

TOSSUP 08



(Throwback? Time Warp? No....just that Chuck Auerbach is a bit under the weather this month so I temporarily get the job back.....lucky I've still got the software and templates lying around, isn't it? — Martin)

Club Meeting Minutes — October 2008 Meeting

Meeting began at 7PM

Members in attendance:

Charles Babcock, Don Northern, Steve Miele, Bob Swet, Gary Filice, Mike Stern

- Welcome to the 9th TOSS meeting of 2008
- Current Treasury Balance is \$1093.83.
- There are thirty seven paid up TOSS members.

The Annual Club Party was held at Gary's house this year. A good time was had by all thirty members, significant others and guests who attended. Thanks to Debbie Filice and all who helped make it a great success! The general consensus seems to be that having the party earlier (before all the holidays) works better than having it right in the middle of the holidays.

Don has distilled the launch policy into a more "digestible" size. This procedure will be laminated and given to each individual responsible for a winch, please keep it with the winch setup. The policy is attached to this newsletter.

The new Excide gel batteries seem to be performing very well, giving lots of strong launches.

New winch schedule

The new winch schedule is attached to this newsletter.

It's time for new TOSS shirts; Jim will take inventory of stock on hand and we need to decide on style, color and sizes for the new ones. It's possibly order through the AMA as they have our artwork on file. Jim mentioned that there was a problem with the last order, some shirts had streaks appear after the first washing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Responsibilities of a Back Up Pilot

(Don Northern) the 'short' version

- 1.- Stand to the left of the launching pilot, " hands free".
- 2.- Check to see frequency pin and that plane is on.
- 3.- Look to see if launch zone is clear of (crossing planes, pilots, people, pets, etc.)
- 4.- Check with retriever to see if clear and yell " launching"
- 5.- Yell "off" when tow ring releases from plane.
- 6.- Watch for tangles in retriever line and tell retriever person to stop retrieving before they wind them up, then you may have to "tap" the winch to take up slack so that the line will fall on the field, and tell the retriever person what you are doing.
- 7.- If pilot gets in trouble, (pops off, line breaks, interference, etc.) Yell " heads-up" and be ready to help pilot, again you may have to "tap" the winch.
- 8.- If line goes over the road -Take Charge- have someone stop traffic, you may have to cut the line, shut-off battery switches, this requires quick action- use common sense.
- 9.- If retriever person is slow getting hooked up this may require you to take up slack by tapping the winch, let the retriever know what you are doing.
- 10.- Help pilot if they may loose their balance.
- 11.- If suspected interference call out their frequency number and let everyone know that there is a control problem.
- 12.- If a plane looks as if it may land on the road "Stop Traffic" !
- 13.- If you don't feel comfortable with these duties or being a retriever person, ask for help to learn how so we can share the work load by all of us.

Use common sense- Thanks, Don Northern

Winch Schedule



Nov. & Dec. 08

Nov.	2	Carlos C.
	9	Jim P.
	16	Don N./ Carlos C.
	23	Richard M.
	30	Gary F.
Dec.	7	Jim P.
	14	Don N.
	21	Carlos C.
	28	Don N.

Available Winches

Gary Filice	805 529-7534
Don Northern	805 523-1018
Jim Pendergrass	805 386-2653
Carlos Carbajal	805 498-7161
Richard Mason	805 985-8686

If you are unable to do your scheduled day, please trade with someone else on the list.

Winch Scheduler: Jim Pendergrass 805 386-7090

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