

THOUSAND OAKS



SOARING SOCIETY

February 2007

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

OFFICERS

President.....Gary Filice
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Flying every Sunday at Redwood School. Every 3rd Sunday we have our club monthly contest. In the event of a cancellation of contest, the contest will be run the following Sunday. If cancelled again, run the following Sunday until the next 3rd Sunday.

Schedule of Events

Meetings Last Wednesday of every Month.

See our Web site for more information on contests, maps and directions.

<http://tossfreeservers.com>

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

1-31-07

TOSS GENERAL MEETING

-Present at the proceedings were, Craig Borstelmann, Jim Pendergrass., Charles B., Paul Verderosa, Don Northern, Bob Swet., Martin Usher, Chuck Auerbach., Steve Miele.

Treasury statement is \$452.08. Thank you to those members who have sent in their memberships to help set us in the black!

-Under Old business expenditures: Rebuild now going on the old McNamee retriever. New motor, motor mount and pulley will be replacing the old type starter.

-Still have 4 motors that either have to be traded in or re-built. Trades generally run about \$75, but you never know what you are getting in terms of how many times the motor has been re-done. This refers to the amount of turning done on the stator and commutator. More turning means less torque from the motor. Gary Filice will look into the present day costs for rebuilds versus trade-ins.

-New business: Discussion of the annual club membership fees, what each member gets.

-Should members be charged for their shirts? Or should only new members get a free shirt, and the members buy their shirts for the year? It was decided that only

new members get a shirt, and current members will have to purchase new ones when they are available. Jim Pendergras, Treasurer, has the current supply of shirts.

-Discussion by Craig B. on the new things for SC-2. This information is via Lex Mierop, Sc-2 President. TOSS will have the contest in April. The reason for the change from August is that there are only 4 fields left in the club circuit, and some clubs have to double up on their fields with other clubs. This spreads things out for the clubs sharing fields. As you all know, the purchase of trophies for each year's Sc-awards has been up to each participating club in the past. This can often amount to several hundred dollars of expense. To ease this for each club, trophies will now be supplied by SC-2. This will be more profitable for each club not having to purchase awards.

-Continuing discussion of non-contest flyers within the club. The main issue is with those members who would like to fly even though they are non-participants in the monthly contest. All those present in the meeting felt that there would be no harm in allowing flyers, with enough experience, to fly so long as they land within the landing pattern set up for the contest. This way, there will be minimal chance for interference during the contest. Flying will not

be allowed by non-competing members during any regional contest being hosted by TOSS.

-Craig cancelled the club contest for January. Will retry it for February. Craig explained the contest format a little more for the attending members. The format is a split format that allows the experts to compete and more beginners to compete comfortably.

-Communication about contest activities should be better, that is, when a contest is cancelled, it is scheduled for the next week. Some flyers don't know this. A mailing or newsletter announcement to restate the rule is needed. Remember, the club rule is every third Sunday is the contest day. If rained out or blown out, it will be scheduled for the following weekend. This will be repeated until the Sunday of the following contest, at which time it is automatically cancelled. This is a club rule and is in the charter.

New Business:

-Mike Reagan presents his idea of having a one-design contest. This contest will:

- Use one design of glider, in this case an *EASY GLIDER* foamy from Multiplex.
- There will be Hi-start launches, no winches.
- 1 point per second.
- Landing will be 20 points max.
- 4- 6- 8- 10 minutes.
- Mike will be CD.
- Cash prizes, Mike is putting up the cash.
- Two flyers can fly one plane, but if the plane

is wrecked, they have to fix the plane before they can fly again.

- No skegs.
- Decals OK, stripes etc. OK, but no more than 1/2 of wing surface with covering film.
- Can sand the bumps on the surface, but you can't eliminate them.
- Top 3 pilots will have a fly-off.
- This contest format is gaining in popularity all over the country because it is simple and cheap and fun to have. Major clubs are doing this with large participation.

The first contest will not be a sanctioned event. This is a trial event. There could be as many as 50 pilots in this contest. Flyers will go out to announce the day of the contest. This will also be announced at the southwest classic in Phoenix.

TOSS members who would like to order an Easy Glider in the radio ready format. Gary Filice will look into getting a bulk deal on ordering a dozen units through Hobby People. He will also issue a schedule for delivery. This should be well ahead of when the contest is taking place so that everyone has ample time to practice. Again, the gliders in the "radio ready" configuration only need a receiver and a battery. The price is about \$94. They come hinged, and they have HS81 servos ready installed.

Think Lift!

Gary Filice



EASY GLIDER Standard Kit

M214205

EASY GLIDER Radio Ready

M264205

Requires minimum 4 channel Hitec radio set

ALMOST Ready-To-Fly, just add radio!

The Easy Glider is a pure sailplane, capable of being aero towed or hand towed with the supplied towline, or hand launched on a slope. It's lightweight, and the clean lines guarantee long and stable flights. Assembly is fast with CA glues, and the sturdy ELAPOR foam construction resists damage from the occasional "hard" landing. The Easy Glider uses elevator, rudder and ailerons for control and the two piece wing allows easy transporting to and from flying sites

| SPECIFICATION | |
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| Wingspan: | 71 in. |
| Fuselage Length: | 44.25 in. |
| Weight: | 25 oz. |
| Controls: | Aileron, Elevator, Rudder |

| REPLACEMENT PARTS | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| #M224157 | Small Parts Set Fuselage |
| #M224158 | Canopy |
| #M224159 | Wings |
| #M224160 | Elevator & Rudder |
| #M723190 | Wing Joiner |



Wave soaring in the French Maritime Alps ASW 20L