

Thousand Oaks MAY



Soaring Society 2009

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

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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:

Chuck Auerbach, Charles Babcock, Derek Bennett,
Bill Bertram, John Ellias, Gary Filice, Jay Harland,
Richard Mason, Steve Miele, Lex Mierop, Don
Northern, Jim Pendergrass, Mike Stern, Bob Van
Landingham, Mike Stern, Bob Swet.

Guest:

Andy Tiffin

- Welcome to the 4th TOSS meeting of 2009
- Current Treasury Balance is \$1082.97.
- There are twenty-eight paid up TOSS members.

Old Business:

T-Shirts are here! Jim is accepting payment;
half the actual cost for each shirt.

New Business:

Flying Site Acquisition News:

Hill Canyon Park: Bill went to the meeting
of the equestrian organization. He indicated

that they are highly organized, well financed
and very structured. Bill filled out a speaker
request for a 5 minute talk. After he said his
piece there was a motion for an open Q&A for
40 more minutes! It seems that most of the
equestrians have NO problems with fliers. Bill
will submit a special use permit with the county
in about two weeks. This should give us a
good idea of how our long term prospects look
at this site.

The City Thousand Oaks, assistant manager,
Candice Hong, called Bill by phone. She
indicated that Jay Spurgeon, the Deputy public
works director (who is responsible for leasing
issues), that the Lease on the City property will
come up in 6-8 weeks. The City is supposed to
be looking for approximately \$2500/month for
the 33 acres. This seems to be high.

Bordiers Nursery; the nursery filed for
bankruptcy last December and is currently in
reorganization. Bill will continue to pursue this
on a month by month basis.

Brushes were bought for the winch motors.
Gary is developing capability to turn armature
commutators.

Chuck has a F3B winch to donate or sell; Lex

may be interested.

John has made awards for the upcoming Cross Country contest event.

Jim will make sure Mike Regan is reimbursed for the contest prizes.

Steve was requested to write a thank you letter to Bill Carp for his donation of the Psycho, a full house plane. Bill has been extremely generous to the club with his "excess" inventory of airplanes.

Bill also has another Psycho kit for sale.

Redwood, football folks showed up 1.5hrs early. Bill requested that they move off grass. This was not fully complied with but he was assured that on future Sundays, this won't be a problem.

Lex reported on the International Hand Launch Glider festival. There were 68 registrants and 60 fliers; conditions were challenging with solid 10 MPH winds. Lex took 25th place and Paul Crittenden took 1st place in sportsman class. Terry Kopland and Chris Watson also flew. A low wing prototype D.L.G. launched very well. (this was a modified Predator)

The Predator order is almost ready, Lex will try to get it done Friday.

Editor's note:

Last month I was given an article titled "Spread Spectrum Radios" How good are they?

The intent was to scan the article and include it in the newsletter. I've gone one step better... I found the article on line at

www.spektrumrc.com/Content/Images/Products/calOrrSPMarticle.pdf

