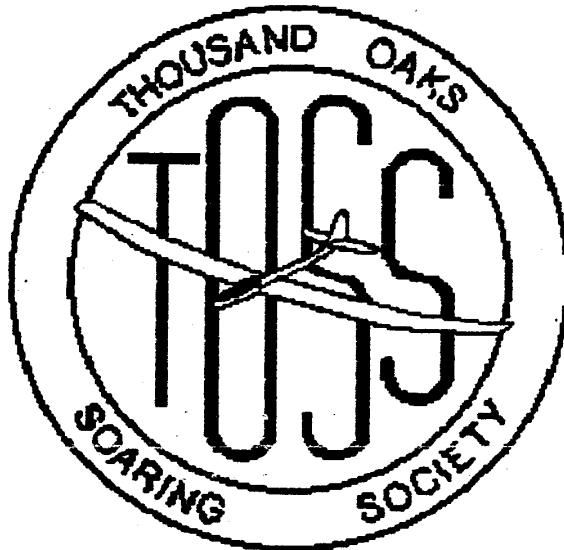


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Next Contest; SEPT. 9th 1989

C/D: Eric Hendrickson

Type: ???

SC squared Aug. 27th 1989

Next Meeting: Sept 27th 1989

Place: Oaks Mall
Next to Bullocks
Hillcrest Dr. T.O.

Time 7:30 p.m.



**THOUSAND OAKS SOARING
SOCIETY
MINUTES OF JULY 26, 1989
REGULAR MEETING No. 7**

There were ten members present
Eric Hendrickson called the meeting to
order at 7:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Eric and Ed reported on the events at the
TOSS 1989 F3H International Western Great
Race held last July 7, 8 & 9.

Chuck gave a report on the Pasco, Wash-
ington NATS.

NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Club trophies were discussed
and it was voted upon affirmatively to retain
"Pictures Plaques" for November and on.

A reminder that the SCSC contest will be
held and hosted by TOSS this coming August 27..

Ed Oldenburg will CD the TOSS monthly
contest August 12th as well as the SCSC (SC
squared) event.

Eric Hendrickson would like to conduct a
"Cross-Country" seminar at Taft, CA this
coming November.

A lengthy discussion on Club Lethargy,
it's probable causes and possible solutions was
held.

Bob DeShields brought his newly com-
pleted 1934 SG38 scale model glider for show-
and-tell. This gorgeous model captured
everyone's attention.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.
No Raffle was held.

Ed Oldenburg

Eric's Blurp

Where are YOU? The summer is almost
over and where are our club members? What
can the club officers do to get more participation
out of everyone. The last meeting had only 8
people there and we had 17 present for our
contest in August of which 4-5 were from Santa
Clerita. I'd like to know?

Give me a call. I want more participation. Along
these same lines, we have added a Sportsman
Class for our contests with a trophy given to
whoever wins first place. It will work like SCSC
with Sportsman able to win the whole ball of
wax but the Experts can't win in Sportsman. To
move up to Expert you have to win Sportsman
three times.

I just got home from our August contest
and the new format worked well. There was good
competition in both Expert and Sportsman.
Congratulations to Ralph Morgan for winning
Sportsman, getting his time in every round and
to Ed Oldenburg for taking Expert by squeaking
one point by Joe and 6 points by myself. That's
how close the competition was. Ed was the CD and
he held 3,5,7 you take your pick and he had a
fourth round so you had the option of keeping you
first three rounds or scratching one and flying a
fourth. There was some strategy involved and it
turned out making the contest extremely close.
The other thing I'd like to mention is we (the
Officers) changed the entry fees to 5 bucks for
one class and 7 bucks if you fly both Expert and
Two meter. We have only been giving out first
place in Two Meter and I'd like to see more
entrants in Two Meter. The whole idea is to fly
on contest day so bring out your Two Meters too.
The Junior fee is still a buck a contest. By the
way there is no need to run off when the contest
is over. It seems there is a race to the gate as
soon as people are done with the third round.
Some of the best flying is after the contest and I
know some of us a more than willing to stay and
help others. This is when I get some of my best
pointers from the guys left standing around.

Ed has an idea of handicapping the Expert
flyers for our contests much like bowling does
these days and will be working on a system to
make it equitable. I think we ought to give it a



try once he has the bugs worked out.

We are also going to designate a particular Day each month as a Fun Fly day at the field. This will be done by the meeting in August if not sooner. We are going to make sure someone is out there to help the new people and it should be a terrific experience for everyone.

I screwed up in the last newsletter saying Art was going to Demo Monokoting at the July meeting. Well it is actually the August meeting and we still have a Vanguard radio for the raffle so COME to the meeting. I have some good ideas for upcoming meetings as well. In September I'll demo a Vision radio. I promise a program of interest at the meetings from here out. As far as the business end is concerned if you have input call an officer and let them know your feelings, because we aren't having long winded business sessions at the meetings anymore.

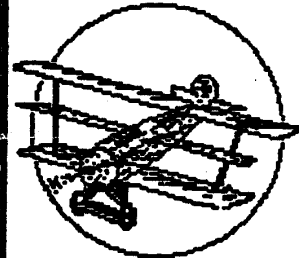
I won an ACE certificate for 25% off any size order. I have to place the order by 1/90 so if you want anything I'll be bringing the catalog to the club functions the next month or so and we can all enjoy the discount.

We need to get moving on finding a new field, only a couple of people are even asking me questions. We all need to help on this one!

The last thing is I am hosting a X-C seminar/contest in November this year. I'm working on a date and I am shooting for the first weekend. Why should this concern any of you? Well its not just for the big birds, I'm running two classes one of Unlimiteds and the second class will be 120" and less. The Second category is for first timers only with Saturday's course 1.24 miles out and back (LSF 1Y) and Sunday 6.2 miles out and back (LSF Y). I have gotten great response from some excellent flyers to talk on a variety of subjects. It should have something for everyone and it won't cost more than 10 bucks. Hopefully it will be a success and if so I'll hold it every year. If you want to attend or help out let me know. More to follow next month.

Eric

The Red Baron



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C/D's For the Year.

Jan 7th	Wayne Meridith
Feb 11th	Don McNamee
Mar 11th	Bob Goldsmith
Apr 8th	Eric Hendrickson
May 15th	Art McNamee
Jun 10th	Myles Moran
Jul 8th	Chuck Griswold
Aug 12th	Ed Oldenberg
Sept 9th	Eric Hendrickson
Oct 14th	Richard Hartman
Nov 11th	Ralph Morgan
Dec 9th	Don Northern



THE SOAP BOX

I must have reached some of you, with the pitch for fun flyers. I'll probably add to this Soap Box at a later date, but as always, the newsletter rests heavily on my mind and voices from afar floated into my domain today. Why do I talk this way??? God! — the voice that floated in was none other than that of Bob Onstad. The voice was actually a letter but I can still hear Bob, waxing eloquent. Bob's letter goes like this.

Dear Chuck et al:

Thanks for another fine newsletter, I do enjoy them all. Your editorial on contest participation by TOSS members has long been a bone of contention by many of the club members. I remember well the ominous proclamings of Warren Buster, as the club was still in the formative stages, that if a club leans too heavily towards contest, it can be the undoing of that club in the long run. I often thought of his forbodings as I watched the fun flying aspect by TOSS members ever dwindling. I found this especially true in my own case, as I became more and more interested and involved in contest flying. I did less and less fun flying, and when I did it was a means to an end, that being to sharpen my contest skills. Anyone who spent any time at all on "the hill" or at the many school grounds or the soccer field or Wildwood is kidding himself if he doesn't recall the sheer unpressured enjoyment of those times. But we all know that the main thrust of club flying has turned away from care free flying. Not that I don't enjoy and relish contest flying, as you do too, Chuck, but you are absolutely right in calling for some introspection of the clubs leanings and direction.

I also thoroughly enjoyed Eric's report on the Taft X/C race, as I had been wondering how it all went. First one I have missed and one of the few things I have missed by not being there.

As for my own flying, it has been completely for fun and most certainly solo, as I have yet to find or create any interest in any of the locals as yet. —

Your friend
Bob

Bob also tells about honing his bass fishing skills.

As you can probably tell Bob is still very much interested in TOSS. There must be a way for the hot shoes to help out at the off contest days. The trouble with contests are, for every weekend a contest takes away eight to ten of the serious types that are the best qualified to train or give a bit of advice on thermaling, landing, balancing, etc. After a while the flying field or hill or school yard or where ever the fun flyers are flying, don't need TOSS any more. In-fact the only reason for TOSS in the first place is for a good time and a little help. If we aren't a good time, then we aren't a club. There! Smoke that for awhile.

The monthly contest was well attended. The new sportsman class had seven contestants, score one for our side. Thanks guys. When you look at the contest scores don't panic. Ed and Joe didn't tie for first place, Ed took it by a point (when Ed can find his time he's a hard man to beat.) After you normalize the scores and round off to the nearest whole number, the scores come out the same. At flyer of the year time, I'll make sure that it all gets straightened out.

Thanks to the SCSA bunch that came down for our sportsman class.

**DON'T FORGET SC SQUARED ON
AUG. THE 27 th.**

Ye'll have fun now ya hear!

Chuck



NORMALIZED

Max score JUN **3000**

Highest T.O.S.S. score JUN **2940**

SPORTSMAN CLASS

* NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG
1 HENDRICKSON	TOSS	6873	973	969	963	969	996	966	996
2 YURTS	TOSS	5993	996	997	1000	1000	1000	0	1000
3 OLDENBURG	TOSS	5669	0	1000	871	917	884	997	1000
4 NORTHERN	TOSS	5656	898	993	0	961	865	975	963
5 WEISMAN	TOSS	5627	676	978	523	780	911	835	923
6 HARTMAN	TOSS	5257	804	938	882	907	817	903	0
7 GRISVOLD	TOSS	4583	907	0	934	952	795	996	0
8 KOPLAN	TOSS	3928	0	0	0	986	961	1000	982
9 MORAN	TOSS	3822	958	919	979	0	965	0	0
10 GOLDSMITH	TOSS	3699	792	0	418	865	682	942	0
11 MORGAN	TOSS	3538	932	915	0	0	782	909	0
12 VICKERS	PSS	3481	886	919	948	0	0	0	727
13 SWAIN	TOSS	3299	0	928	0	623	884	866	0
14 LINDGREN	TOSS	2769	0	0	846	951	0	972	0
15 McNAMEE A.	TOSS	2718	946	0	0	963	0	0	809
16 MEREDITH	TOSS	1721	876	845	0	0	0	0	0
17 HOLWAY	TOSS	1291	0	490	367	434	0	0	0
18 SREN	PSS	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 HINMAN	TOSS	934	0	0	0	934	0	0	0
20 McNAMEE D.	TOSS	902	0	0	0	902	0	0	0
21 ONSTAD	TOSS	895	895	0	0	0	0	0	0
22 DOUGLAS, I	SYSA	823	0	0	823	0	0	0	0
23 VAN HAMERSVELD	TOSS	788	442	0	346	0	0	0	0
24 SWET	TOSS	590	0	0	0	0	0	590	0

		TOTAL	AUG
1 MORGAN	TOSS	1000	1000
2 SWET	TOSS	972	972
3 D HENDRICKSON	TOSS	947	947
4 MES	SCSA	829	829
5 VOSS	SCSA	744	744
6 KOVACH	SCSA	722	722
7 GOLDSMITH	TOSS	535	535

**2 METER CONTEST
NORMALIZED TO 1000**

NAME	CLUB	TOTAL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	AUG
1 HENDRICKSON	TOSS	6788	911	968	1000	952	966	1000	991
2 YURTS	TOSS	5969	1000	990	978	1000	1000	0	1000
3 OLDENBURG	TOSS	3443	0	1000	969	746	728	0	0
4 HOLWAY	TOSS	2418	0	0	534	917	0	966	0
5 VAN HAMERSVELT	TOSS	1946	546	0	361	485	0	0	553
6 GRISVOLD	TOSS	1834	0	0	0	0	890	943	0
7 VICKERS	SCSA	1577	823	0	0	0	0	0	754
8 McNAMEE A.	TOSS	922	0	0	0	922	0	0	0
9 MORAN	TOSS	916	0	0	916	0	0	0	0
10 MEREDITH	TOSS	887	0	887	0	0	0	0	0
11 MES	SCSA	875	0	0	0	0	0	0	875
12 DOUGLAS, I	SYSA	844	0	0	0	844	0	0	0
13 HARTMAN	TOSS	733	0	0	733	0	0	0	0
14 VOSS	SCSA	642	0	0	0	0	0	0	642
15 Mc NAMEE D.	TOSS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0