

**Thousand Oaks**

November



**Soaring Society**

2010

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

### **Minutes of the TOSS Business Meeting Held 10/27/2010**

**Meeting started at 7:17 PM**

**Treasury statement** included an account balance of 2,148.22 and \$505 in cash.

**In attendance** were: -

Charles Babcock, Bill Bertram, Gary Filice, Jay Harland, Steve Miele, Don Northern, Jim Pendergrass, Bob Swet, Andy Tiffin.

**Old Business**

**Item:**

Steve Miele brought up the issue that certain members wanted to have a discussion concerning hand launch fun-flying on contest days. Discussion amongst those present continued. Can they fly hand launch with restrictions? Bill Bertram said that a vote was taken at a prior meeting, and the vote was to not allow fun flying during contests. The inquiring members wanted to have the subject addressed again. A decision was reached to publish in the newsletter, a statement that the no fun flying rule currently stands, and that at the next club meeting there will be further discussion on the subject. The Presi-

dent requested that interested members please show up at the next meeting to voice their opinions.

**New Business**

**Item:**

Concerning club contest ground rules in general; there are no alternate days for rained-out or blown-out contests.

**Item:**

Do we want another easy glider contest? Bill Bertram, who is stretching his newly acquired Contest Director CD) "legs" stated that this contest format will be up coming in the near future. In the past, this was a "One Class Competition" where all participating pilots flew the same kind of airframe, and with restrictions on allowable modifications. The rules were published nationally. Clubs from around the U.S. participated in a mail-in format that was really enjoyed by those who participated. At our own field, we had cash prizes for the top 3 finishers! Bill Bertram will notify the membership ahead of time as to what the contests format will be

for the coming month.

**Item:**

TOSS members asked Charles Babcock if he could become the official scorekeeper for the Club. Charles accepted the position, and will be handling the books starting with the next competition. Welcome aboard, Charles!

**Item:**

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:45 AM, TOSS will present a check for \$1000 and a commemorative plaque to Redwood Middle School Science and Mathematics Program in appreciation for more than two decades of Redwood field use by TOSS. This generous donation was the direct result of Bill Carp who donated his Psycho, a full house ship which was raffled off and won by Don McNamee.

**Item:**

An up to date inventory of club equipment was presented by Bill Bertram. Some of the inventory will be at the field for those in need to see, and/or borrow. The rest of the inventory of flying equipment will be put to use for making the entry into our hobby by new flyers easier, and less of a financial concern. This has been done by a number of clubs around the country with great success. Again, a big TOSS thanks to Charles Babcock and Charles Thornhill (not a TOSS member) for their generous donations!

**Item:**

Bill Bertram again visited King Gillette

Ranch. Bill discovered that Marsha Feldman, whom we have talked to before, is still in charge of the property with the Mountain Conservancy Authority owning the property outright. Bill talked with some of those in charge. This is an example of an opportunity whereby we must get AMA involved at the outset to better our chances to get a flying site on a portion of the ranch. We also discussed the idea of putting together a more comprehensive and up to date presentation package about who TOSS is, what we do, and what our needs are when it comes to a flying site. Jay, Gary, and Steve will work on this. This could end up being a paper presentation in a PowerPoint format.

**Item:**

We discussed the yearly awards, and the importance of getting them to the trophy maker ASAP!

**Item:**

Andy Tiffin is going to kindly donate some surprise door prizes at the annual TOSS dinner! Thank you Andy!

Updates on both *Derek Bennett* and *Chuck Auerbach* - - they are still fighting the good fight to get their health back. All of us at TOSS wish them the best of success with their rehabilitation. We miss them at the field!

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 PM

## Report on the October Club Contest — (Bill Bertram)

The first of the T.O.S.S. monthly club contests for 2010, took place on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> with a turn out of ten pilots; partially due to the backed up Santa Ana winds, and partially due to not knowing that there was going to be a contest. There were two classes, Expert and Sportsman, with \$10.00 going to the winners of each class. \$30.00 went to the club coffers.

Results Of The 10/10/10 Contest:

First Expert	Mike Reagan	2897
Second	Gary Filice	2614
Third	Don Northern	2144
Fourth	Bill Karp	2087
Fifth	Art Chmielenski	1706
First Sportsman	Jay Harland	2225
Second Sportsman	Bob VanLandingham	1492

There were three other contestants, but they did not post their scores or did not finish

**In accordance with the vote taken at the last monthly club meeting, on the second Sunday of each month there will be a club contest. It was also decided that there will be no fun flying or hand-launch flying during the contest, but you can pay for contest admission and just not fill out a scorecard. Please consider that if you're flying anyway why not keep score (honor system) and besides, some of the contests will be geared to a random scoring system, which means anyone can win.**

The rules for each contest will be explained at the pilots meeting just before the contest begins. Fun flying before the contest starts (approximately 9AM) and after the contest is over is OK! If you are not interested in flying at all the Contest Director (CD) Bill, would appreciate some help running it, i.e. scoring, watching the no fly zone and timing.

## TOSS Plane Inventory



To all members, the club has come by some new inventory in the last month or so, which consist of 6 gliders, 3 radios, chargers, battery checkers, cables, batteries, monocoat irons, and lots of other stuff. Bill Bertram has a complete list with pictures. Most of the planes are slopers, but some can be winched, all are built ups. It was decided at the last club meeting ( YOU KNOW THE ONE YOU WERE NOT AT ) that most of the equipment would be for new members of the club that may need equipment to get started, but if you see something you like or need see Bill. All the inventory was donated or given to the club by Charlie Babcock or Richard Mason.

Thanks Charlie and Richard for your contribution to the club

*(Bill Bertram)*