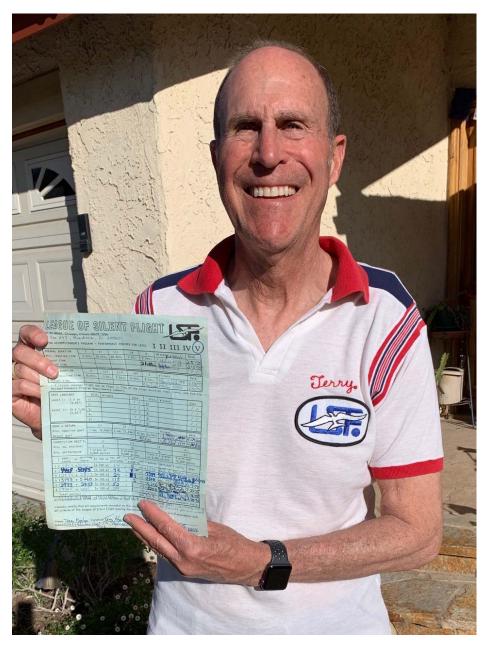


Congratulations to Mr. Terry Koplan LSF 496 for Achieving LSF V #137!



Terry has been flying for most of his life. How long you might say"...

Here he shares a few memories: "I remember when I was a young member of our club SFVSF (San Fernando Valley Silent Flyers) and one of our senior members, if asked, would pull out a copy of his FAA flying license and show that his license number was something line #14 signed by Wilbur Wright. That gentlemen was Frank Zaic a member of the AMA hall of fame, but he was just our friend and another club member.

All of the tasks were definitely signed by LSF members level 2+. Richard Shilling, Ken Wagner, Chris Adams (#8 Level 5) signed off on the thermal and slope tasks. The goal and return signatures are by level 4's.

A 115 person contest in 1975 was huge since we had only 5-7 frequencies to fly on (I don't remember when we went from 5 to 7 but it was in the late 70's). So getting pilots in the air as quickly as possible took a lot of man-power since the frequency pins had to be gotten from the landing zone to the next pilot as quickly as possible. Also, the AMA had not recognized RC Soaring yet and so it was not part of the AMA NATs, so the SOAR NATs, run by Dan Pruss was the premier contest of the year and even attracted some of the best of our USA pilots.

So much fun and innovation came from the participants of the SOAR Nats. (The only time I had more fun was being a member of the 1979 F3B team in Belgium.)

When you see Terry out at the field or running around the USA please congratulate him on a job well done!

Regards, Wally LSF President