

**Thousand Oaks
April/May**



**Soaring Society
2015**

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

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Minutes of the Meeting Held 4/29/2015

In attendance: Martin Usher, David Swain, Steve Miele, Kyle Carmona, Mike Stern, Gary Filice, Don Northern, Bob Swet, Mike Reagan

Treasury report: Current balance is \$4,176.97 savings, and \$655.51 checking.

New flight site update: On the 23rd of April, Don Northern, Gary Filice, and Steve Miele met with the CRPD Tom Hare, Matt Kouba, and two members of the City of Thousand Oaks to discuss the general layout and traffic access to the field. This entailed signage that controls access to and from the field via right turns only, no left turns down the hill. We also discussed gates, road

width, fire access, etc. We walked to the top of the field and discussed scraping and rolling of the field, filling holes, removing large stones, removing old weed stumps, etc. CRPD is set on getting TOSS into the new site ASAP. This will give us opportunity to fly the property with winch set ups to verify the positioning of winch and retriever pad locations. We talked about 24" x 24" concrete pads at both ends of the field that have common bolt patterns for anchors that are installed in the concrete. Steve has asked for a more specific or detailed schedule from Tom Hare on when things will actually happen. Parking and toilets will eventually be installed.

Minutes of the Meeting Held 5/27/2015

In attendance were: Kyle Carmona, Bob Swet, Bob Van Landingham, Richard Mason, Gary Filice, Steve Miele, Mike Stern,

Treasury Report: As of 5-27-2015, the TOSS balances are \$4,352.08 (savings) and \$640.51 (checking).

Sapwi Trails Park update from Tom Hare: As an answer to our expressed concerns about the delays, Tom sent the following to TOSS: "The planning commission would have all of the documents prior to the meeting; in fact Denise has put together a pretty comprehensive package several months ahead of time for the planning dept to review, comment, and forward to planning commission.

This project has been around a while, city staff/city council/planning commission is pretty much on board with the concepts, city staff has already made comments on the environmental analysis and we included all of their concerns, and the project should go as is with maybe a few minor tweaks that won't affect you guys. Once they accept the plan, we will have our DEVELOPMENT PERMIT and can start working on the site!"

Field 2.4 gig problems: We are not alone as a club when it comes to sources of possible interference. When 2.4 gig was first tested and introduced, it was

done so in a relatively quiet environment, and DSMX technology from JR Spektrum was touted as safe with up to 100 models in the air at the same time. The problem now is that there could be hundreds of 2.4GHz signals within any area flight frequency envelope. This may be more than was anticipated in the beginning! Bob Swet is looking into doing a spectrum analysis of the 2.4GHz environment around the field that may help us identify sources and intensity of 2.4GHz signals.

Steve Miele and Gary Filice gave a summary of events at the IHLG contest at Poway (hosted by the Torey Pines Gulls club with Mike Smith doing a superb job as contest director of the event). Steve and Gary were in a group with Lex Mierop, Terry Koplan, Chris Koplan, and Chris Adams. Each day was a long day of flying that started at nine in the morning, and ending around 6 in the evening. Conditions were considered very dynamic and challenging in the opinion of more experienced pilots. In all, Lex was in the top 22 spots in Open, Gary got 1st in Sportsman Class, and Terry got 3rd in Sportsman Class. We all returned with our planes to boot! It was really exciting to see some of the best pilots in the world competing out there. We are all looking forward to next year's contest—loads of fun and great food too!!!



L-R Mike Smith (CD), Gary Filice First Place Sportsman



L-R Lex Mierop, Chris Adams, Gary Filice, Terry Koplan, Chris Koplan, and Steve Miele