.6     | Duncan Knarr 25.3  |                   |
| 2M WOODIE EXPERT     | 2M SPORTSMAN       | 2M FLEDGLING      |
| Greg Norsworthy 843  | Kenichi Izumi 764  | Dale Thompson 831 |
| Al Strahm 782        |                    | Cliff Skekell 159 |

## August Season Standings

from Bob DeMattei

| Name               | Cls  | Skl | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apl  | May  | June | July | Aug  | Sept | Oct | Nov | Total |
|--------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-------|
| Yang, Kai          | O    | E   | 98.8 |      |      |      | 99.1 |      |      |      |      |     |     | 197.9 |
| Lewis, Aaron       | O    | E   | 98.1 |      | 85.6 | 92.3 | 98.2 |      | 99.0 | 94.8 |      |     |     | 568.0 |
| Lynch, Walter      | O    | E   | 98.4 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 98.4  |
| McGowan, Bob       | O    | E   | 98.0 |      |      | 99.5 | 98.7 |      | 99.1 |      |      |     |     | 395.3 |
| Curry, Bill        | O    | E   | 97.2 | 97.9 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 195.1 |
| Norsworthy, G      | O    | E   | 97.0 | 96.2 |      | 96.2 |      |      | 98.7 | 71.8 |      |     |     | 459.9 |
| Worthington, S     | O    | S   | 89.4 |      | 77.4 | 97.6 | 77.3 |      |      |      |      |     |     | 341.7 |
| Spicer, Rich       | O    | E   | 89.4 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 89.4  |
| Lewis, Bruce       | O    | E   | 89.0 | 91.6 | 65.6 | 58.4 | 75.8 |      | 95.0 | 35.0 |      |     |     | 510.4 |
| Smith, Bob         | O    | E   | 36.8 |      | 47.4 | 42.2 | 73.0 |      | 89.7 | 80.7 |      |     |     | 369.8 |
| Clancy, Mike       | O    | E   |      | 77.2 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 77.2  |
| Henke, Steve       | O    | E   |      | 97.0 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 97.0  |
| Stark, David       | O    | S   | 91.7 |      | 90.2 |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 181.9 |
| Hirny, Marcin      | O    | S   | 91.3 | 96.7 | 96.4 | 91.4 | 92.8 |      | 96.3 | 97.6 |      |     |     | 662.5 |
| Izumi, Kenichi     | O    | S   |      |      | 19.5 | 13.6 |      |      |      | 28.0 |      |     |     | 61.1  |
| Duder, Rich        | O    | S   | 84.5 | 88.3 | 76.1 | 75.6 | 78.9 | 70.5 |      | 73.1 |      |     |     | 547.0 |
| Sarrazin, Philippe | O    | F   |      |      |      |      |      |      | 79.3 |      |      |     |     | 79.3  |
| Humphrey, Pete     | O    | F   |      |      |      |      | 10.0 |      |      |      |      |     |     | 10.0  |
| Brown, Bob         | RES  | E   | 92.9 | 98.3 |      | 96.7 | 98.4 |      | 94.3 | 96.7 |      |     |     | 577.3 |
| Smith, Bob         | RES  | E   |      |      | 49.2 | 43.2 |      | 50.9 |      | 47.3 |      |     |     | 190.6 |
| Knarr, Duncan      | RES  | S   | 87.4 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 87.4  |
| Cohn, Don          | RES  | S   |      |      | 40.1 |      | 86.7 |      |      |      |      |     |     | 126.8 |
| Dvorak, John       | RES  | S   |      |      | 16.0 |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 16.0  |
| Worthington, S     | RES  | S   |      |      |      | 63.0 | 89.6 |      |      |      |      |     |     | 152.6 |
| Strahm, Allen      | RESS |     |      |      |      |      |      |      | 5.60 |      |      |     |     | 5.6   |
| Knarr, Duncan      | RES  | S   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 25.3 |      |     |     | 25.3  |
| Dexter, Dick       | RES  | S   | 24.0 |      |      | 24.8 |      | 19.9 | 52.7 | 58.6 |      |     |     | 180.0 |
| Jones, Al          | RES  | F   |      |      |      |      |      | 67.5 |      |      |      |     |     | 67.5  |
| Rasmussen, Peter   | RES  | F   |      |      |      |      |      | 47.2 |      |      |      |     |     | 47.2  |
| Hurlbut, Kyle      | RES  | F   |      |      |      | 29.6 |      |      |      |      |      |     |     | 29.6  |

## August Season Standings - RE Woody

from Bob DeMattei

### RE Season Standings

| Name            | Plane         | Skl | Apl | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Spt | Oct | Nov | Total |
|-----------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Brown, B        | Vista         | E   | 806 | 515 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1321  |
| Norsworthy, G   | Bobcat        | E   |     |     |     | 822 | 843 |     |     |     | 1665  |
| Strahm, Al      | Gntl Lady     | E   |     |     |     |     | 782 |     |     |     | 782   |
| Smith, Bob      | Vista         | E   |     | 147 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 147   |
| Duder, R        | Vista         | S   | 743 | 568 | 773 | 780 |     |     |     |     | 2864  |
| Dexter, D       | Vista         | S   | 630 | 446 |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1076  |
| Bagnatori, John | Vist          | S   |     |     |     | 712 |     |     |     |     | 712   |
| Izumi, Kenichi  |               | S   |     |     |     |     | 764 |     |     |     | 764   |
| Dvorak, J       | Vista         | S   | 443 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 443   |
| Palrang, Mike   | Own Design    | F   |     |     | 782 |     |     |     |     |     | 782   |
| Thompson, J     | Vista         | F   |     |     |     | 824 |     |     |     |     | 824   |
| Thompson, D     | Vista         | F   |     |     |     | 569 |     |     |     |     | 569   |
| Eberhardt, N    | Gentle Lady   | F   |     |     |     | 471 |     |     |     |     | 471   |
| Pavick, Mike    | Gentle Lady ? | F   |     |     |     | 410 |     |     |     |     | 410   |
| Shekell, Cliff  |               | F   |     |     |     |     | 159 |     |     |     | 159   |
| Thompson, D     | Vista         | F   |     |     |     | 713 | 831 |     |     |     | 1544  |