

# THOUSAND OAKS

October



# SOARING SOCIETY

2007

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

## OFFICERS

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

Flying every Sunday at Redwood School. Every 3rd Sunday we have our club monthly contest. In the event of a cancellation of contest, the contest will be run the following Sunday. If cancelled again, run the following Sunday until the next 3rd Sunday.

## Schedule of Events

Meetings Last Wednesday of every Month.

See our Web site for more information on contests, maps and directions.

<http://toss.freeservers.com>

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

## TOSS MEETING FOR 9-26-07

Present were Jim Pendergrass, Carlos Carbajol, Bob Van Landingham, Charles Babcock, Bob Swet, Michael Reagan, Richard Mason, Steve Miele, Chuck Auerbach, Don Northern, Gary Filice, Mike Stern

Treasury statement, \$906.16

### New Business

- Annual Fall Soaring Festival in Visalia, the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2007.
- There is an APB out for the toss banner, which is supposed to be in a 4" square box that is about 24" in length. All those who have had occasion to bring the banner to a field function in the past, please take a look around to see if it is tucked away in a corner somewhere! Bob Swet has located the banner - as reported on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Gary Filice will bring the ground tarps, and some fold-up tables. Don Northern has an aluminum table as well. There should be two easy-ups as well brought along.
- Richard Mason is going north soon, and he will try and tag us a couple of places along the

line. Thanks Richard for doing that for the TOSS gang!

The subject of the yearly TOSS dinner party was discussed. Last year, the party was held at the beautiful home of the John Elias family. It was a good time for all! As for this year, I had contacted John Elias on the rumor that he was interested in hosting the party again at his home! He has again kindly made his home available to TOSS! His choice for the party date was on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. A notice will be sent out to all club members via our newsletter and separate mailing.

-Battery purchase for club winches was composed of 4 units, Exide jellyroll, \$120/battery for a total of 514.76. We saved \$80 through batteries plus! Richard Mason has three of the units; Martin Usher has the fourth battery. Therefore everyone should be up on club equipment. Thanks to Richard and Don Northern on sourcing the newer Exide batteries and working an \$80 savings on the four units!

-Richard has a possible access to steel bike hubs. Kyle has access to bike parts as well. Any steel hubs we can obtain for replacement of aluminum hubs on our winches and retrievers would be timely since the aluminum units

are wearing out.

#### Old Business

-New flight site work discussion included Approaching homeowners adjacent to the new park area. We need to put some kind of presentation together that would bring them up to speed on the nature of flying sailplanes. Perhaps Martin Usher can get more details on the contacts. Perhaps a video presentation would help.

-Also possible connection to southland sod farms via Richard Mason who used to sail boats with the sod farm owner. The owner is into flying sailplanes as well!

-Bring a noisemaker megaphone to the field to warn pilots of going past the fence line behind the launch area. This will help all pilots to get an instant message on when they are on the line. The situation will get better

ture of how close their planes are when at the fence line. The noisemaker on our club megaphone is very loud and can easily penetrate up wind to those standing near the landing zone. It was discussed amongst those present at the meeting if we could open up sterns corner again. This is the area behind the backstop and east along Gainsborough Rd. After several round-robin discussions, it was decided that we ought to let things rest for now and not rock the boat with any re-expansion of the flying area. The reasoning behind the decision involves the school principal who does not want to talk to us again about problems with the neighbors! The area behind and along Gainsborough is often an area where a pilot loses sight of his low flying plane down wind. This has happened before, and it just takes one incident with a passing car to really clamp the lid on flying at our field!

## Important Notice

### Toss Field Frequency Requirements

We can only use these frequencies:

11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35,

36, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60

Channels not used much:

20, 24, 34, 36, 38, 56.

AMATEUR RADIO FREQ.: 02, 05, 08, 09, 53.4, 53.5.

TOSS Team at last SC-2 contest





