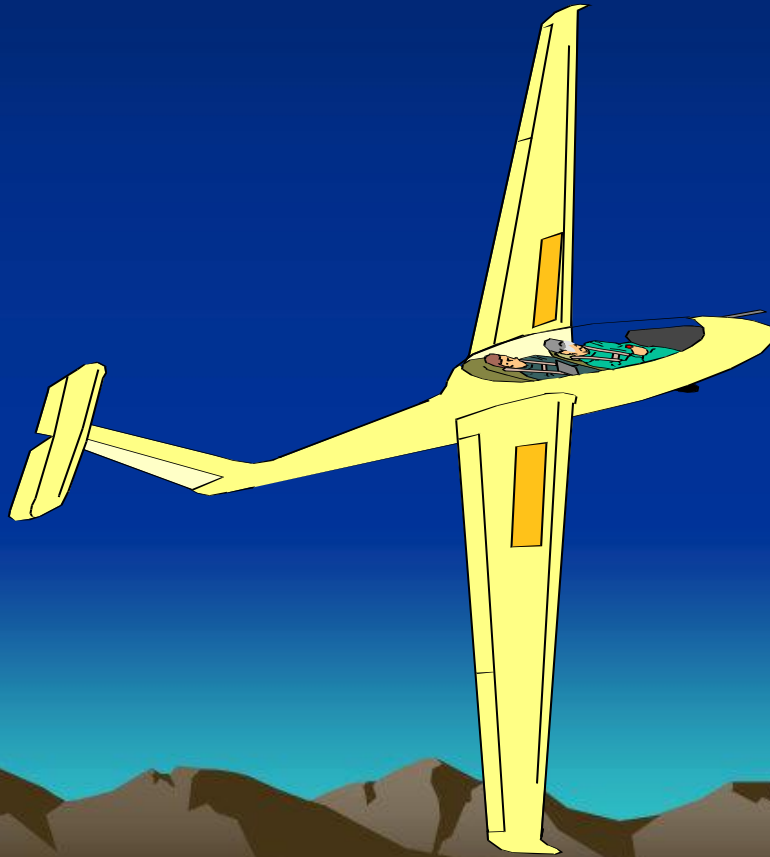


N.C.S.A BUSINESS MEETING/ AWARDS DINNER February 28, 2025



N.C.S.A. Business Meeting/ Awards Dinner February 28, 2025 Agenda

Welcome

Treasurer's Report (Larry)

Membership Achievement & Milestones (Michael)

Roll Call of Voting Members (Tom)

Voting (Tom)

Numbers (Larry)

Speaker (Andre, Roy, Willy)

Awards and Recognition (Ramy)

Election Results (Tom)

Treasurer's Report

2024 Expenses

Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information

OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

**Open to Public
Inspection**

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning **January 01, 2024**, and ending **December 31, 2024**

B Check if applicable:

Address change

C Name of organization

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING ASSOCIATION

D Employer identification number

94-6102412

Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	4,437
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	11,048
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	447
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	55,096
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	71,028

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2024

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the Organization

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SOARING ASSOCIATION

EIN

94-6102412

Description	Amount
Towplane Maintenance	\$24,157
Insurance	\$8,223
Glider Maintenance	\$6,019
Fuel for Towplanes	\$6,410
Rental Towplane	\$4,669
Parachute repacking	\$685
Property Tax	\$1,410
Security Deposit Refund	\$1,000
Tow Hardware	\$462
Golf Cart Maintenance	\$143
Annual Meeting and Banquet	\$1,418
Flight Instructor Training	\$500

2024 Income

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	46,691
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	35,223
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events:		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	25,825	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	107,739	

Part and Line Number: Part I - Line 8

Description	Amount
Insurance settlement	\$25,825

**Insurance: Rec...
allow self-insur...**

**Rationale: We we...
damage but had (...
adjusted for infla...**

- In March 2024 we**
- The \$6100 inc...**
 - 9 days after w...**
 - Languished fo...**
 - Now w/ Rober...**



**...e By-Laws to
...nes)**

**...r physical
Roughly \$5K/year**

**...none for gliders
was wrecked**

...ed \$5K for repair

Insurance: Recall that last year we amended the By-Laws to allow self-insurance for physical damage (crashes)

Rationale: We were paying about \$10K/year for glider physical damage but had claims for only \$43K over 16 years. Roughly \$5K/year adjusted for inflation. (Most of that was avoidable)

In March 2024 we paid \$6100 for insurance vs \$17K

- The \$6100 included physical damage for 70Z but none for gliders**
- 9 days after we started self insuring gliders, 81C was wrecked**
- Languished for better part of a year**
- Now w/ Robert Mudd in Moriarity, NM who guessed \$5K for repair**

In late July, 70Z had a prop strike that was covered by insurance

Prop strike engine inspection and repair- \$23,632.50

Prop repair- \$3,840.63

Engine and prop reinstallation- \$1885

Total- \$29,358.13

But, as long as we're doing this, why not do an overhaul?

Bottom line (I hope):

Total cost for overhaul, prop repair, reinstall will be \$42,325.63

New oil coolers- another \$1.2K

Minus insurance settlement- \$30,343

We'll have an overhauled engine for about \$13K

Much to my amazement, I don't think we'll be broke after paying for the engine, next year's insurance, etc.

In the bank (includes remaining insurance settlement) \$64.5K

Checks still to be written for engine \$28.2K+\$1.9K

Costello insurance for 2025 \$7.2K

70Z annual inspection (already done minus engine) ~\$2K

White Tow rental Dec-Feb \$4.6K

Leaves about \$20K for March

We'll be paying for 81C repair, KP annual, FB annual, SS annual after April billing

PAY!

**Your friendly
Club Treasurers**



Member Achievements and Milestones in 2024

Numbers

Awards and Recognition

New Private Pilot

- Stan Osterlund 2/11/25



New Commercial Pilot

- Andre Sosinski 2/11/25



New Commercial Pilot

- Alexander Mouschovias 3/5/25



New Commercial Pilot

- Jake Strahm 11/17/25



Jake trained at Truckee, checkride at Avenal,
joined NCSA to fly

CHECK-OUTS IN NEW GLIDERS

Norm Brudigam- DG1000, L-33, LS-8



CHECK-OUTS IN NEW GLIDERS



**Dane Stark-
ASW-27**

**Andre Sosinski-
ASW-24B**



CHECK-OUTS IN NEW GLIDERS

Steve Wertheimer- AS33Es,
Grob 102

Magnus Skoglund-
Resoloed after ~30yrs
Grob 103



CHECK-OUTS IN NEW GLIDERS

Jake Strahm- SGS 2-33

Grob 103



CHECK-OUTS IN NEW GLIDERS

**Ernst VanNierop-
DuoDiscus**

Larry Suter-DuoDiscus



CHECK-OUTS IN NEW GLIDERS

Peter Campo- Grob 102;
Grob 103 Twin III



FLIGHTS AT NEW GLIDER SITES

Peter Campo- Air Sailing, Byron, Hollister

Ernst Van Nierop- Williams

**Steve Wertheimer- Montague, Tehachapi,
Byron**

Andre Sosinski- Austria, Poland

FLIGHTS AT NEW GLIDER SITES

Norm Brudigam- LOGT, a grass strip in central Austria

Jake Strahm- Truckee, Avenal, Byron

Larry Suter- Avenal

2024 Camps

- **Peter Plackowski- Thermal Camp**
- **Albrecht Baur- Thermal Camp**
- **Dane Stark- Thermal Camp, XC Camp**
- **Kerry Porter- Thermal Camp**
- **Brian Roach- Thermal Camp Tow Pilot**
- **Larry Suter- Thermal Camp Director, XC Camp**
- **Peter Campo- XC Camp — Outstanding!**
- **Michael Demeyer- XC Camp**

2024 Camps- Thermal Camp

Albrecht

Kerry

Peter

Dane



Brian Larry

2024 Camps- Thermal Camp



2024 Camps

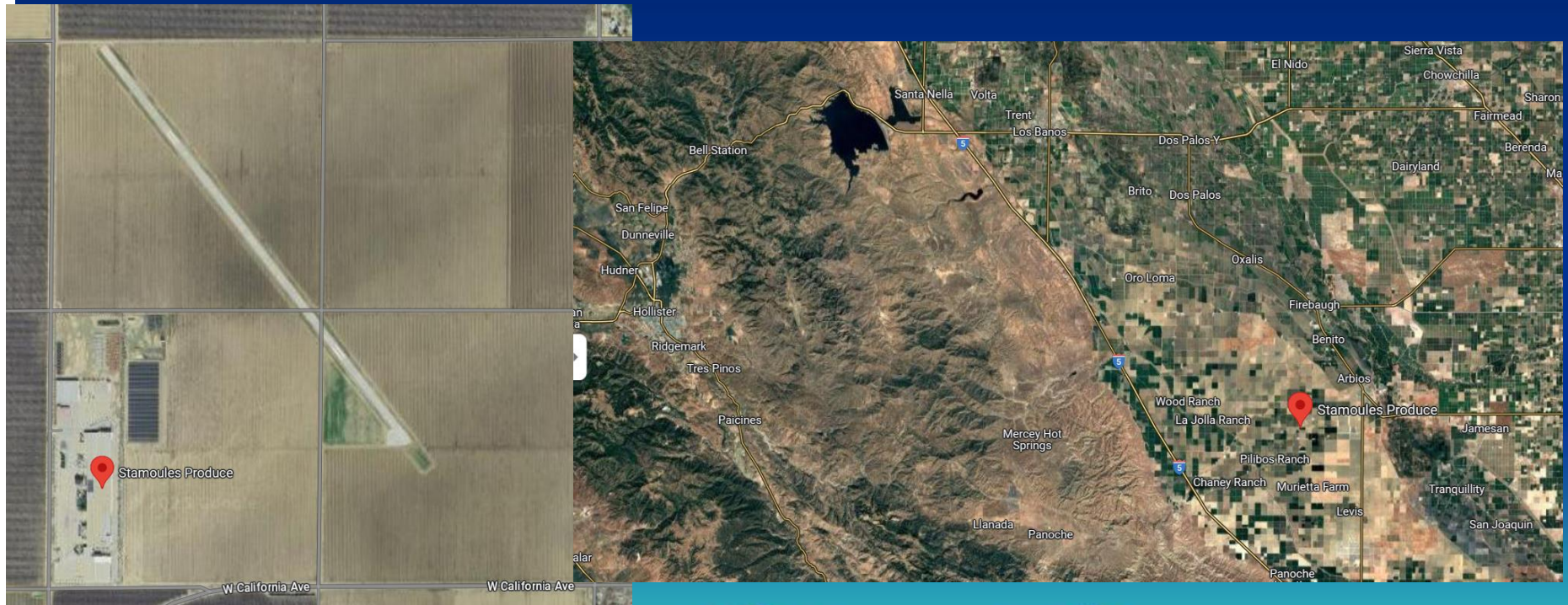
- **Dan Colton- ASI Sports Class Contest & XC Camp as a lead pilot and presenter**
- **Steve Wertheimer- Avenal spring contest, Montague Regionals, ASI sport class contest**
- **Ramy Yanetz- Tonopah safari**

News Flash on 2025 Camps:

- **ASI's Thermal Camp will be June 2-6**
 - **Larry will be directing**
- **X-C Camp will be June 8-13**
 - **Harry Fox will be directing**

Landouts in 2024

Paul Loewenstein- Stamoules Strip, near Mendota. First off-airport landing in US. First off-airport landing on 4900' runway.



Landouts in 2024

Ramy Yanetz- Fallon (thanks Ben for ground retrieve back to Truckee), Willows (quick aero retrieve to Williams), Los Banos (thanks Keith for airplane retrieve to Hollister)

Landouts in 2024

Dan Colton- At Lampson/Lakeport. Released early, because the Williams tow plane had so much horsepower I thought I was in the wave when the vario rose 3 knots. Didn't connect and ran downwind 25 miles to Lakeport for an uneventful aero retrieve. A small intentional burn brush fire next to the airport made for an excellent wind indicator to help set up my pattern. The tow plane was still in the air when he heard my call to declare an outlanding and beat me to Lakeport.

Landouts in 2024

Andre Sosinski- Crows Landing during unofficial car races happening on the strip.

Got invited to do a couple laps as a passenger while waiting for Steven Wertheimer's retrieval.

2024 Landout with greatest Unintended Consequence

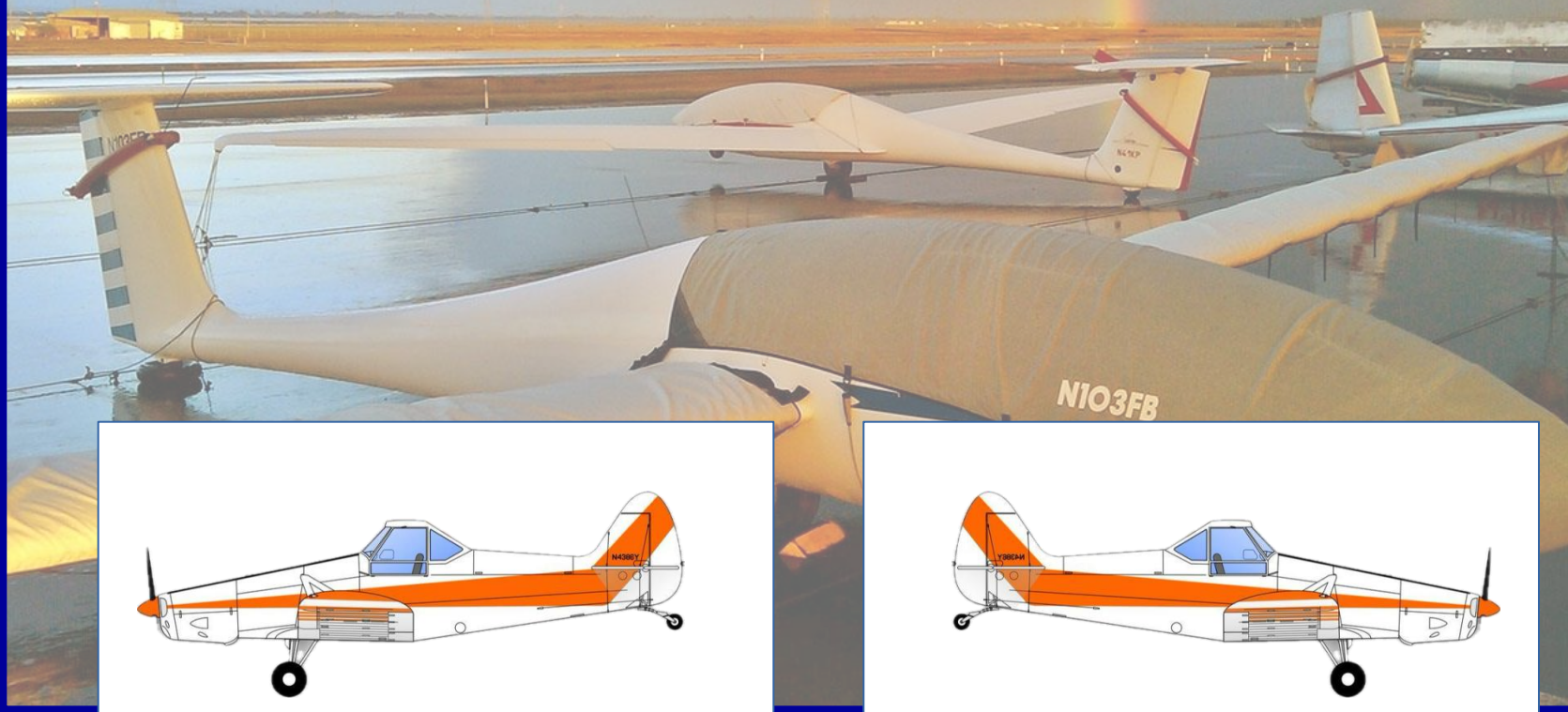
Norm Brudigam-Land out at Tiger in 1KP.
Towplane crashed while landing for retrieve.

Tow pilot was OK.



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**Most Consequential Landout
Norm Brudigam- Tiger Field- June 12, 2024**



P1's new artwork



BESTS/MEMORABLE in 2024

Paul Loewenstein- First flight to Santa Lucia mountains. First off-airport landing in US
First off-airport landing on 4900' runway
First San Antonio Tow
First crossing of Sacramento Delta

Dane Stark- Attended Thermal and XC Camp and flew further, higher and for longer almost every single day capped by a final flight of 4.5 hours, topping out at 17,000 feet and travelling 311 km.

David Moruzzi- Gold & Diamond Declared Distance Badges (24/5/11) - Tahoe/Minden Wave w/Kempton (24/8/23) - Flew more than 100 hours solo and dual

BESTS/MEMORABLE in 2024

Andre Sosinski- Gold Badge followed by Two Diamonds, First 600KM+, Wave Flying, Big Sur, Lassen, Yosemite, Mt. Whitney, Gliding in Europe, Commercial and Sport Pilot Ratings

**Peter Plackowski- - Air Sailing to Reno Stead and back, most distance covered to date.
- First solo wave flight at Byron.**

Norm Brudigam-Completed the Glider rating in central Austria and received the EU Glider License, including Medical, written test (partial), practice flights and checkride.

BESTS/MEMORABLE in 2024

Steve Wertheimer- First 400k, first 500k, first 600k, first central valley crossing (immediately followed by the second valley crossing) during the Avenal contest, logged over 200 hours soaring, first time flying up close to Mt. Shasta at the Montague contest, first time completing a contest task.

BESTS/MEMORABLE in 2024

Peter Campo- In July, participated in Air Sailing's XC Camp - an excellent program and terrific facility.

In August, during ASI's Come Out and Fly week, I flew 377km (234mi, per WeGlide) in N41KP on 8/7/24. My longest XC flight to date. Air Sailing to Mt Patterson and return.
<https://www.weglide.org/flight/459392>

BESTS/MEMORABLE in 2024

Ramy Yanetz-Many fantastic memorable flights and personal best:

- 1- wave flight from Williams to near Eureka to the north to the Golden Gate Bridge to the south.**
- 2- reverse sierras wave from Williams along the western sierras to Lassen and back.**
- 3 - Crewless straight out from Hollister to Warner Spring near the Mexican border and return to Hollister the next day (Travel by glider)**
- 4- Another Travel by Glider to Warner springs, this time from Truckee, but instead of returning to Truckee the next day, continued to Lakeview Oregon for a 1050 km distance start to finish, my longest ever straight out flight and 2024 SSA Barringer trophy winner.**

Goals for 2024

- **Steve Wertheimer-** More independent flight planning, improved thermal rejection, improved overall XC speeds.
- **Peter Campo-** Gold badge. 500km XC. Truckee checkout. First wave flights.
- **Ramy Yanetz-** Landout less (ordered a new motorglider for that)
- **Paul Loewenstein-** Keep going!
- **Larry Suter-** Train, possibly, 3 or 4 new CFI-Gs
- **Dan Colton-** Capture the PASCO egg from Williams, launching from ASI. It deserves to live in the Sierra for a while.

Goals for 2024

- **Michael Demeyer-** More XC flights in the DG300. Copilot some mega flights (Yuma or bust!) with Kempton.
- **Dane Stark-** Fly safely, practice landing out and achieve a best of 500km.
- **David Moruzzi-** More Soarfaris - More 500k flights - Improve speed - Fly 125-150 hours
- **Andre Sosinski-** 750K, 3rd Diamond, and Mt. Shasta
- **Peter Plackowski-** To not scare myself.
- **Norm Brudigam-** Fly my new LS8 (half interest)

Member Achievements and Milestones in 2022

Numbers

Awards and Recognition

TOTAL GLIDER Flights-2024

Pilot	#
Michael Demeyer	10
Buzz Graves*	18
Dan Colton*	18
Norm Brudigam	20
Peter Campo	22
Peter Plackowski	22
Albrecht Baur	22
Paul Loewenstein*	30
Van Henson	42
Ramy Yanetz*	43
David Moruzzi	43
Steven Wertheimer	55
Andre Sosinski	57
Dane Stark	83
Larry Suter*	272

*Advanced Class

Total Glider Hours-2024

Peter Plackowski	15.25
Norm Brudigam	15.3
Van Henson	17.4
Dane Stark	20.9
Michael Demeyer	25.1
Albrecht Baur	30.6
Peter Campo	38.8
Paul Loewenstein*	55.0
Dan Colton*	68.2
Buzz Graves*	79.4
David Moruzzi	107
Larry Suter*	149.1
Andre Sosinski	181.0
Steven Wertheimer	185.4
Ramy Yanetz*	241.0

*Advanced Class

TOTAL GLIDER KM 2024

Pilot	km (greater of OLC or WeGlide)
Michael Mayo (US / R11)*	479
Peter Plackowski	601
Van Henson (US / R11)	889
Albrecht Baur	1073
Dane Stark	1386
Michael Demeyer (US / R11)	1567
Peter Campo	1729
Larry Suter (US / R11)*	2178
Paul Loewenstein (US / R11)*	2610
Dan Colton (US / R11)*	5463
Buzz Graves (US / R11)*	7363
Andre Sosinski (US / R11)	11921
Steven Wertheimer	12474
Ramy Yanetz (US / R11)*	21233


*Advanced
Class

LONGEST FLIGHT (KM) – FROM BYRON 2024

Albrecht Baur	16	06/11/25	Grob 102
Bruce Roberts	44	02/25/25	ASG-29
Van Henson	71	04/28/25	Mini-Nimbus
Peter Plackowski	81	04/28/25	Grob 103
Dan Colton*	110	03/11/25	ASW-20
Dane Stark	140	05/05/25	ASW-27
Larry Suter*	176	05/05/25	DG-300
Steven Wertheimer	208	09/20/25	AS 33 Es
Andre Sosinski	259	10/31/25	ASW-24
Paul Loewenstein*	329	05/05/25	ASW-20
Buzz Graves*	481	04/27/25	DG-800
Ramy Yanetz*	508	04/27/25	ASG-29

(greater of OLC or WeGlide)

*Advanced Class

A photograph of a glider on a runway at dusk, with a rainbow in the sky. The glider is white with a green and white striped tail. The registration number N103FB is visible on the fuselage. The background shows other gliders and airport buildings under a cloudy sky with a rainbow.

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**LONGEST FLIGHT FROM BYRON
STANDARD CLASS**

Andre Sosinski

259 km

Byron, CA

October 31, 2024

A photograph of a glider field at sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with a faint rainbow visible. Several gliders are parked on the tarmac, their long wings and high wingspans prominent. The foreground glider is covered in a light-colored tarp, with the registration number 'N103FB' visible on its fuselage. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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**LONGEST FLIGHT FROM BYRON
ADVANCED CLASS**

Ramy Yanetz

508 km

Byron, CA April 27, 2024

We interrupt this presentation to explain “Standard Class” vs “Advanced Class”

Determining your Sawyer Pilot Factor "PF"

Pilot Experience	Pilot Factor (PF)
Flown 1000km or more	0.7
Diamond Badge or have ever flown 1-500 km flight	1.0
Gold Badge or have ever flown 2-300 km flight	1.5
Silver Badge or have ever flown 3-50 km flights	3.0
All Others	4.0


If your “Sawyer Pilot Factor” is 1.0 or lower, you’re in the Advanced Class

LONGEST DISTANCE (KM) – ANYWHERE 2023 OLC

Pilot	km			
Van Henson (US / R11)	70.82	04/28/24	Byron	Mini-Nimbus
Peter Plackowski	131.41	06/06/24	ASI	Grob 103
Albrecht Baur	139.76	08/07/24	ASI	Grob 102
Michael Mayo*	184.12	08/29/24	Truckee	LAK-17
Michael Demeyer	299.04	06/11/24	ASI	DG-300
Dane Stark	305.68	06/11/24	ASI	ASW-27
Larry Suter*	308.87	08/07/24	ASI	DG-300
Paul Loewenstein*	328.91	05/20/24	Byron	ASW-20
Peter Campo	377.29	08/07/24	ASI	Grob 103
Dan Colton (US / R11)*	555.78	05/27/24	Williams	ASW-20
Steven Wertheimer	607.36	08/21/24	Minden	AS 33 Es
Andre Sosinski	608.60	09/01/24	ASI	ASW-24
Buzz Graves*	816.89	07/10/24	Tonopah	DG-800
Ramy Yanetz*	1184.98	08/31/24	Warner Springs	ASG-29

(greater of OLC or WeGlide)

*Advanced Class



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**LONGEST DISTANCE FLIGHT
STANDARD CLASS**

Andre Sosinski

609 km

Air Sailing September 1, 2024

A photograph of a glider on a runway at dusk, with a rainbow in the sky. The glider is white with a green and white striped tail. The runway is wet, reflecting the sky. Other gliders are visible in the background.

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**LONGEST DISTANCE FLIGHT
ADVANCED CLASS**

Ramy Yanetz


1185 km

Warner Springs August 31, 2024

LONGEST DISTANCE (KM) – IN A CLUB SHIP 2024

Pilot	km			
Dane Stark	17	02/27/25	Grob 103	Byron
Andre S.	112	03/10/25	Grob 103	Byron
Peter P.131		06/06/25	Grob 103	ASI
Albrecht Baur	140	08/07/25	Grob 102	ASI
Michael D.	298	04/12/25	Grob 103	Byron
Peter Campo	377	08/07/25	Grob 103	ASI

(greater of OLC or WeGlide)



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LONGEST FLIGHT USING A CLUB SHIP

Peter Campo

377 km


Grob 103 KP

Air Sailing, NV August 7, 2024

LONGEST DISTANCE DUAL (KM) – 2024

Date	Pilot	Copilot	km	where
01/01/24	Andre Sosinski	Monica Rising	27	Byron
03/21/24	Andre Sosinski	Peter Campo	34	Byron
03/31/24	Michael D	Miggi Demeyer	46	Byron
01/07/24	Andre Sosinski	Jonathan Audy	57	Byron
02/25/24	Andre Sosinski	Keith Aplustill	65	Byron
03/11/24	Peter P	Ramy Yanetz	70	Byron
02/11/24	Andre Sosinski	Vinicius F	79	Byron
03/10/24	Andre Sosinski	Ramy Yanetz	107	Byron
08/09/24	Peter Campo	Albrecht Baur	113	Air Sailing
04/12/24	Michael D	Ramy Yanetz	291	Byron
08/30/24	Andre Sosinski	Val Mayamsin	539	Truckee

(Only WeGlide)



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LONGEST DUAL FLIGHT from Byron


Ramy Yanetz & Michael Demeyer

291 km

G-103 (KP)

Byron, CA

April 12, 2024

A photograph of several gliders on a tarmac at dusk or dawn, with a rainbow visible in the sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

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LONGEST DUAL FLIGHT

Andre Sosinski & Val Mayamsin

539 km

DG1000S (1CH)


Truckee, CA August 30, 2024

FASTEST AVERAGE X-C SPEED ANYWHERE (OLC Flight >100km)

Pilot	kph			
Albrecht Baur	49	08/05/25	ASI	Grob 102
Peter Plackowski	62	06/06/25	ASI	Grob 103
Dane Stark	76	06/11/25	ASI	ASW-27
Peter Campo	82	06/13/25	ASI	Grob 102
Michael Demeyer	85	06/12/25	ASI	DG-300
Paul Loewenstein*	88	03/24/25	Byron	ASW-20
Larry Suter*	90	06/05/25	ASI	DG-300
Michael Mayo*	96	08/29/25	Truckee	LAK 17A
Steven Wertheimer	110	08/30/25	Minden	AS 33 Es
Dan Colton*	128	06/13/25	ASI	ASW-20
Andre Sosinski	136	10/27/25	Reid-Hillview	Phoenix
Ramy Yanetz*	147.95	07/10/25	Tonopah	ASG-29
Buzz Graves*	148.28	07/10/25	Tonopah	DG-800

(greater of OLC or WeGlide)

*Advanced Class

The background of the certificate is a photograph of an airfield at dusk or dawn. Several gliders are parked on the tarmac, some covered with white tarps. A faint rainbow is visible in the sky above the horizon. The text is overlaid on this image in a dark blue color.

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FASTEST OLC SPEED FOR A FLIGHT


> 100KM

STANDARD CLASS

Andre Sosinski

136 kph

Reid-Hillview October 27, 2024

The background of the certificate is a photograph of an airfield at sunset. Several gliders are parked on the tarmac, their long wings and high-wing configurations visible. A faint rainbow is visible in the sky above the runway. The text is overlaid in a dark blue color.

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FASTEST OLC SPEED FOR A FLIGHT

> 100KM

ADVANCED CLASS

Buzz Graves

148 kph

Tonopah, NV July 10, 2024

Member Achievements and Milestones in 2022

Numbers

Awards and Recognition

NCSA Cross Country Perpetual Trophy

Rules:

Only OLC flights as NCSA member

Pasco's Sawyer Award's rules:

- Can only win twice**
- Region 11 flights only**
- Score based on OLC "points" X (Pilot Factor)**
- The Pilot Factor helps level the field for newer pilots and encourage budding XC pilots**

The Pilot Factor gives newer XC pilots a real chance (once Ramy won it twice)

Determining your Sawyer Pilot Factor "PF"

Pilot Experience	Pilot Factor (PF)
Flown 1000km or more	0.7
Diamond Badge or have ever flown 1-500 km flight	1.0
Gold Badge or have ever flown 2-300 km flight	1.5
Silver Badge or have ever flown 3-50 km flights	3.0
All Others	4.0

eg- Ramy, Buzz, Mike S PF=0.7

Mike Mayo, Dan, Paul L PF=1.0

Andre, Brian R, Val, Michael D PF=1.5

Peter P, Dane PF=3.0

Order in OLC km flown by NCSA pilots

Pilot	km (greater of OLC or WeGlide)
Ramy Yanetz (US / R11)	21233
Steven Wertheimer	12474
Andre Sosinski (US / R11)	11921
Buzz Graves (US / R11)	7363
Dan Colton (US / R11)	5463
Paul Loewenstein (US / R11)	2610
Larry Suter (US / R11)	2178
Peter Campo	1729
Michael Demeyer (US / R11)	1567
Dane Stark	1386
Albrecht Baur	1073
Van Henson (US / R11)	889
Peter Plackowski	601
Michael Mayo (US / R11)	479

This is the order in “points” (km X aircraft factor)

Pilot	Points (greater of)
Ramy Yanetz (US / R11)	21907
Andre Sosinski (US / R11)	13225
Steven Wertheimer	11637
Buzz Graves (US / R11)	7592
Dan Colton (US / R11)	6137
Paul Loewenstein (US / R11)	2885
Larry Suter (US / R11)	2462
Peter Campo	2104
Michael Demeyer (US / R11)	1885
Dane Stark	1408
Albrecht Baur	1277
Van Henson (US / R11)	899
Peter Plackowski	733
Michael Mayo (US / R11)	563

The third column shows the all-important Pilot Factor multiplier

Pilot	Points (greater of)	Pilot Factor
Ramy Yanetz (US / R11)	21907	0.7
Andre Sosinski (US / R11)	13225	1.5
Steven Wertheimer	11637	1.5
Buzz Graves (US / R11)	7592	0.7
Dan Colton (US / R11)	6137	1
Paul Loewenstein (US / R11)	2885	1
Larry Suter (US / R11)	2462	1
Peter Campo	2104	3
Michael Demeyer (US / R11)	1885	3
Dane Stark	1408	3
Albrecht Baur	1277	4
Van Henson (US / R11)	899	1.5
Peter Plackowski	733	4
Michael Mayo (US / R11)	563	1

And the winner is: Andre Sosinski

Pilot	PointsXpf
Andre Sosinski (US / R11)	19837
Steven Wertheimer	17455
Ramy Yanetz (US / R11)	15335
Peter Campo	6312
Dan Colton (US / R11)	6137
Michael Demeyer (US / R11)	5656
Buzz Graves (US / R11)	5315
Albrecht Baur	5110
Dane Stark	4223
Peter Plackowski	2931
Paul Loewenstein (US / R11)	2885
Larry Suter (US / R11)	2462
Van Henson (US / R11)	1348
Michael Mayo (US / R11)	563

Congratulations Andre !!!!



MOST IMPROVED PILOT 2024:

Andre Sosinski

Commercial Rating

181 Hours

Gold Badge

Two Diamonds

First 600KM+


Wave Flying

Big Sur, Lassen,
Yosemite, Mt. Whitney

Gliding in Europe

SSA Calendar near-Centerfold



A photograph of several gliders on a tarmac at dusk or dawn. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with a faint rainbow visible. The gliders are parked on a wet surface, and their reflections are visible. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Andre Sosinski

Here are our 2025 tow pilots

- John Pericich- Chief Tow Pilot and Recruiter
- Ed Ott
- Shamim Mohamed
- Charlie Bellenie- 70Z Crew Chief- Thank you!
- Brian Roach – passed 1000 tows total last week!
- Stanley Peters 52 tows 2024
- Paolo Resmini
- Zac Majors*
- Deep Paru*
- Greg Meyers*

*New Guys

Without these
guys we would be



2024 Tow Pilot of the Year: Brian Roach



For his tireless and selfless effort to ensure we always have a tow pilot when we need one, promoting and enabling mid week training and operations.

On 2/22/25 Brian surpassed 1000 tows!

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2024 Flight Instructors

- John Boyce
- Buzz Graves
- John Randazzo
- John Pericich
- Larry Suter 216 flights, 73 hrs, 5 checkrides

2024 Most Nefarious Distraction by an Instructor



AND NOW...ONE MORE
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Sosinski
Wertheimer
Moruzzi

...one to th... ADVANCED CLASS



Back to Michael for the 2024 Presidential Award



2024 Presidential Award

Charlie Bellenie and Brian Roach

For their work to keep us flying;
both thru overseeing the repairs of 70Z and
obtaining a towplane from Truckee that
allowed us to thrive rather than wither

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