

Thousand Oaks September



Soaring Society 2012

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

<http://www.tosoaring.com/>

Minutes of the TOSS Meeting Held 8/29/12

In attendance:

Steve Miele, Don Northern, Mike Reagan, Bill Bertram, Gary Filice, Andy Tiffin, Martin Usher, Kyle Carmona, Mike Stern, Bob Swet.

-Treasury Report:

\$917.71. Steve Miele gave a summary of where all of the cash income and outlays were coming from and going to. Also included was the status of membership dues.

-Old Business:

- Easy Glider contest which was a large success for the club in terms of participation, lessons learned due to the advanced/novice format and funds raised at the event.
- Equipment maintenance and the costs for motor repair.
- Another item discussed were the status of the new TOSS shirts.

We want to place an order that is a duplicate of what was ordered just a few years before (part colored style, and part regular T-shirt style). New members will continue to get one shirt free. Members can buy additional shirts, and the price will be announced.

-New Business:

- Included a discussion about a holiday dinner. **So we want to do this?** If we do, we will need a chairperson for the function. The general consensus is that the Oxnard facility at SeaBridge is most desirable and Gary Filice will look into the availability for the 2nd weekend in November.
- Flight site update: Sept 10 is the environmental meeting concerning the new Lang Ranch Park will be held to go over all of the environmental surveys that have been taken concerning the

- multitude of uses planned for the park. For example, TOSS field was visited by a person taking an acoustic survey of our activity. The results of the survey seemed favorable, and the results will be filed with the other environmental reports.
- Status of the condor club: They were kicked out because of a fire that started as a result of a crash. The Fire Marshal came in and filed a negative report on the whole situation involving preparedness and fire suppression. There was also rumor of the university wanting to get the flying club out of there anyway. There were supposed to be public meetings concerning a proposal the university had on the area. It was supposed to be passive recreation (NOT DEFINED). The fire was the tipping point for the negative report from the Marshal. There is a letter writing campaign going

on now to raise support for the Condor's cause. So far there have been 700+ responses in support of flying in the area. There was also a rally last week concerning support for the Condor Club. Lawrence Tougaus, AMA District 10 VP has come in as support as well. The whole situation is in negotiation with the Cal State Channel Islands University.

-Don Northern bought servos at the last AMA show at a price of 4 for \$10 dollars. Turns out that some of the reports concerning their performance are positive.

-Special presentation by Mike Reagan of Dream Flight. This is a short film on sailplane flying done back in the 60's, and involved a lot of innovative camera work with 70mm film! It was well worth the price of admission! Thanks Mike.

A note about the Website...

We are currently experiencing technical difficulties with the website due to a Wordpress upgrade. Specifically the event calendar is non-functional and some sidebar arrangements have changed. "Normal service will be resumed 'real soon'".