

**Thousand Oaks
June/July**



**Soaring Society
2016**

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

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

Minutes of the Meeting Held 7-27-2016

Present were: Steve Miele, Gary Filice, Martin Usher, Mike Reagan, Bob Swet, Kyle Carmona, Don Northern, Lex Mierop

Treasury Report: \$5,696.56

Sapwi Trails park issues: Extra insurance requirement to allow TOSS members to drive onto park property. Members present voted to pay the premium despite the fact that we are not using the property yet.

Sapwi Trails Park update: A special planning commission meeting is planned for August/September to go over the requirements for park approval. If all goes well at that meeting, the park will move forward with construction in the summer of 2017.

AMA updates gave us a green light to flying under rule 336, Special Rule for Model Aircraft, so long as we follow the safety guidelines of a community based organization such as AMA. This in-

cludes being able to fly above 400' while more than 5 miles from an airport. We still are required to register with the FAA, and have an AMA number.

TOSS charter is renewed at Redwood school for another 12 months. Thanks Mike S. for chasing this down!

Due to the large number of DLG fliers, it seems natural that we have a fun-fly contest in the same easy going style as those done at El Dorado Park in Long Beach. We will try to get Redwood field for a Saturday in August. Please contact me ASAP with any good or particularly bad dates.

SC-2 - We have been approved for the use of the Fish Canyon SWSA field for our yearly TOSS SC-2 on August 21st. Thank you SWSA for the use of the field! Lex will be CD and handle, Mike Reagan will be assistant CD. We will have a 5-7-10-8 minute rounds for the contest. There is a critical need for landing judges, winch operators AND

FLIERS! Let's talk this up so that we know the manpower we have to go there with!!!

Discussion of tools and airplane shipping methods. Alula glider, Sport tubes, padded radio cases, etc. were looked at and discussed in terms of safety and convenience.

How about a club movie night? We could host a meeting followed by a movie night. Possible location would be at Martin Usher's house. An RSVP will be sent out with this newsletter AND via email.

MOVIE NIGHT NOTICE!

Steve may have access to a DVD copy of "The Legend of Pancho Barnes and the Happy Bottom Riding Club" (see description below). This is a new award-winning documentary, NOT the old made-for-TV movie with Valerie Bertinelli. We have tentatively scheduled Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Martin's house; stereo sound (wool), big-scream TV, comfy seats. Refreshments (Popcorn?) will be provided by the club. Feet do not stick to the floor!

RSVP REQUESTED

The Legend of Pancho Barnes and the Happy Bottom Riding Club chronicles the thrilling life and extraordinary times of aviation pioneer Florence Lowe "Pancho" Barnes, one of the most colorful and accomplished women pilots of the earliest 20th Century, and an ill-behaved woman who made history.

Born in 1901 into a wealthy Pasadena family, Florence Lowe was expected to be a debutante. She chose instead to become a tomboy and a rebel. Her desperate parents arranged a marriage to a minister. Florence responded by disguising herself as a man, and running off to war-torn Mexico. She emerged months later full of wild stories, and with the nickname "Pancho".

In 1928, she decided to become a pilot for the thrill of it. Aviation soon became her profession. She was hired as a test pilot by Lockheed, and flew in the first Women's Transcontinental Air Race in 1929. She broke Amelia Earhart's air speed record, and was the first woman to take wing as a Hollywood stunt pilot — for Howard Hughes no less. It was a risky business, especially for a woman, but Pancho thrived on the danger. "If I didn't fly," she once told a stunned reporter, "I'd explode."

The Great Depression put a damper on Pancho's flying career, and her extravagant lifestyle. She was forced to flee Hollywood in 1935, and ended up in the Mojave Desert, near an Army Air Corps bombing range called Muroc. During WWII, Muroc (later called Edwards AFB) became an important aircraft proving ground. Pancho and her ranch became the social center of the place.

Known as the "Happy Bottom Riding Club", Pancho's ranch was a notorious, boisterous hangout frequented by some of the most important fliers of the post-WWII era. Pilots such as Chuck Yeager

and Bob Hoover drank at her bar, and when Yeager broke the sound barrier in 1947, that's where he partied. Just a few years later however, things began to go downhill. Allegations surfaced that the Happy Bottom was a house of ill repute. The FBI began an investigation, and because of her wild, larger-than-life personality, Pancho found the accusations hard to refute. Meanwhile, as legal proceedings were underway in 1953, a mysterious fire destroyed the ranch. Many believed, the fire signaled the end of an era.

The Legend of Pancho Barnes and the Happy Bottom Riding Club was produced by Nick T. Spark and directed by Amanda Pope.

(Ref. PBSSOCAL.ORG)

JULY 2016 TOSS Monthly Contest Tasks 3 rounds of 8 min flight / 100 pt landing each, Scored 900 + 100													
		ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			TOTAL	Normalized	Yearly Flier
NAME	CLASS	Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	POINTS	Points	Points
Don Northern	Res	8:03	98	992.4	8:01	89	987.1	3:51	78	511.1	2490.63	1000.00	1000.00
Mike Reagan	Open	8:02	76	972.3	8:01	94	992.1	4:00	0	450.0	2414.38	969.39	969.39
Walter Higgins	Open	8:06	66	954.8	8:00	91	991.0	2:31	0	283.1	2228.88	894.91	894.91
Mike Stern	RES	2:23	83	351.1	8:00	77	977.0	3:55	0	440.6	1768.75	710.16	710.16
Bob VanLanding-ham	RES	2:38	0	296.3	8:00	0	900.0	4:51	0	545.6	1741.88	699.37	699.37
David Swain	RES	4:28	73	575.5	6:00	97	772.0	2:44	71	378.5	1726.00	693.00	693.00

AUGUST 2016 TOSS Monthly Contest													Tasks = 5,7,10 Minutes @ 1 pt/sec						Landing = short tape, 25 pts max		
NAME	Rank	Glider	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			TOTAL		Normalized		Yearly Flier Points					
			Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	POINTS	POINTS	Points	Points						
Gary Filice	1	Maxa	5:02	15	313	7:00	15	435	10:01	25	624	1372	1000	1000	1000						
Don Northern	2	Floater	5:02	15	313	7:01	15	434	10:02	0	598	1345	980.3	980.3							
Mike Stern	3	Explorer	5:07	15	308	7:03	15	432	9:57	5	602	1342	978.1	978.1							
Bob Swet	4	Salsa 3	5:00	0	300	6:57	0	417	9:59	5	604	1321	962.8	962.8							
Mike Reagan	5	Maxa	4:59	15	314	7:01	15	434	8:55	0	535	1283	935.1	935.1							
Steve Miele	6	AVA	5:05	0	295	4:46	0	286	9:51	0	591	1172	854.2	854.2							
Richard Mason	7		5:04	0	296	7:04	0	416	5:22	0	322	1034	753.6	753.6							
Bob VanLandingham	8	AVA	4:53	0	293	5:58	0	358	5:15	0	315	966	704.1	704.1							
David Swain	9	Topaz	4:58	0	298	7:01	5	424	3:41	0	221	943	687.3	687.3							