2019 West Coast Junior Soaring & My Experiences at Hobbs

Thomas Greenhill







Avenal Junior Camp, September 2018

- 3 days
- 15 junior attendees
- Over 100 hours flown cumulatively
- Longest flight of 250km (ZY)
- Structured mentoring
 - Lead & follow for certain groups
 - Post-flight reviews
- Presentations
- Questions & Answers



Williams Junior Camp/Contest, March 2019

- 3 days, 1 rainy
- Informational presentations on rainy day + questions answered
- 30 junior attendees
- Over 200 hours flown cumulatively
- Structured mentoring
 - Lead & follow for certain groups
 - Post-flight reviews





Flying Day 1: Strong Post Frontal Weather

- Very unstable
- Task:

Start WSC 1 mile MaxMllr 5mile 3 Sisters 5 miles 102 StrainE3 4 miles Finish WSC 1 mile

- Tornado in Colusa
- One land out in a rice paddy
- Winner: Alex Neigher





Flying Day 2: Overcast but soarable

• Task:

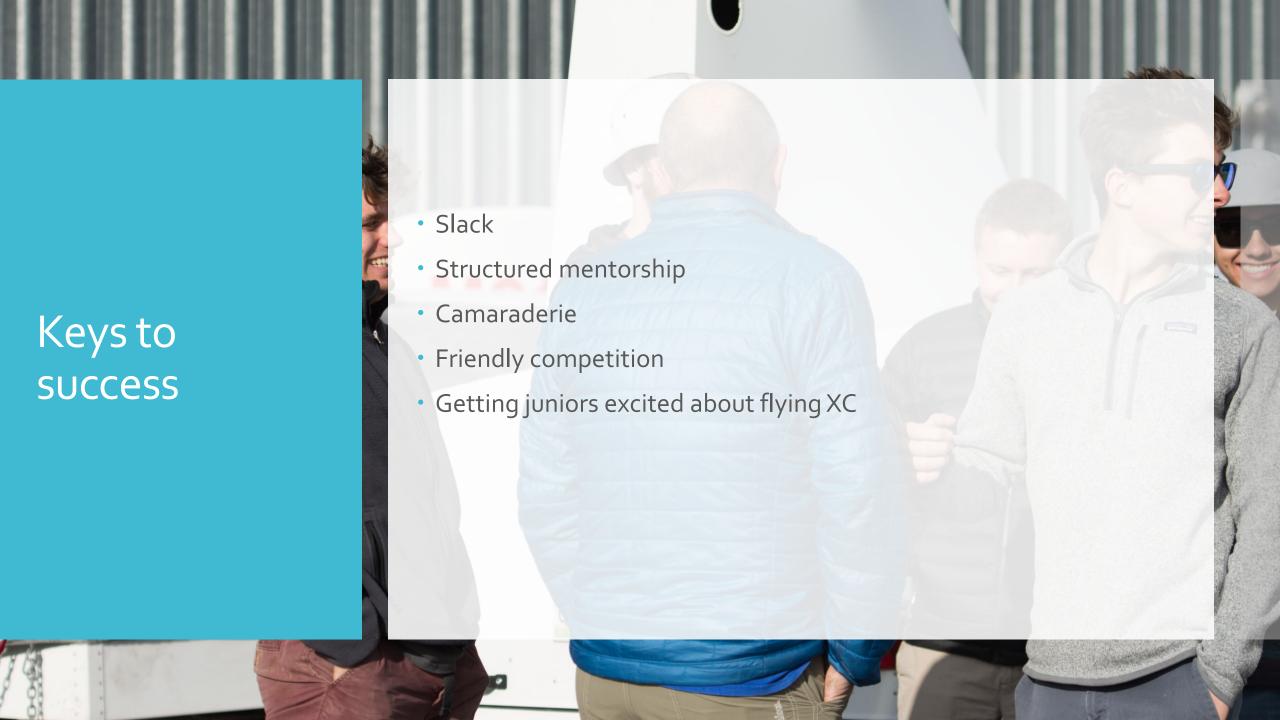
Start: Sisters 3 miles

Montgomery 16 miles

Finish: WSC 1 mile

- 2ish kn climbs
- Tough day for club class pilots
- Winner: Thomas Greenhill







2019 Open Class Nationals: Hobbs NM

Borrowed Glider from Mallory Lynch: ASW 22 BL "MAL"

Flew 10/12 days

Received mentorship from Dick Butler & Ron Tabery

Fastest day: 92.2mph over 410 miles

Most concentrated learning experience of my soaring career

Up For The Challenge **Thomas** Greenhill. 19, is the voungest pilot competing at the National Soaring Championship in both the 18-meter and open classes. Thomas is trying to qualify for the Junior Championship. MIRANDA

Gaining experience the key for youngest pilot

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Thomas Greenhill is the youngest pilot competing at the National e has competed in, Thomas menoned one. ge. Then things began to progress rom there, I flew a lot every year

Other Juniors

Zach Yamauchi, 21

1st place, 2019 Air Sailing Sports Class contest

Flown over 18,000 km in last two years Longest distance flight of 772 km

Wyll Soll, 21

Flown over 9,000 km in last two years Longest distance flight of 489 km

Jennifer Bauman, 25

Flown over 1,000 km last year
Founder of Akaflieg group at Cal Poly,
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My Aspirations for 2020 & 2021

- Training
- 2020 Junior Camp/Contest
- Get more juniors involved in our sport
- Getting more people involved in mentorship & helping juniors
- Standard Class Nationals, June 2020
- 18m Nationals, June/July 2020
- 2021 Junior World Gliding Championship, Delnicka, Czech Republic



