

Thousand Oaks

March



Soaring Society

2009

TOSS is a Distric X member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics Charter Club #1493

PRESIDENT-----Bill Bertram
VICE PRESIDENT-----MIKE STERN
SECRETARY-----STEVE MIELE
TREASURER-----JIM PENDERGRASS
FIELD SAFETY OFFICER-----RICHARD MASON
COMPETITION COORDINATOR-----MIKE REAGAN
CLUB HISTORIAN-----CHARLES BABCOCK
CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER-----GREG WRIGHT
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Schedule of Events

Meetings Last Wednesday of every Month.

See our Web site for more
information, maps and directions.

<http://toss.freesevers.com>

Soaring every Sunday at Redwood School

Art McMamee is mailing out the newsletter
to members who require a hard copy.
If you need one call Art.

Meeting began at 7:00PM

Members in attendance:

Charles Babcock, Bill Bertram, Gary Filice, Steve Miele, Lex Mierop, Don Northern, Jim Pendergrass, Martin Usher

- Welcome to the 1st TOSS meeting of 2009
- Current Treasury Balance is \$1131.29.
- There are sixteen paid up TOSS members. Club dues are payable to the Treasurer at the first of the year!

Old Business:

Replacement batteries were purchased for Bill and Gary's winches, they are, Optima series E31, 1010 service amps. At some fields they were successfully used to power both launch and retrieve winches at the same time!

Gary will call Ivan to see if he wants to continue flying with the club. We really want to encourage young fliers to be active and participate in flying.

Jim will contact AMA to find out cost and availability for club Tee Shirts. We are considering collared shirts with a pocket in the same blue color as the last batch.

Gary will investigate a supplier for bushings and brushes for rebuilding the motors.

New Business:

Lex reported on the SC2 annual meeting. There was discussion about dropping the 2 meter class from contests; they didn't. The El Dorado Silent Fliers (EDSF) club is no longer viable; all "assets" were acquired by former members.

The Soaring Union LA (SULA) lost their field at Cal State Dominguez Hills some time ago. They have acquired a new field, "Field of Dreams" in the San Pedro area and are ready to host a contest.

Torrey Pines Gulls (TPG) will host their first contest at Encinitas field.

TOSS will host a contest on August 30th, the last day of month.

This is the current 2009 SC2 contest schedule:

March 29th TPG @ Encinitas Flight Center

April 19th SWSA @ Fish Canyon

May 17th SULA (pending club meeting) @ The Field of Dreams

June 28th Soarheads/aka EDSF pilots, Not a

club, Just pilots @ ISS
July 26th HSS @ Fish Canyon
Aug. 30th TOSS @ Redwood Intermediate School
Sept. 27th ISS @ AB Brown Soccer Field
Oct. 25th TPG @ Encinitas Flight Center
Nov. 22nd Rain Date

Final statistics from 2008 contests are available at: http://www.sc-2.org/web/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=viewDocument&JAS_Document_id=18

Jim Pendergrass motor was rebuilt.

Ten members submitted nominations for new club officer positions. The individuals nominated to the positions are:

President – Bill Bertram
Vice President – Mike Stern
Treasurer – Jim Pendergrass
Secretary – Steve Miele
Field Safety Officer – Richard Mason
Competition Coordinator – Mike Reagan
Historian – Charles Babcock
Photographer – Greg Wright
Newsletter Editor – Chuck Auerbach
Webmaster – Martin Usher

Bill has some flying site updates:

Hill Canyon site: Four members spoke at T.O. city council meeting.

Following up on the previous city council meeting, Bill received a letter from Mark Watkins (City Manager). It stated that the city is not in support of TOSS using the parcel. It further stated that the City is intent on placing it back into agricultural use. They also claim that a zoning change is required due to recreational vs. agricultural use. The club refutes all of these issues.

Bill was advised by Mark Watkins that the Assistant City Manager, Linda Pappas Diaz will investigate further and get back to Bill within two weeks.

There seems to be a goodly number of members interested in hand launch. Lex

will organize a hand launch clinic and club competition. He has coordinated these activities and events in the past. Please contact Lex or Steve to express your interest regarding specific subjects and when we could hold it.

John Ellias, is inquiring if the club is interested in hosting a Cross Country contest. The location is California Valley and race headquarters will be the California Valley Motel. The event will be held sometime in the Spring. The Club would coordinate the event, sign in contestants, log results. Discussions also included having a fun-fly after launching the X-Country airplanes.

cal valley.kmz

This link is for Google Earth, it includes a satellite view showing the actual course (in yellow).

Map of California
Valley CA by MapQue

This is a Map Quest link.

Here is a copy of a recent Cross Country message board entry courtesy of John Ellias. It will give you a little more info on the event and the free skytrace GPS offer.

We are planning a two day XC event **May 23 and 24** at California Valley. The autonomous soaring team "ALOFT" is planning on attending. As part of their research Chris Bovis of the Naval Research Lab has very generously offered to provide a Skytrace GPS data logger to each team that attends. The only requirement is that each team provide the gps logs of each flight to the ALOFT team for their use in the autonomous soaring research project. After the event the Skytrace is yours to keep! If you are not familiar with the logger take a look at:

<http://www.magtechinc.net/SkyTraceGPS.htm>

It is very small gps unit that will fit into just about any glider and is very simple to use. I have just received my Skytrace and it is very simple to

download the data into a program like google earth.

The thermals that time of year should be great at Cal Valley and we plan on possibly adding a turning point far south on Soda Lake road for a change of scenery.

Letter from the new club president.

Greetings Club Members
March 2009

This is an open letter to all the members of the Thousand Oaks Soaring Society welcoming you to another year of safe and fun flying. Our votes were counted at the last club meeting and the new officers in place. You can read in another place in the newsletter who the officers are.

We are still working on obtaining a new flying site with the Hill Canyon land as the prime site and the property at King Gillette Ranch still in the hunt. Also there is a large field in Moorpark, approximately 14 acres that might be available in the short term especially on Saturdays, more on that as developments unfold.

I am going to meet with Mike Reagan and Lex Mierop soon to set up some regular dates for club contest, both hand launch and power launch, for fun and profit, maybe even a slope fun fly if we can ever get a west wind again.

I would like to see more of the members come to the monthly meetings and get involved in the inner working of the club. We do a lot of business at the meeting, but we also have DVD's of flying, contest and how to's on flying and the set up of different planes.

The last video we saw was Soaring The Superfund Skies, a show on how flying clubs have teamed up with closed dumps and turned them into great flying sites.

FLY SAFE AND HAVE FUN

BILL

For sale corner:

Futaba 7CH CAP (72MHz, PCM, synthesized)
Four, 3151 digital servos
7 Channel Receiver
Brand New, Never Used, \$200 OBO, contact Steve Miele

Free stuff:

Wanderer, 2Meter, good condition, great beginner plane.
contact Steve Miele



Storage Units, adjustable compartments, very sturdy!

Large - 17" W, 36.5" L, 12" D.
Small (2x) 6.5" W, 17.25" L, 6.75" D
contact Steve Miele



Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

ED: If you have been reading your maoil lately you may have noticed some mail from the desk of Mike Reagan.

These are his memorys of his flights and how he found lift, sink and good days. A lot of good info can be extracted if you read carefully.



You Are Invited!



RIBBON CUTTING AND BBQ

Celebrating the Grand Opening of Ventura County's Newest Park!

SANTA ROSA PARK

(Phase 1)



Saturday, March 28, 2009

12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Directions: Santa Rosa Park is located on Hill Canyon Road, south of where it intersects with Santa Rosa Road, three and a half miles west of the Santa Rosa Road/Moorpark Road intersection.

For more information, call the office of Supervisor Parks (805) 373-2564.

Rain Date: April 11, same time, same place!

Your park Host will be Chuck Auerbach,
and I think my new address will be
9600 Santa Rosa Road., Camarillo CA 93012

We can TD anytime, no electrics as yet but will be soon.