

Thousand Oaks January



Soaring Society 2011

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

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Minutes of the TOSS Meeting Held 1/26/11

Welcome to the 2011 flying season!

In attendance were: Charles Babcock, Bill Bertram, Craig Borstelman, Gary Filice, Jay Harland, Steve Miele, Lex Mierop, Don Northern, Jim Pendergrass, Mike Stern, Bob Swet, Martin Usher, and special guest, Mr. Ed Jones, newly elected Director of Conejo Recreation and Park and District.

Treasury Balance is \$2,045.00 as of this date.

-The first portion of this month's meeting was presenting the TOSS marketing power point information to Ed Jones. This included a hard copy for his future reference. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session. We tried to keep the presentation on a positive note, and some questions fielded by Mr. Jones were answered by members that helped him to more fully understand why TOSS has had a difficult time of finding a new flying site in the Conejo area. Of significant note is that of all of the dignitaries and elected officials that we've invited, Mr. Jones is the first of any official to actually come to our flying field, our monthly meet-

ing, and have a positive interaction with the membership.

A history of our activities concerning possible flying sites was outlined by Bill Bertram with supporting commentary by various members. This portion of our meeting took the better part of an hour to complete before Mr. Jones departed at 8 PM. Most of the members felt positive about the meeting, and there is hope that Mr. Jones will be a positive voice for us in future activities involving the acquisition of a new flying site.

-ITEM: election, only four ballot sheets were turned in with renewal forms. Bill Bertram suggested that he print up some ballots and bring them out to the field for on-site voting since the membership hasn't voted by e-mail or otherwise.

-ITEM: By-law change ballots concerning the proposed change to the TOSS bylaw that will make it possible for TOSS membership to vote on approval of not just honorary 1 year membership, but also honorary membership of any duration including lifetime. Since there were insufficient ballots submit-

ted (simple majority of paid members to pass or fail) Bill Bertram made a motion to approve this change. The motion was seconded and it was passed with the needed majority of paid up members present.

-ITEM: We have 21 paid members so far with renewals, and a total of only 4 ballots were received for the year end officer elections.

-ITEM: Fun flying on the upper field during contests. We had more discussion on the subject among the members. We will revisit the past discussions via meeting minutes to see if this item was voted on. The conflict between contest flyers and fun flyers still exists and your input is welcome

-ITEM: The next club contest will be a one design Easy Glider contest on February 13th. No winches, three identical hi-starts will be provided by Mike Reagan.

-ITEM: Lex Mierop reported on the SC-2 planning meeting. There will be 9 SC-2 contests. One is a two-day at SULA in June. There will be 2 man-on-man contests. TOSS will host a contest on Sept. 25th (one week before Visalia). There will not be any more 2 meter class. Woody class has been changed to wood crafter, woody rules that allow fiberglass fuse with wood wing flying surfaces. There will also be annual Toys-For-Tots event during the first weekend in December. Lex reported that he is now an

official Contest Director and he asked if there will there be a built-up bent-wing BUBW contest this year. The first SC-2 contest is at the end of February; updated information will be put on the SC-2 web sight <http://site.sc2soaring.com/>.

-ITEM: Jay Harland suggested that we change some "sailplane" references in our marketing presentation to "glider" to accommodate a less informed audience that will view it a stronger impression of what constitutes a non-powered craft. Most people visualize a "glider" as a non-powered craft as opposed to "sailplane" which could be confused with any other airplane.

-ITEM: Bill Bertram reported on the flying site acquisition sessions at the AMA show. AMA gave out a 50 page "how-to" that tracks well with everything that TOSS has done up to this point to get a flying site. Bill stressed that AMA take a more proactive approach concerning site acquisition and stressed that if they did not, AMA would continue to suffer loss of membership due to a loss of club flying sites. More details will be published on the event.

-ITEM: Inform AMA District X representative, Lawrence Tougas, that we have met with Ed Jones.

Meeting ended at 9:15 PM

A report about Getting and Keeping Your Flying Field seminar with Mr. Tony Stillman of the AMA at the AMA Expo., JAN. 8 2011.

The meeting started with only 3 clubs represented. As the meeting went on about 15 other people joined the group.

The presentation was in a Power Point form, which is also in a book form, that was not furnished at the meeting but will be sent out to all the clubs at the meeting, after the expo.

Being pro-active was the main jest of the presentation, with the clubs doing as much work in attaining or keeping a flying field as it can before getting AMA involved. Having a plan and people to implement it was the second most useful way to find and keep a site. Using Google Earth, maps to locate possible site was one way to find land. Contacting City resources, County resources, and State agency's also have been ways to find and keep sites. Other than Southern California Federal land or BLM land is a very good source for sites almost every where else in the U.S. Southern California just does not have the Open Space available, and AMA knows of that problem.

In Southern California what has worked is to have someone in your club that knows a land owner City official, or County official that can get your foot in the door to get things started. Also contacting the EPA is a possibility for attaining land i.e. landfills, and dumps. The Super Fund was also discussed.

I told Mr. Stillman about the three possible places we have as T.O.S.S. flying sites, the Tierra Rejada land owned by the Church in Simi Valley, being number one, the old Bordiers nursery land, and the Santa Rosa Park land

The meeting ended with Mr. Stillman saying if need be he would come out to T.O. and argue our case for us. I thanked him, but reiterated the club would rather have our dist. 10 rep. Mr. Taugas do our talking for us seeing he was local, and we had more access to him.

Bill

The results of the last club contest are as follows

First place EXPERT open Mike Reagan 1797 points
Second place EXPERT open Gary Filice 1788 points

First place WOODY Jay Harland 1557 points
Second place WOODY Don Northern 1467 points

First place RES Jay Harland 1699 points
Second place RES Mike Stern 1619 points
Third place RES Richard Mason 1414 points

Special recognition goes to Bob Swet flying his Easy Glider with a excellent score. Bill Bertram DNF with a torn wing on his Topaz after his first flight (Maybe to much zoom?)

It was a good day of contest flying, with the hand launch guys even getting in some flights on the upper baseball field

Just a note on the day, at the time the contest started there were 16 planes on the field, but only 8 entrants in the contest. Remember you can FUN fly during the contest all you need to do is pay the entry fee, and if you do who knows you could have the winning flight and landing.

Nominations for Club Officers — 2011

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

Field Safety Officer:

Competition Coordinator:

Historian:

Photographer:

Newsletter Editor:

Webmaster:

Librarian: