

**Thousand Oaks
June**



**Soaring Society
2010**

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

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

Minutes of the TOSS Meeting Held 6/30/10

Members present:-

Gary Filice
Richard Mason
Jay Harland
Bob Swet
Bill Bertram
Charles Babcock
Bob Van Landingham
Don Northern
Mike Stern
Martin Usher
Andy Tiffin

A number of things were discussed and decided but they were not necessarily in order (as in — we occasionally revisited a topic....). Highlights, in no particular order, were:-

Gary Filice mentioned that Diatomaceous Earth (the "DE" used for filtering pools) forms an incredibly hard material when bonded with thin CA. He uses this to reinforce the underside of built-up planes.

Gary also discussed the format of ISS's upcoming contest on 7/21. This is a Man on Man format contest where fliers are divided into groups who compete among themselves for that round. Everyone in a group launches at the same time, the idea being that this contest takes some of the variabilities out of flying (sandbagging is pointless and would get you disqualified for that round anyway). For this

contest ISS is planning to organize 10 winches so as to launch 5 planes at a time*** (on alternate winches).

The contest will consist of four rounds MoM.

(***Being able to launch straight is a plus.)

Gary also reminded us that we have to get the Sanction paperwork in for TOSS's August 29th (SC)² round in now.

Bill Bertram discussed a number of topics, among them being the quest for new flying sites, the progress (or lack thereof) of some youth fliers and TOSS's participation in "Tropical Daze", a weekend long music and fun festival to be held in Conejo Community Park (next to TO High School) on July 24th and 25th. (For information see:-

<http://www.tropicaldaze.org/>)

This seems to be a Caribbean themed occasion, potentially Thousand Oaks take on similar festivals held annually in Notting Hill and Moss Side. (Though being Thousand Oaks I expect there will be few Rastas and a whole lot less Ganja.) Bill wants to put on flying demonstrations for children and needed \$100 to buy planes with (voted on and passed) and at least one volunteer to help him out.

Bill also asked after the newsletter. This has been published but its not been making its way to the

website. This will be fixed over the next few weeks — we unfortunately lost Paul as Secretary because of changes in his circumstance so things will be a bit disorganized in the interim.

Finally, Jay brought in a couple of planes including a foam jet he scratch built from Coroplast. This is powered by a pusher propellor in the tail. The finish

is very well done, having a sort of authentic weathered detail look done with pencil lines and shading (see picture below). Also shown but not discussed was a R/C converted Multiplex Fox. The Fox is a 15" foam glider designed as a throw glider for "kids in the park" type use. Like this one there are a number that have been converted to R/C.

the Fox....

