

Thousand Oaks



Soaring Society

December 2007

TOSS is a Distric X member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club #1493

OFFICERS

President.....Gary Filice
 Vice President.....Mike Stern
 Secretary.....Lex Mierop
 Treasurer.....Jim Pendergrass
 Newsletter.....Chuck Auerbach
 Web Master.....Martin Usher

Soaring every Sunday at Redwood School

Schedule of Events

Meetings Last Wednesday of every Month.
 See our Web site for more
 information, maps and directions.
<http://tossfreeservers.com>

Art McMamee is mailing out the newsletter
 to members who require a hard copys. If
 you need one call Art.

TOSS MEETING FOR 11-28-07

In attendance: Gary Filice, Paul Verderosa, Bill Bertram,
 Steve Miele, Don Northern, Charles Babcock, Martin
 Usher, Jim Pendergrass, Bob Swet, and Mike Stern.

Current Treasury Balance after the costs for the annual
 TOSS dinner of \$209.96 were subtracted was \$611.20.
 The finishing balance for this year was possible because
 of a reduction in purchases of trophy awards for the
 past year.

Sandwiches and refreshments were served.

-December 2nd is open house for the new Conejo park
 site.

Martin had received details. Gary Filice, Martin Usher,
 and other interested club members will attend this
 event so that we can get a handle on what the physical
 space looks like. This will help in our determination
 of suitability and what we want to ask for in terms of
 location and size. The other important item to keep in
 mind at this meeting is that our activity fits nicely into
 the Conejo District for the park usage philosophy; non-
 invasive, passive recreation in a semi-rural location - -
 just what we want! This point must be driven home with
 those in charge!

-Bill Bertram, new member was formally introduced
 to the club. Welcome aboard Bill! Bill is a flyer from
 forever! He goes back to the old days with the Smith
 Hill bunch. Bill gave the membership a current review
 and update on the status of Smith Hill:

- He mentioned that the hill sight has "GLIDER

HILL" marked on official maps!

- This area is considered an official flight sight by
 the City of T.O.!

Bill, like many of us who go back a ways, holds this hill
 near and dear to heart. We all have had wonderful flight
 days up on that hill (and some bad ones too)! Bill has
 approached the city on the flight sight with ideas on how
 to improve the overall user-friendly status. This led to
 about an hour-long discussion amongst the members on
 Smith Hill and flight sight work in general. Lots of good
 information and ideas resulted from the discussion that
 can be applied toward ongoing and future efforts. Flight
 sight acquisition and maintenance is a difficult task
 given the decreasing availability of open land along with
 potential liability issues anywhere in Ventura County!
 As a club, TOSS must persevere in these efforts since
 most all of the Southern California soaring clubs have
 faced eviction from their current flight sites at one time
 or another!

Pursuant to the above conversation, we discussed the
 current flight restrictions. So far, there have been
 no (major) instances of plane crashes behind the flight
 restriction line, only some close calls! If we continue on
 a good behavior record into next March, then perhaps
 our field agreement with the school will go through
 without a hitch! Again, we all don't want to fly with the
 restrictions we have, but we must do so while located at
 the current flight site!

-Further discussion on club officers for 2008. Suggestions
 were made to mail out a form with the job descriptions
 for each official position, and include spaces for readers

to either write-in a nominee for a position or write in themselves on a volunteer basis for the position. All entered names will be collected and voted on by a quorum of the members.

The job description for the entire club officer positions are as follows:

- **PRESIDENT:** The chief administrator of the club, the man who sets the direction of the organization, generally conducts the monthly meetings, and represents TOSS at outside functions.
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Administrative assistant, and the one who stands in when the President is unable to conduct business.
- **SECRETARY:** The person who will take the official notes at the monthly meetings and forward them to the TOSS newspaper editor for publication. This can be done on a laptop or notebook basis and e-mailed to the newspaper editor for publication.
- **TREASURER:** The person who takes in and pays out the funds from the club. He reports the current monthly balance of record at each monthly meeting.
- **FIELD SAFETY OFFICER:** This member must know the general AMA safety rules for conducting flight activities at any chartered AMA flight sight. He will enforce the rules during weekend flying and ensure that on contest days, the field is laid out with safety in mind.
- **COMPETITION COORDINATOR/OFFICIAL CLUB CD:** The person OR persons are certified AMA CD's. They follow up on who will be monthly CD's for each TOSS monthly contest, what kind of flight times or tasks are called for each month, and notifies TOSS members of any upcoming extra contest activities such as Sc-2, BUBW, regional contests, postal contests, one class contests, etc. They also take care of filing contest sanctioning paperwork for any up and coming AMA level contests (BUBW, Sc-2, etc.)
- **TOSS HISTORIAN:** This is a position that we need as a club - a person who can collect various photos and other items that can be entered into the TOSS master scrap book for all to enjoy through the coming flying seasons.
- **OFFICIAL CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER:** This is a person who loves cameras, still and video alike, likes the photographic aspect of our hobby, and is usually present to record field activities that will include competitions. This person may also be a clearing house for photo shots from other members as well, and works with our Newspaper editor in getting photos published, or providing photos to our club historian.

- **NEWSPAPER EDITOR/WEB MASTER:** There are two jobs combined with this position, but it does not necessarily have to be both combined. For now, we have had two folks working on this task, Martin Usher and Chuck Auerbach. The job requires that all monthly information be formatted into a newsletter for a publication of record and be available at the TOSS web site. It is recommended you have a healthy level of computer savvy to work this position.

ON A SPECIAL NOTE CONCERNING THE ABOVE POSITIONS:

We have received a volunteer for the position of CLUB FIELD SAFETY OFFICER, and that person is Richard Mason. If there are no other nominations, his name will be entered into the official voting pool for final membership approval

We also have Greg Wright as the current OFFICIAL CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER, and that was for the remainder of 2007. If there are no other nominations, we will enter his name into the official voting pool for membership approval for the year 2008.

We have had Jim Pendergrass as official CLUB TREASURER for the last two seasons. If there are no other volunteers or nominations received for this position, we will enter his name into the official voting pool for approval by club membership.

Charles Babcock has been the official TOSS scribe for many seasons, recording the official monthly meeting roll call of those members present at each meeting. That is forwarded to the club secretary for recording into the to-be published meeting notes.

And lastly, we have Martin Usher and Chuck Auerbach filling the NEWSPAPER EDITOR/WEBMASTER position. Chuck has been doing a good job on the newsletter, and Martin has been doing the WEB work FOREVER!!! If there are no other nominations or volunteers received, their names will be entered into the official voting pool for membership approval.

You may use this newsletter as vehicle for volunteering, or offering a nomination for position in the spaces provided below. The names can be sent to Jim Pendergrass, 5145 North Street, Somis, CA. 93066. All nominations or volunteer names with the exception of the above mentioned names, will be held in strictest confidence until the voting. We have the Month of December to gather all of the names, and this will allow for us to hold the official vote at the January TOSS meeting. The results of the voting will be filed on our OFFICIAL AMA CHARTER RENEWAL for 2008. This is an AMA requirement to keep our club charter!

POSITION
NOMINATION OR VOLUNTEER
 PRESIDENT _____
 VICE PRESIDENT _____
 SECRETARY _____
 TREASURER _____
 FIELD SAFETY OFFICER _____
 COMPETITION COORDINATOR/CD _____
 TOSS HISTORIAN _____
 OFFICIAL CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER _____
 NEWSPAPER EDITOR/WEB MASTER _____

Now granted, there are a lot of positions to fill in the above officer designations, and no club organization is any better than the folks filling the positions to run the business of the club. And please remember, this is supposed to be FUN, and any club member can offer to assist the Officers with their duties, especially when there are major events or activities conducted by TOSS!

ADDITIONAL MEETING ITEMS

-There is an APB on the TOSS scrapbook. Who has the TOSS scrapbook?

-Richard Mason is getting his knee operated on 11-29-07. Good luck Richard, been there, done that!

-Don northern wants to buy a case of winch line from Memphis twine. This is similar to the line that is on Carlos' winch. This is size #24 line. Check the Memphis line catalogue for the price on a case basis. These are 725 feet rolls at \$29/roll.

-Wing-tape deal with Steve Miele rolls of tape arriving first week in December from R.S. Hughes Inc! This is

the 3M#8884 stretchable tape of 1" width at \$10/roll. The amount of tape on these rolls works out to about 1/3 the price folks pay for the little rolls at \$3.50/roll at retail! This tape provides good shock control on joined wings, makes good hinges, and provides a self-mold on epoxy/glass repairs where it provides for a nice glossy finish when removed after cure. Our thanks to Steve for coordinating the purchase of one case (24 rolls) of this tape!

-Don't forget the AMA convention in Ontario, Calif. on the 12th and 13th of Jan. 2008. Some folks are car-pooling down there. Please contact Bob Swet or Don Northern for details.

-For those who want that winter dose of competition, the 1st leg of the Southwest Triad is taking place in Phoenix. This is the annual Southwest Classic presented by Central Arizona Soaring League. This is a two-day contest like the Visalia Fall Soaring Festival. This is the sister contest as is the Sacramento Spring Fling. All are two-day thermal duration contests that offer the best in challenges. You can find the entry blanks on line at rcsoaring.com under CLUBS. Please check in with Gary Filice on any further details. We would like to increase TOSS participation at this event and have an overall TEAM standing! So far, we have Mike Stern, Gary Filice, Jim Pendergrass, and Mike Reagan slated to attend. Remember, this is a good time to dust off the competitive spirit, enjoy some fantastic scenery, and great weather as well during those February blaas!

-It is time for your ANNUAL TOSS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL! How about sending in your annual membership payment along with your choices for CLUB OFFICERS? That's got to be worth a 100 point landing! Thank you all for your prompt attention to this important yearly detail!

-Finally, our December TOSS meeting will not happen because of Christmas Week. Therefore the next meeting will be the first for 2008 in January. Happy Holidays to all!

Gary W. Filice

Happy Holidays

