

Thousand Oaks

March / April



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 3/27/13

Present at the meeting were: Craig Borstelman, Charles Babcock, Jim Pendergrass, Martin Usher, Bob Swet, Andy Tiffin, Mike Stern, Gary Filice, Steve Miele, Mike Reagan

Treasury Report:

Account balance \$1,074.15 as of 3-27-13.

Pilot manual:

TOSS had an evening meeting last Wednesday night at Steve Miele's house to discuss the format for an official TOSS teaching manual for new pilots. Types of bindings for the book were discussed that included durability, adding of pages or updateable pages, etc. Craig Borstelman is picking a format. The second issue was the integration of the teaching portion of the manual and record taking portion – weaving in the accomplishment/log check boxes into the instruction portion as a possible way to go.

The basic goal of the TOSS teaching program is to have all beginner pilots to eventually achieve a solo status.

Club airplane status:

We have three extra easy gliders for teaching. One has to be updated to a better transmitter on 2.4 GHz. There is also an Oly II that Craig has fixed up that can be used off of the winch.

Club radio /buddy box situation:

There are 2 JR radios that will have 2.4 gig conversions done by Gary Filice. They will be master/slave capable.

Monthly contest results and feedback from the last one held at the field:

The last contest was a 24 minute add-em-up. The contest ended up as a close competition that was enjoyed by all of the participants in all levels of competition. The complete results and

description is published at the TOSS website. Bob Swet was CD, and he wants to have another one of these contests in the coming months.

Lang Ranch Regional Park flying site status:

TOSS had a flying day with the CRPD representative Matt Kouba at the pro-

posed flight site. The day was a perfect southwest type of flying day with thermals in almost every direction. There is a summary of the findings at the TOSS website.

Insurance and CRPD charter paperwork is close to completion for TOSS this year, thanks to Terry Koplan.

March Monthly Contest *(Bob Swet)*

The March TOSS club contest was of a modified 24 minute handicapped Add-em Up. My idea was to make the contest low pressure (fun) and yet challenging for all skill levels. The original date of 3/10 was canceled due to safety reasons resulting from high winds. On the 17th the winds were at an acceptable level and lift, though very gentle at times, could generally be found.

Four groups based on pilot skill and glider performance were established for determining the handicap for a given pilot. Pilots could opt to fly in a higher skill group. For each level there were a maximum number of flights that would count for the total and a maximum number of landings. Everyone had at least one throw away landing where the lowest score would be eliminated. Pilots were allowed to fly two different airplanes for two entries.

Self timing was permitted for all rounds but for the last flight where precision time was needed. Pilots could fly at any time they desired. All flights less than three minutes were not scored as a flight regardless. So if you popped off, didn't like the air or just could not make the time, it was not counted against your score. Kyle C. used this rule to his advantage with all his pop offs and short flights.

Basic strategy was to fly maximum number of rounds permitted for your group with the next to last flight yielding a total of about 20 ½ minutes (see 3 minute rule). Everyone quickly discovered this strategy.

Art C continually whined about the Sport class had an unfair handicap advantage over the experts and that Don N and Bob S should be classified as experts. This resulted in reviewing the final scores and the CD making an adjustment to landing scoring for the Sport class having two throw away landings yielding a tighter grouping of final scores.

All comments on the contest format were positive so I will give it another try in a few months. Expect that there may be an adjustment to how landings will be handicapped.

Contest Director for April is Art C. Believe it or not, he volunteered.

March TOSS Monthly Contest Final Scores		
Name	Class	Score
Art Chmielewski	Expert (Open)	1627
Don Northern	Sport	1624
Art Chmielewski	Expert (RES)	1624
Bob Swet	Sport	1623
Bill Nibbley	Sport	1618
John Snider	Expert	1604
Richard Mason	Expert	1414
Andy Tiffin	Novice	1398
Kyle Carmona	Beginner	1265

TOSS Shirts are now available....

— “Golf” shirt style

Sm — XL ... \$18
2XL, 3XL ... \$20

— Pocket Tee style

Sm — XL ... \$13
2XL, 2XL ... \$15