

# Thousand Oaks February



# Soaring Society 2011

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

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

## **Minutes of the TOSS Meeting Held 2/24/11**

-In attendance: Bill Bertram, Bob Swet, Craig Borstelman, Martin Usher, Steve Miele, Gary Filice, Andy Tiffin, Jay Harland, Mike Reagan.

### **Old Business:**

-Club elections- only one additional response was received for a total of 5 ballots, therefore the club officer positions will remain at the status quo.

-Dues paid by members to date, 29. March 1 will be the cut-off date for non payers and per the club by-laws, they will not be permitted to fly on the field. The additional issues of insurance and our agreement with the school district also precludes these individuals from flying. Bill Bertram will send an email to those who have not paid reminding them of the cut-off day; Jay will provide Bill with the list.

-Please welcome our new member, Dan Gibson. There are some other prospective members that have shown interest as well. Some applications with payments have been received for existing members.

-Frequency management agreement with Conejo Silent Flyers. Channel 17 (72MHz) has been moved back to TOSS; as well as channel 34 which was listed for both clubs, comes back to TOSS. The agreement will be signed by Steve Miele and submitted to Conejo Silent Flyers for their signature.

- Issue of fun flying during contests: Last year the Club voted to not allow fun flying during contests. Some members brought up the issue again at a later date because they didn't read the newsletter or attend the monthly business meetings. If they do not want to participate in the contest, they could pay the contest fee, launch as if in a contest, and fly in the pattern with everyone else. Hand launch flyers may fly before or after the contest. If the CD has indicated that there will be no fun flying, then that goes since the CD has the final say. Martin will search the newsletters over the past year (or so) and try to find where we previously discussed this issue.

-Changes were made to the TOSS marketing presentation; including a cover page, club

contact information, the term “glider” put in to replace all references to “sailplane” so as not to confuse folks about the term “plane” where a spinning prop is the first thing that comes to mind.

### **New Business:**

- The Easy glider contest brought in \$45 and \$20 went out to awards. Junior, Open, Sportsman, Expert were the classes. Mike Reagan won the Expert, Harry Sandstrom won the Junior and Sportsman was won by Steve Miele; 11 pilots participated.

- The National F3B team is going to China to compete. As a club and that Kyle Paulson (a club member) is participating, Steve thought that TOSS should support them with some funding. A unanimous vote was taken to donate \$100. This is being done in the form of a raffle and should we win... the club will in turn raffle off the prize.

- Discussion about the pending FAA regula-

tions concerning model flying. The following is from an email that the AMA sent out. PLEASE follow the links and CONTACT your representatives and tell them how much aero-modeling means to you! This is really important! (*See section below and print ad reproduced on next page - Ed.*)

-Flying site report from Bill Bertram – no changes to date!

- Charles Babcock is doing better health wise. He had a bad flu attack!
- Art McNamee is having knee replacement surgery; OUCH!

We wish them our best for a speedy recovery!

Meeting adjourned.

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## **Your Help is Needed! Support AMA's Efforts to Protect Model Aviation!**

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# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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The FAA is developing new regulations that may place onerous and unnecessary restrictions on the hobby, sport and educational pursuit of model aviation.

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- **Contact Congress**
- **Meet your Advocacy Team**
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- **Read Articles & Editorials**
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- **Share on our Forums**
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**RESULTS OF THE T.O.S.S. EASY GLIDER CONTEST HELD ON FEB 13, 2011**

FIRST Place in the Junior class was Harry Sandstrom with 1847.4 points  
WAY TO GO HARRY !!!!!

FIRST Place in the Sportsman class was Steve Miele with 2315.5 points

FIRST Place in the Open class was Mike Stern with 2705.3 points

SECOND Place in the Open was Mike Reagan with 2594.7 points

THIRD Place in the Open class was Don Northern with 2509.9 points

Other entrants were, Bob Swet, Martin Usher, Bill Karp, Bill Bertram, Ben Wright, Richard Mason and Gary Felice,

It was good day for soaring, with the best turn out of entrants for a contest this year. There were lots of pilots on the field that could have flown the clubs EASY GLIDERS, but no takers. The 6 minute round turned out to be the fly in the ointment, with most of the pilots working hard just to get three minutes. After the contest was over the lift got very good with the Easy Gliders being well over 6 to 7 hundred feet above the ground. Gary Filice took two walk-on kids over to the hand launch area and gave them a demo of HLG'S. I think I saw one of the kids throw the plane a couple of times. I was able to work with two young kids and one adult, that saw the newspaper article from a couple of weeks ago and came out to see what T.O.S.S. was all about. All three said they would be back. The two kids parents were also interested in soaring.

Bill