

Thousand Oaks January



Soaring Society 2013

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

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

Minutes of the TOSS Meeting Held 1/30/13

In attendance: Gary Filice, Richard Mason, Martin Usher, Craig Borstelmann, Don Northern, Mike Stern, Art Chmielewski, Bob Swet, Bill Bertram, Bob Van Landingham, Jim Pendergrass

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

-Treasurers report: \$711.44 after the yearly expenses were covered.

-The dues discussion involved the low level of funds for TOSS. We wanted to raise the membership fee \$5 for a total of \$45 for individuals. Some reasons for the increase included:

-Rising costs of operation (equipment repair, etc.) was up to about \$700/yr.

-New flying site expenses in partnership with the Conejo Recreation and Parks system

-The \$5 increase gives everyone ownership in the new things to come at a minimum expense for each member.

-There was a motion made and passed to evaluate the expenses for the new facility and determine the affect on our annual dues.

-Pursuant to the above subject, there is a meeting scheduled with the Conejo Recreation and Park folks involving the Lang Ranch site. This meeting will involve walking the parcel of land in order to ascertain it's suitability of meeting our needs. The walk through will also help us to better define what we need in terms of space, direction of launches, safety, access, ability to control the area during use as a flight sight, etc. Other possible subjects during the meeting include the possibility of a lawn and irrigation, who will mow the grass, etc. There is also the issue of toilet facilities and parking.

-There are new TOSS shirts available and will be brought to the field for your purchase. All new members will receive a new shirt.

-Training of new pilots should involve a

more formal list of accomplishments that should be accomplished (a flight log or ground school). Jim Pendergrass will check with AMA about a log book that may be available for training and accomplishments. This information can be added to a list being compiled by Craig Borstelman.

-As a possible solution to the ongoing need for mentors or those that can help out with the set up of new gliders, or the repair of damaged gliders, Craig Borstelman suggested that he take the lead on providing this service for the club. Gary suggested a listing of mentors on the WEB site.

-Jon Charnas says HELLO from Switzerland, and has donated a hand launch/slope plane to the club (needs some work), along with a bag of supplies (coverings, carbon parts, etc.).

If you want this plane please talk to Bill Bertram.

-Subject of an upgrade to the TOSS web site. Martin Usher is to look into this?

-Bill Bertram announced that he and Suzie are leaving California on or about the 17th of March. He won't be around any more! Bill will be bringing many pieces of flying related equipment to the field in the coming weeks. His duties as flying site coordinator will be passed on. We will all be sad to see Bill go, but Bill's move to Arizona is something that was planned for some time.

Bill's departure also means that one club winch setup needs a caretaker! Please consider taking on this duty if only for a short time.

To All,

If you didn't already hear some of the details, I've put this together to keep you informed of developments from our meeting on Friday, 2/1/13 at the Lang Ranch Park.

We discussed:

- Modifications that TOSS would and would not be permitted to do to the property.

- 1 Signage, gating, and things that CRPD would bring to the table such as equipment and manpower to initiate development, and maintain the parcel in flying site ready condition.

- 2 Parking and access for loading and unloading gear and airplanes.

- 3 Need for fliers to have insurance or AMA membership.
- 4 Our proposed partnership with CRPD and sketched out how work days would be required of all entities involved with the park to contribute time and manpower.
- 5 Sources of matching funding from CRPD and the City of Thousand Oaks; and that AMA has programs in place to assist in site development.
- 6 Financial benefit to the community, where during a regional gathering to fly, pilots, and support staff, vendors would occupy hotel rooms, eat at restaurants, patronize local hobby shops and other merchants.
- 7 Benefits to youth in the community having an alternative outlet for their energy, a creative, fun and outdoor activity that would get them away from video games.
- 8 Litigation pending against CRPD over development of the property and some of the scenarios and outcomes.
- 9 Tentatively identifying a day (soon) where the "try it before you buy it" could take place.
- 10 For rest rooms they are going to have porta-potties
- 11 The south side of the proposed TOSS area may be used for overflow parking during special events.
- 12 Pre-arranged notice of special events to the CRPD and them to us, so area could be locked in, and not have a conflict in use for certain dates.
- 13 No water for grass, but a rye grass/Bermuda could be spread in the winter which could help to build a thatch to land on in the summer.
- 14 Help from the CRPD may be available in the way of equipment for clearing off debris/rocks, dragging and mowing.
- 15 Possibility of a storage sheds in the lower area, near the dam.

We'll keep you abreast of developments as soon as we know them.

Steve

**CONTEST RESULTS
FOR 1-13-2013**

ON AND OFF WINDS WAS THE RULE OF THE DAY FOR THE FIRST CLUB CONTEST OF THE YEAR ON SUN THE JAN. 13TH 2013.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOB SWET FOR BEING THE CD IN MY ABSENCE. THE FORMAT HE USED KEPT EVERYONE VERY CLOSE IN THE SCORING, WITH ALMOST EVERYONE SCORING IN THE 2900's

THE SCORING WENT LIKE THIS

OVERALL WINNER WAS, GARY FILICE WITH 2981.43 POINTS. SECOND PLACE WENT TO ART CHMIELENSKI (How about that spelling). WITH 2966.06 POINTS THIRD PLACE WAS DON NORTHERN. WITH 2956.26 FORTH THROUGH 10th WAS BOB SWET, MIKE REAGAN, MIKE STERN, TIM BULLOCK, BOB VAN LANDINGHAM, ANDY TIFFIN, AND RICHARD MASON. RICHARD HAD A AIR FRAME MALFUNCTION AND DID NOT FINISH.

**SEE YOU ALL NEXT MONTH
BILL**

TOSS Shirts are now available....

— “Golf” shirt style

Sm — XL ... \$18

2XL, 3XL ... \$20

— Pocket Tee style

Sm — XL ... \$13

2XL, 2XL ... \$15