

**Thousand Oaks
Feb/March**



**Soaring Society
2015**

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

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

Minutes of the Meeting Held 2/26/2015

ATTENDANCE: Mike Stern, Gary Filice, Craig Borstelman, Don Northern, Steve Miele, Bob Swet, David Swain, Lex Mierop, Andy Tiffin.

Treasury Report: No treasurers report available.

Sapwi Trails Report: The paperwork for the law suit against the old park project is still being finalized. In addition, some there were issues regarding automobile insurance that had to be completed, akin to an umbrella policy for the parking area. We have to have automobile insurance as our activity at the park is considered to be a “permanent” special event use of the parking area. This was expertly taken care of by Terry Koplan. Terry also took the time and effort to highlight the AMA site insurance coverage for the CRPD giving them confidence that the coverage was top notch.

Southwest Classic 2015: Art C. / Mike R.: Art took 2nd overall in Open, and was out of 1st by only 2 tenths of a point!

Mike took 7th in Open, and 5th in RES.

Battery/Servo presentation: Bob S. made a presentation on general care and feeding of batteries and servos. This included many pointers on keeping things on the up and up with our hardware, electronics and airframes. Also included was a handout and discussion about extending battery life, etc. Copies of the handouts are available from Steve. We discussed what to do if a plane is in storage for a time. How to check our planes on a week to week basis, mechanical checklist, electronic checklist, do's and don'ts with servos. This is all in the interest of safety and doing all we can to avoid mishaps that can jeopardize our flying site(s).

Attachments: Bob's battery checklist is in this newsletter. The '10 tips' handout was printed from Model Airplane News.

www.modelairplanenews.com/newsletter

Battery Giveaway: sealed 12 volt compact batteries were given away by Steve. These are ideal 12 volt sources for field charging NiMh or LiPo batteries or as a charger voltage source.

Aviation book collection (courtesy Charles): Steve has this collection of books and periodicals available for a token donation to the club, available to any member who might want them, or he is going to donate them to the Conejo or Ventura County Library system.

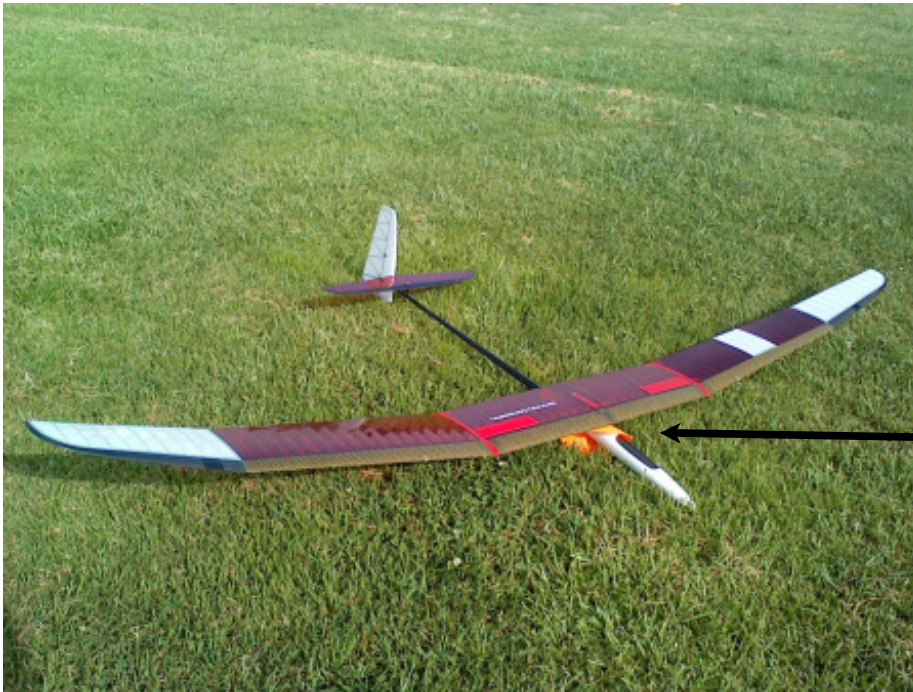
Lex gave an update on the IHLG Festival slated for May 2nd and 3rd at the Torrey Pines inland field in Poway California. This contest brings in contestants from all around the world. There will also be vendors there as well. Lex is planning on running a one day clinic on what goes on at a hand launch contest. This is a fun event that is a good teaching venue for all interested pilots. Lex proposed to pick a day to

do have a practice contest as a way to familiarize folks with the format who have never flown an HLG contest.

Craig brought in three aircraft; heli, glider, and power that he wanted to sell AND donate the proceeds to the club. THANKS Craig! Bob snagged the glider, Dave got the power plane. The Heli did not have any takers and is available from Craig for very little money.

Don brought in some Obechi covered wings, offered them to any taker; there wasn't any interest. We will try to sell them on RCGroups.

Winch/retriever discussion: Don N. bought a Rholm Retriever (approved by Steve) to get standardized our retrievers into an easier to use format. The Rholm retrievers are one of the safest and easiest to use. We will test it out at the field to ensure it operates satisfactorily.



Art C. Practicing landings using a cone came up with this idea for a landing task

March 2015 TOSS Monthly Contest Flight - 1 pt/sec Landings - 50 pt

NAME	CLASS	Glider	ROUND 1			ROUND 2			ROUND 3			TOTAL	Normalized	Yearly Flier
			Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	Time	Landing	Points	POINTS	Points	Points
Mike Reagan	Open	Maxa	4:00	97	288.5	8:00	96	528	12:01	94	766	1582.5	1000.0	1000.0
Art CandSki	Open	Maxa	3:59	98	288	8:01	91	524.5	12:01	98	768	1580.5	998.7	998.7
Gary Filice	Open	Maxa	4:00	64	272	7:59	97	527.5	12:01	92	765	1564.5	988.6	988.6
Mike Stern	Open	Xplorer	4:02	36	256	7:58	89	522.5	12:02	81	758.5	1537	971.2	971.2
Richard Mason	Open		4:02	21	248.5	8:02	33	494.5	5:06	95	353.5	1096.5	692.9	692.9
Don Northern	RES	AVA	4:00	55	267.5	7:59	89	523.5	11:59	86	762	1553	1000.0	981.4
Andy Tiffn	RES	AVA	4:01	85	281.5	6:32	60	422	12:02	78	757	1460.5	940.4	922.9
Steve Miele	RES	AVA	4:03	72	273	7:59	0	479	10:58	66	691	1443	929.2	911.8
Kyle Carmona	RES	AVA	4:02	70	273	8:01	30	494	9:32	0	572	1339	862.2	846.1
Bob Swet	RES	Salsa 3	4:02	78	277	3:36	76	254	12:01	91	764.5	1295.5	834.2	818.6
Bob VanLandingham	RES	AVA	4:02	0	238	7:59	0	479	5:23	0	323	1040	669.7	657.2

