

TOSSUP 09



Club Meeting Minutes — March 2009

Meeting began at 7:00PM

Members in attendance:

Charles Babcock, Bill Bertram, Gary Filice, Steve Miele, Lex Mierop, Don Northern, Jim Pendergrass, Mike Stern, Richard Mason, John Ellias, Bob Van Landingham, Jason Rowlands, Bob Swet.

Guest:

Andy Tiffin,

- Welcome to the 3rd TOSS meeting of 2009
- Current Treasury Balance is \$1601.69.
- There are twenty-eight paid up TOSS members. Club dues are payable to the Treasurer at the first of the year!

Old Business:

T-shirts haven't been ordered yet due to current field situation. Bill motioned to have members pay half; motion passed.

New Business:

Redwood paperwork has been completed and submitted. We are waiting for signatures from the school.

Flying Site Acquisition News:

City of Thousand Oaks land at Hill Canyon is coming up for lease. Bill continues to talk to Linda Papas (City of T.O.). Bill believes that the small triangular parcel, in which we're interested, may not be wanted by others due to the size and shape.

Other new developments:

Linda Parks, Ventura County Supervisor, has done an about face regarding the county park at Hill

Canyon. Bill has no idea why this has occurred and intends to keep up efforts to get shared access to use this park.

Bill made a motion to display airplanes at the park on opening day. Motion passed. We will bring a sampling of our various aircraft.

Bill has made a poster depicting the park using Google Earth and our desired flying area.

The park opening is from 12 – 3 PM. Members might like to show up at about 11:30.

Recent club contest. Jim says that Mike Reagan paid for the prizes, the tickets. All agreed that the club should foot the bill, not Mike. He will be reimbursed.

Gary solicited interest in SC2 flying. This Sunday, March 29 is a contest in West Covina. Those interested meet at 6AM this Sunday at the Redwood field.

John Ellias talked about the cross country event in the desert at California Valley on May 23,24, Memorial day weekend. TOSS will “sponsor” this and help setup. There really isn’t much work for us to do. TOSS members are also invited to participate. Each participating team will be given a GPS device that records flight information such as altitude, speed, etc.

Steve won the evening’s Door Prize; it is a free pass for the next club contest entry fee.

Show and Tell:

Don made extra long turn-around spikes, welding 3” extensions onto the longest spike he could find.

Don has a reprint from an article regarding spread spectrum radios. We will try to identify a means of disseminating this to members.

Andy Tiffin showed off his new Miles 2M kit.

Hill Canyon Update:

Thanks to all members and their guests who came to the opening of the Hill Canyon Park in solidarity to the Club. The day was picture perfect and I wish that I could report that the prospects were bright for TOSS finding a new home here. Despite the yeoman like efforts of Bill Bertram to make some headway with our elected county officials, the equestrian community, seems to have put a virtual lock on the park. It’s almost understandable considering they’ve been working on developing this park from 1980. We seem to be outgunned, outmanned and outfinanced. Some questions remain unanswered though. Can we coexist with them? Discussions with some indicate we can but others say no, not under any circumstances. If they obtain special use permits for park use, why is their use of higher priority in the community than any other use?

March 22, Club contest results:

Open class

- 1- Mike Reagan
- 2- Gary Filice
- 3- Mike Stern
- 4- Ben Wright
- 5- Bill Kard

RES Expert

- 1- Mike Reagan
- 2- Richard Mason

- 3- Don Northern
- 4- Bob Swet
- 5- Bill Nibley

RES

- 1- Jin Pedergrass
- 2- Mike Stern
- 3- Derek Bennet

OSP2

- 1- Carlos Carbajal

That Spektrum DX6i Recall...

Steve sent around an e-mail talking about a DX6i transmitter recall.

As far as I know nobody in TOSS uses this particular radio. If you do have one (for a park flier or similar) then the only units affected by the recall are those with a date code label inside.

The problem isn't anything to do with the radio as such but some problems with the potentiometers used to monitor the control stick position. Apparently these were failing in a way that would cause the channel to max out which would cause planes to crash or motors to suddenly start up.

Service bulletin information is here:-

<http://www.horizonhobby.com/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleId=1885>

The CPSC notice about the recall refers to this site page:-

<http://www.horizonhobby.com/Articles/Article.aspx?ArticleID=1901>

SWSA Pictures

Greg's got pictures from SWSA on his site at:-

<http://klia.net/toss/pictures/2009-03-30-SWSA/gallery/>