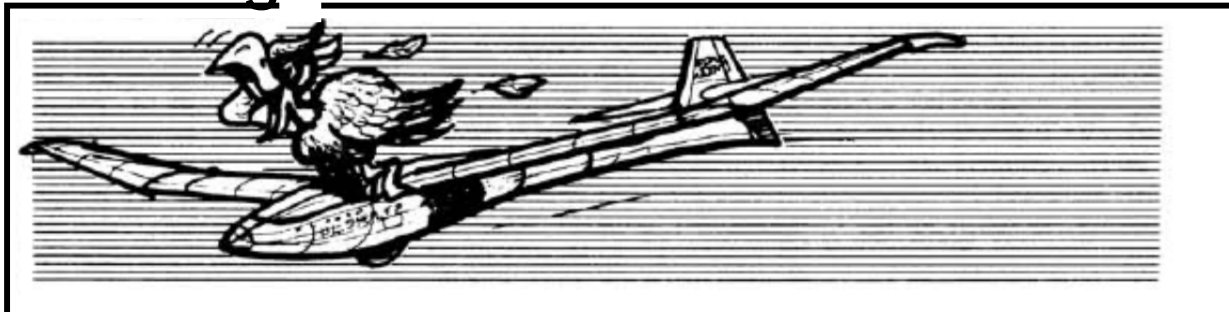




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## Soaring



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### Winter is here

Happy New year to all of the SWSA team! We have a lot of things going with the field in 2017. The first and most important is the rains and the mud slides all around us.



In La Verne we have had 17.25 inches of rain so far. I'd like to give Major a huge thank you for going up and checking on the road for us all. It is a key job to keep us all informed on how the field is. It was a good idea to add that drainage tube just before the winch turn around area. When this all clears we will need to have a weed work party to clear the grounds.

In this issue I'd like to remember some of the tremendous members we have walked with in our club sharing just a snip it of their memories and a few of my projects.

### Toni Stark

In 2017 we lost one of our key members Toni Stark. For those of us who knew Toni from the Pasadena Soaring Society (PSS) we all admired his ability to make things happen. When soccer started to take over the grass area at the Rose Bowl we all knew the end was growing closer for that field. I'm not sure why Toni decided to venture off to Fish Canyon but he did climbing up the hill behind the horse stables taking a few pictures. This video shows what he saw from above and what our current field looks like.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=SezQWJ\\_VVqk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=SezQWJ_VVqk)

I recall the time that he told all of us at the Rose Bowl what he had found showing us his pictures. Frank Leppla, John Rodgers, and I took a trip out there on a hot sunny summer day. All we saw was lots of rocks and a few lizards. We decided to set up the high start we had to see what happened. The lift was terrible for the day. We left and decided it was not the best outcome. When PSS did not pick up the ball SWSA did. I recall going out with a large group one afternoon and Pete Olsen marched off the area with his GPS. Gene Hays took notes and our current site eventually became a reality when the old Las Palmas site was lost. Somehow SWSA all pulled together and made the current site what it is.



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Eber Gram gave me his memories of Toni:

*No one seemed to know much about Toni. He came to SWSA from the Pasadena club. During his time at PSS he mentored Tony Brooks in his first flying experiences. He was their equipment manager using his Volkswagen bus to haul equipment, much of which he designed and built himself and SWSA still uses today. For 34 years he worked for Cal Tech as a machinist. He was responsible for SWSA obtaining our current field and dealt with the Army Corps of Engineers.*

In 2001 Toni was the open class flyer of the year for the Pasadena Soaring Society



Our current winches were designed and built back in 2001 by Toni. Here is the first time we used this at the Rose bowl back in 2001.



Toni is always smiling when he watched his retriever design in operation.



You could always see Toni with a new or current member helping out. He was always there to help.



Even when his health took a turn he left the site with a smile. He turned to the right glove to allow his hand to better hold the transmitter stick.





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I'm sure that the one phase many of us will recall is his use of his word "fella". His German accent had a way of making that one word a common catch all between us.

I'm really missing you "Fella" for everything you did for our sport and SWSA.

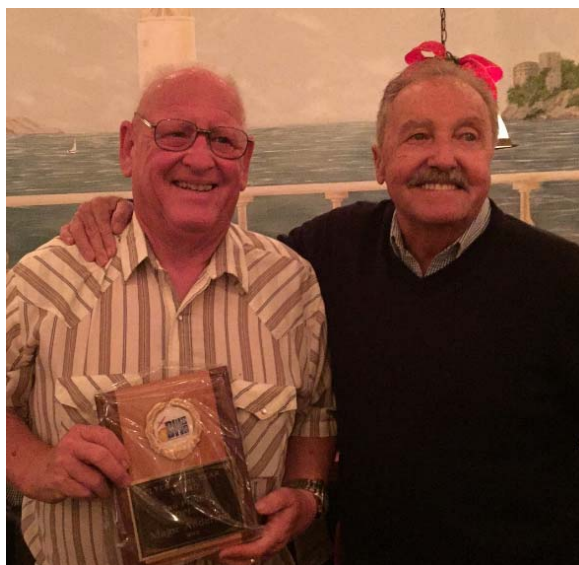


### **Harvey Jenkins**

Harvey was a guy that I admired. He always managed to have a positive attitude every time I saw him at the field. He was always building the most impressive gliders. His covering and paint was the best I had ever seen on a sailplane. In the early days at SWSA he took the time to help anyone who showed an interest in the hobby. When we had the last banquet we sat next to his son and I heard more about him than I had

every really known in detail. That restaurant was always a mystery to me. It was a huge effort for Harvey and his son. The story of how they bought it was a riot. Even more funny was when they sold it and he still worked there for the new owner. His son said he slaved for the guy and had to tell him "Dad we sold this remember?" Eventually they left that career path and he returned to SWSA. When he came back it was just as if he never left. He loved being out with all of us. We all knew his health became a huge issue. One weekend he was talking to me and the next he was having open heart surgery. It was one of the struggles in life that I will always remember because he always tried to come back. When he took the reins of being President from Dan I knew he was going to keep SWSA great. His group effort with the Harvey Special unified several of you. I'll build mine someday but his Aquila is first up on my list.

Just knowing that he cared so much for all of us by having his models donated for the auction to support our efforts shows how much he loved soaring. Harvey will always be the class act for me in this sport. I miss him dearly as do so many others. Soar on Harvey we all miss you.



## Bob Goldie

I'd like to pass along that Bob Goldie passed away in his sleep on March 1, 2016. Our club has had so many members over the duration of time that our current members never knew Bob when he was active with us. Ian Douglas is the only one other than me who knew Bob. Bob was a prolific builder and always flew a Paragon. He had so many variations of them it was hard to keep track of them. He was the first to eliminate the plywood blade joiners with piano wire. That simple change saved more paragons from tip failure. He also was one of the first members we had to make a large cross country sailplane using Gemini ribs to make a super strong wing. He at some point decided to ditch RC sailplanes to pursue the love he had for free flight. He competed in many of the SAM events across the US.

I have and will miss him.



Bob Goldie with rubber model





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The picture on the next page was taken at Lost Hill's in California as he watched Hal Cover launch his power model.



Hal Cover launching his BIG Gool, Fox 59 power



## My Winter Projects

With all this wet weather I have been building the Aquila I bought from Harvey's action. I always wanted one when the kit was released. It's hard to imagine I was in high school when that kit was released. My allowance could not support the purchase price so here we are so many years later building the kit Harvey never got to.





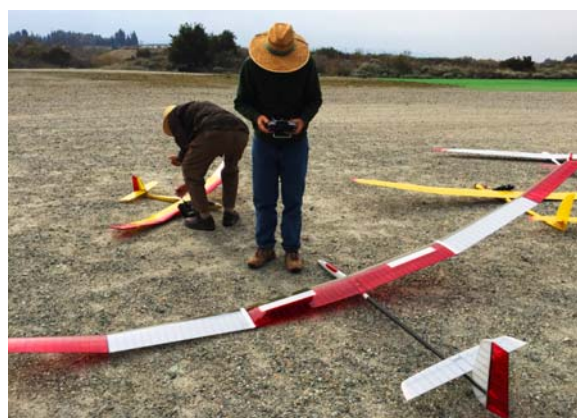
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I still have lots to do on the Aquila.

My other project is a power plane named the Timber. It is available from E-flite and is powered by a .10 electric motor equivalent. Using a 2200 mah 3 cell Lipo you can get 8 minutes of flying time. This model assembles in 1 hour and is really well put together. It has the option for floats if you want to use them. Being a short takeoff and landing design (STOL) it is well suited for small fields or parks. With the flaps in full deployment it slows down to walking speed.

I used all of the servos assigning them to each channel. The kit has the option to use the ailerons and flaps connected to a Y-harness. I like the versatility of each surface being independent but the choice is yours.







## **SC2 2017 Contest Schedule**

Here is the 2017 schedule as it stands now.

Feb 28 @ **Hemet model Masters**

March 19 @ **SWSA**

April 30 @ **Riverside RC Club - Perris**

May 21 @ **VVRC**

June (TBD) @ **Harbor (HSS)**

July (TBD) @ **ISS**

Aug (TBD) @ **(TBD)**

Sept (TBD) @ **(TBD)**

Oct (TBD) @ **TPG**

Rain Date Nov

[Toys for tots Dec @ SULA \(unofficial event\)](#)

Let's ALL Fly!

**That is it for this month.**

***Thermals to all ~ Keith***

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If you have any events let me know

