

THOUSAND OAKS

NOVEMBER



SOARING SOCIETY

2007

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

OFFICERS

President.....Gary Fillice
Vice President.....Mike Stern
Secretary.....Lex Mierop
Treasurer.....Jim Pendergrass
Newsletter.....Chuck Auerbach
Web Master.....Martin Usher

Next Month we should have a
CONTEST Schedule

Schedule of Events

Meetings Last Wednesday of every Month.
See our Web site for more
information, maps and directions.
<http://tossfreeservers.com>

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

TOSS MEETING FOR Nov.

Present were: Gary Filice, Charles Babcock, Mike Reagan, Bob Van Landingham, Don Northern, Chuck Auerbach, Bob Swet, Jim Pendergrass, Richard Mason, Paul Verderosa, Ben Wright, Madison Wright, Greg Wright

Current treasury Balance is \$1,176.16

Sandwiches and drinks were served.

Old Business:

-Purchase of a new type of optima 6-volt "jelly-roll" type battery to be used in place of the 70# lead - acid type golf cart battery normally used to run 6 volt retriever. The Optima 6-volt has only 3 cells. It weighs in at about 17 lbs. The battery was used to retrieve the entire day's activities on the field during the postal Easy Glider contest as well as the folks doing normal, non-contest flying. The battery pulled like a champ through the whole day. This is designated as a limited start-up type battery unit. It will be interesting how this battery will last through a season. The advantages are: Light weight, no acid damage to cloths and hands.

-Flight sight inquiry: Richard Mason made contact with the sod farm owner. No interest there upon the part of the owner concerning the use of any of his land for our activities. The owner does not himself fly out of the sod farms, but out of another ranch location in the Ojai area. As for the Conejo Recreation and Parks plan, there is another follow up meeting on the original meeting to be held in January. This will be attended by Martin Usher and Gary Filice. The outlook on using any portion of the 380 acres is looking poor at this time. There are many political considerations with that land, and there seems to be some kind of battle going on over the development of the land VS keeping it open.

New Business:

-Annual TOSS Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 10th was attended by about 30 members. Through the kindness and generosity of John and Marquita Ellias, the annual TOSS dinner was held at their beautiful home. TOSS thanks John and Marquita Ellias again!
The catering was coordinated by Jim Pendergrass through the Burger Barn and

consisted of Tri-tip, barbecued chicken, Beans, salad and toasted Garlic bread. There were also some very rich desserts in the form of super chocolate cake, and pecan pie!

After the main portion of the dinner was completed, TOSS president Gary Filice gave a short speech about the state of the club in general, our mission to bring others into the sport, and the new flyers who have joined on over the past year. The annual TOSS award for the most improved flyer for 2007 was given to Ben Wright. Ben has come on strong this year with his involvement in the contest circuit in SC-2, and also has attended the world's largest thermal duration contest held annually at the Visalia Fall Soaring Festival. Ben was the first junior to represent TOSS in many years. Ben went up against 6 other juniors in his class and came in last. However if one were to look at his overall points total as put against all flyers in all classes who attended, Ben did come in solidly within the lower quarter of scores. Not bad kid!!!

The annual TOSS Flyer OF The Year was given to Mike Reagan for scoring the highest point totals for monthly TOSS contests. Way to go Mike!

-Postal contests? TOSS participated in the first Easy Glider Postal Contest. This was coordinated through Mike Reagan, and scores were funneled into a master data base at the Vegas area soaring club. The participating clubs included TOSS, Detroit Area Soaring Society, and Vegas Soaring Club. Scores for this first postal contest have been posted on the Detroit web sight, and the Vegas sight. Rumor according to Mike Reagan is that TOSS did pretty darned well - taking most of the top ten scoring places for the entire contest! Now that shows we can fly the beer coolers too!

-Annual officer elections for TOSS - do we want to conduct an election and report results

to AMA? Must be done in preparation for the coming year. We need:

- President
- Vice president
- Treasurer
- Official club secretary/scribe
- Newspaper editor
- Field safety officer
- Club photographer
- Competition coordinator

Richard Mason volunteered to be field safety officer for the 2008 season!

Our current club photographer is Greg Wright, who volunteered for the position about three months ago and has done a superb job for TOSS so far.

Any other interested members can volunteer for the above positions. Their names will also be entered into a pool for voting and confirmation by the TOSS membership. Remember folks, a club is no better than the participants, and any member is eligible to try a position on for size!

The formal part of the club meeting was adjourned. The floor was then given to Mike Reagan who so kindly provided a technical discussion of how and why sailplanes fly. There were details covering Polars, L/d, Reynolds numbers, ballasting, flight velocity, minimum sink, and strategy. This was followed by a robust question and answer session with attending members. This was a rare event held by one of the best in the world of RC and full size soaring. His session closed with a healthy round of well deserved applause from those attending. We look forward to having more interactive sessions at club meetings in the future. Any members with ideas on subject matter please chime in! That way, we can work them in to the coming calendar year of TOSS meetings.

Gary W. Filice

	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3					
NAME	TIME	LDG	TIME	LDG	TIME	LDG	Total Time	Pen	Total LDG	Total
Hutch	6:26		2:12		6:22	10.00	15:00		10	910
Jack Iafret	6:48		3:05		3:33		13:26		0	806
Jim Fetterly	2:30		2:15		4:58		9:43		0	583
Barney Bauer	0:30		2:26		2:34	15.00	5:30		15	345
Dave Corven	4:28	10.00	2:21		5:30		12:19		10	749
Wolfgang Ludwig	1:21		2:12		1:57		5:30		0	330
John White	1:51		1:24		1:20		4:35		0	275
John Ferguson	2:32	15.00	3:50	15.00	3:00	10.00	9:22		40	602
Dennis Kozak	3:28						3:28		0	208
Mike Wade	6:01		2:40		2:02	15.00	10:43		15	658
Rick Waitulionis	7:01		4:00		1:51		12:52	5	0	767
NAME	SCORE	PLACE								
Hutch	910	1								
Jack Iafret	806	2								
Rick Waitulionis	767	3								
Dave Corven	749	4								
Mike Wade	658	5								
John Ferguson	602	6								
Jim Fetterly	583	7								
Barney Bauer	345	8								
Wolfgang Ludwig	330	9								
John White	275	10								
Dennis Kozak	208	11								





What & Where...see Mike R



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Notice the smooth flying field. For more info see Mike R