1-26 Championships Contest

Minden, Nevada **June 30-July 9, 2015**

HOST:
The Championships this year will be hosted by Team Minden, consisting of the Minden-Tahoe Airport, SoaringNV and the Minden Soaring Club.

MEV:
The Minden-Tahoe Airport, MEV, is located on Airport Road, Minden, Nevada. MEV is approximately 15 miles south of Carson City and 5 miles north of Minden and Airport Road runs perpendicular to Highway 395, toward the east.

There are two active asphalt runways, 34/16 which is primarily for power traffic. Runway 30/12 is for sailplanes landing/takeoff and a dirt runway, 30G is for towplane landings. The elevation is 4,726 and summer densities can exceed 7,700' with mountains surrounding the area. Please see the attached map.

GLIDER AND VEHICLE PARKING:
Glider trailers are to be parked at the end of the ramp to the northeast, opposite SoaringNV. Tiedown cables are placed in front of SoaringNV and the Airport Administration offices. Ground operation staff will assist you in placement of your glider. Please check in at SoaringNV when you arrive so we know you are here.

Automobile parking is permitted near the trailer tiedown area in the dirt area off the pavement or next to SoaringNV. Parking is also permitted outside the airport fence at the edge of the campground area.

You may enter the fenced area of the airport via a gate to the left of SoaringNV – access code is 1228.

RADIO FREQUENCIES:
Minden CTAF ----------123.05
Minden AWOS ----------119.325
SoaringNV Base ----------112.85
Glider-Glider ----------123.3 or 123.5

CONTEST EVENTS:
For the Championships, practice days will be Tuesday, June 30 and Wednesday, July 1. Contest days are from Thursday, July 2 through Thursday, July 9. There will be a mandatory pilots' meeting held on Wednesday evening, July 1 and all registered pilots and crew are to attend. A BBQ will be held at SoaringNV on the airport premises at approximately 6 pm. The Awards Brunch will be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden on Friday, July 10. Information about these and other events will be included in the pilot packets which will be handed out during the registration period – June 30-July 1. Pilots will be provided with a check sheet at registration which will list events and cost as well as other contest-related items, such as t-shirts, maps, etc.

DAILY OPERATIONS:
Each morning, a pilot meeting and weather briefing will be held at 10 am on the airport grounds. Once the task has been set after the briefing, the Contest Director will notify pilots of the time for "muster." At Minden, the tiedown area is on the west side of the airport directly in front of SoaringNV and the Airport Administration offices. Launches will take place from the ramp on the east side of the airport, at the end of Runway 30 (weather permitting). As this will entail crossing two runways, the airport management has arranged for the airport to be closed while gliders are moved from one side of the airport to the other in a "conga line" which has worked very effectively in past contests. The conga line will be escorted by airport ground staff across all runways to the staging area. Pilots will be responsible for their own tow vehicles which will be permitted to cross the runways and return to the tiedown area after the launch is complete. Access to the east side of the airport can also be gained by following Heybourne Road as shown on the attached map.

SAFETY CHECKS:
A critical assembly check (CAC) is a verification done after normal assembly to insure that items the pilot considers critical to flight safety are correct prior to takeoff. Completion of the CAC is indicated by initials and/or a date on the left wing root tape near the leading edge. A CAC is required at this contest – a glider without the mark on the wing root tape may be denied a takeoff.

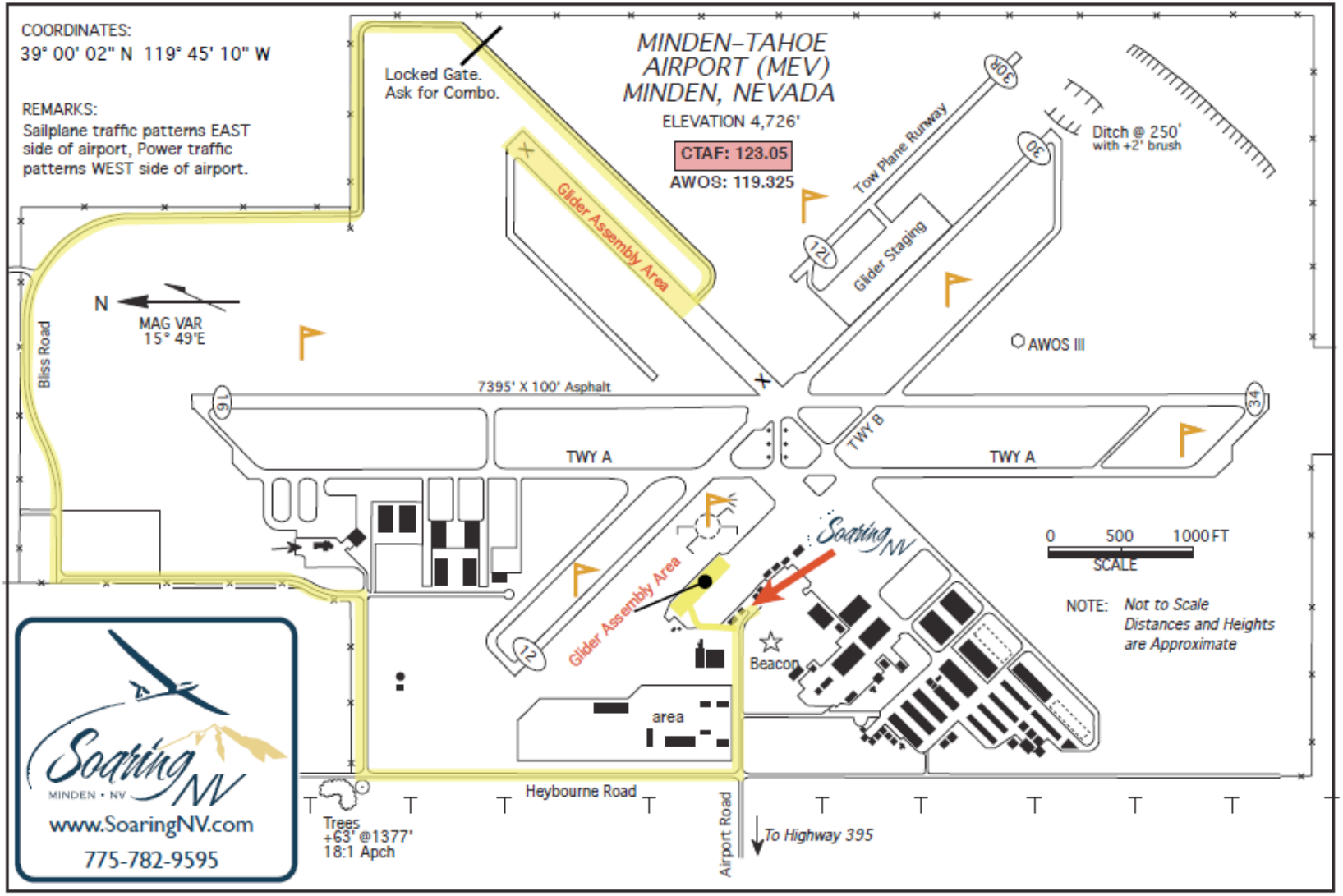
TOWS/TIEDOWNS/WEAK LINKS:
SoaringNV will provide three tow planes and launches will be to 2000', at a special rate of $60. Should weather dictate a higher tow (possibly due to wave or other conditions), reduced rates will also be offered. Tiedowns will be complimentary for the contest time period. The ground ops manager will assist you in finding a suitable tiedown spot upon your arrival.

If you prefer to use a weak link with a special 1-26 ring, please provide your own and the line crew will attach it to the tow rope.

OXYGEN:
Due to the altitudes that can be realized at Minden, oxygen is a requirement for contest pilots. SoaringNV will provide fills as requested at a flat rate of $26 per fill. Federal law requires that oxygen bottles be tested every 5 years and any bottle that has not been tested within that timeframe will not be filled.

CONTEST STAFF:
Competition Director ----------Harry Baldwin
Contest Manager----------Reba Coombs
Scorer----------Tom Pressley
Weather ----------Stuart Tattersall
Retrieve Office ----------Alan Coombs

AIRPORT DIAGRAM



Must have an Airport Access Waiver to cross runways in a ground vehicle.