

**Thousand Oaks
April**



**Soaring Society
2011**

TOSS is a District X Member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, CharterClub # 1493

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Minutes of the TOSS Meeting Held 4/27/11

In attendance: Charles Babcock, Gus Piangerelli, Jay Harland, Steve Miele, Gary Filice, Bill Bertram, Don Northern, Mike Stern, Jim Pendergrass, Bob Swet, Martin Usher.

\$1827.18 is the current treasury balance.

-Introduction of Gus Piangerelli to the club members. Welcome aboard Gus. Gus flies gliders, electrics, and everything else. He comes from the Porter Ranch area and started flying RC in 2000 since he can't fly full sized any more. The hobby is filling the gap for him since he flies all classes of planes.

-Old Business:

-Women's auxiliary activity went out to Good Earth Restaurant for a brunch. There were 4 in attendance, and perhaps this will grow in the future!

-All of the club certifications are up to date, and the proposal was made to start the renewal process a month earlier.

-Wind permitting, a number of club members will be attending a club/slope function at Wood Ranch on the 1st of May (Sunday) after flying at the field. We will all meet at the parking lot on the Southeast corner of the intersection to dress up the planes. This is an opportunity for some good stick time, especially for the young flyers! Wood Ranch supplies good lift and affords the opportunity to teach the less experienced flyers.

- New Business:

Discussions between Steve Miele, Terry Koplan and Lex Meirup on having a club hand launch contest. This will involve about 12 people. It could be held on a normal club contest Sunday on the main field, or perhaps arrange with the school to clear a Saturday – something different for a change. Lex and Terry have deep contest experience and could set up a contest format that can be fun for a wide variety of skill levels.

-New flying sites are still actively being looked into. These include the Dos Vientos

area in the Newbury Park area. This is a large area of some 200 acres, and it is ideally situated with prevailing wind direction, etc. We have a foot in the door with the Conejo Park and Recreation. There is going to be a community meeting about the park and those who want to use the field. The Conejo Park and Recreation organization does not consider model flying a sport. We have to state our case for flying at the site. There are plans for installing light standards etc., and we have to put our two cents in to be considered for this as a possible flying. TOSS is trying to work with Ed Jones, one of the Directors of Park and Recreation for Conejo who can possibly help us with getting flying clearance in the new park.

-Bill Bertram presented a park application form for scheduling activities (facility use and fee form) that can be used for scheduling use of Conejo Parks.

-Jay Harland brought up the subject of getting lax on the launch line. He is recommending that the retriever gives the person launching permission to launch. Good training of all winch operators will help the situation. He asserts that the person on the retriever is actually the "winch master" at the time he is retrieving. This requires that the retriever be aware and visually check the air before allowing a launch.

-Steve Miele passed out copies of our club permission form from the school district to fly at the field. This is in case there are any conflicts with others accessing the field during our flying time. All flyers should keep a copy of the permit in their flight box.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM PDT.

WINCH / RETRIEVER SET-UP

