

**Thousand Oaks  
July / August**



**Soaring Society  
2013**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting Held 7/31/2013**

Present were: Bob Swet, Mike Reagan, Charles Babcock, Jim Pendergrass, Gary Filice, Don Northern, Steve Miele, Andy Tiffin, Mike Stern, Martin Usher

Treasury Report: Balance as of 7-31-13 was \$1,587.36

-We need an update of the membership roster sheet. We have a number of new members to add, and some old names need to be removed.

-Steve Miele is making up a new membership application sheet.

-Motion was made to have the club newsletter only done in electronic format. It passed unanimously.

-Bill Bertram was in the hospital again. He is doing very well now and recovering nicely. Please drop him a line or call to let him know he is in our thoughts.

-Steve showed a roll of white vinyl Scotch #35 wing tape for \$3.30/roll at Lowes. It should be good tape because the glue should not come off on your wings, and it is tough as well.

-Pilot manual is coming along, slowly.

-Connor, Mark, and Edward are three kids now looking to get instruction at the field. We need instructors, gliders AND radios to fill the bill. We would like to consider Spirit (2M) or Olympic II's, Paragon's. Anyone with spares, please offer to lend them to the club for instruction purposes.

-We need to contact Morgan and find out if he is still interested! Does anyone know where he lives? Apparently he has some club assets.

-Steve showed an article in the T.O. Acorn about Lang Ranch. A company was hired to finalize the detailed design for the park. In conjunc-

tion we received an invite from CRPD to attend the latest planning meeting for the Lang Ranch Park on Aug. 15. Don Northern and Gary Filice will attend the meeting and go over our needs with the designers.

-Bob Swet presented a battery primer

lecture to the attending club members. Loads of good information for all flyers!

-Next month's meeting will have a lecture on thermals and flying by Mike Reagan. Mike indicated that this talk is not to be missed!

## Results of July's Ladder Contest

Name	Class	Step Size	Longest Flight	Landing Points	No. Flights	Rank	
Mike Reagan	Expert	10	40	4	4	1	
Art Chmielewski	Expert	12	24	1	2	2	
Gary Filice	Expert	5	20	3	4	3	
Don Northern	Expert	5	15	3	5	4	
Bob Swet	Expert	5	15	1	4	5	
Mike Stern	Expert	5	10	0	2	6	
Richard Mason	Expert	5	10	0	3	7	
Barry Brenner	Sport	5	15	3	7	1	Moves up 1 class
David Swain	Sport	2	6	2	3	2	
Steve Miele	Sport	3	6	2	5	3	
Andy Tiffin	Novice	4	12	2	4	1	Moves up 1 class
Martin Usher	Novice	2	8	1	6	2	
Bob Van Landingham	Novice	3	6	0	4	3	
Kyle Carmona	Beginner	2	10	6	7	1	

**Rank based on 1) Longest Flight 2) Total Landing Points 3) Lowest Number of Flights.**

**GLIDER FIELD NEEDS AS PRESENTED BY  
THOUSAND OAKS SOARING SOCIETY  
8-15-2013**

NEEDS	REASON FOR NEEDS
LAUNCH FIELD WIDTH TO BE 100 FT., DRAGGED CLEAN	Adequate buffer zone for safety and reduction of damage to launch lines.
LAUNCH FIELD LENGTH TO BE 675 FT., DRAGGED CLEAN	Needed for launch safety and reduce damage to launch lines.
GRASS(SHORT SEASON NATIVE RYE) ON 60 FT. x 200 FT. LANDING AREA	Control dust, reduce damage to planes during landings.
WATER	Minimum to promote growth
GATED ACCESS	Provide access control during use for safety reasons.
6 FT. x 30 FT. CONCRETE SLAB (3 in. thick reinforced)	Allows ease of anchoring winches and safe footing
POSSIBLE STORAGE	Lawn mower and batteries, FIRST AID container, etc.
SECURITY ARRANGEMENT	Contact # for park ranger in case of emergency or conflicts.
TOILET	Sanitation and ready access for seniors.

**From:** Gary Filice  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 11:17 PM  
**To:** sjmiele  
**Subject:** CRPD/RRM meeting

Hi Steve,

This is a summary of the meeting from today with Conejo Recreation and Parks.

Don Northern and I met with Denise Johns, Matt Kouba, and Tom Hare of CRPD in their main conference room. Waiting there were also Mr. Leif McKay and Mr. Jeff Ferber representing RRM Design Group, the folks putting together the overall plan of the park together.

Don and I presented the summary listing of needs I mailed to you, and this was along with the overhead shot of the area under discussion that showed our launch and landing areas. The two gentlemen from the design firm were not very familiar with our activity, so we spent a bit of our allotted 30 minutes of meeting time explaining the highlights of what we do. Matt and Tom were very good at supporting our explanations, and Matt showed a couple of YouTube videos with launches, etc. to give them an idea of the action involved with our activity.

Don gave a summary of the work he had done to the land when the housing tracts were put in, and this gave an idea as to what went into and under the area in question.

Following this, starting at the top of our list, we spent some time going over each item on the listing of needs from the standpoint of why they were important to have. The emphasis on most of the items was on the element of safety, protection of the planes, and overall enjoyment by the flyers and onlookers. The safety aspect was dependent on having adequate buffer between launching, landing, observation, and parking areas during our activity. As I explained, having these safety related elements in place makes for a solid foundation for insurance underwriting from AMA as part of the field chartering process.

All of our input goes into the master plan along with all of the other groups in the park. The plan goes into the completion of the environmental study for the park. After that phase, starting next spring, actual work will be starting on the park facility. We were advised by Tom Hare that it will be next spring when we will be most likely be able to obtain our permits for the area use within the park for our activities.

I have left my name and number with the design group folks in case there are any more questions concerning our listing of needs.

Don and I felt good about the meeting, and we enjoyed the opportunity to present our plan to the RRM Design Group folks. I will do periodic follow-ups with Matt concerning the schedule in the coming months.