

# Thousand Oaks December



# Soaring Society 2010

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

<http://www.tosoaring.com/>

## Minutes of the TOSS Meeting Held 11/24/10

Members in attendance: Charles Babcock, Bill Bertram, Gary Filice, Jay Harland, Steve Miele, Jim Pendergrass, Bob Swet, Mike Stern, Martin Usher.  
Guest: Ken Kawahara.

Meeting started at 7:10 PM.

### Old business:

- Quick review of the TOSS annual dinner resulted in many positive comments from those attending. The official attendance at the dinner was 37 people. Everyone enjoyed the facility, the atmosphere, and the food. The dinner offered a chance for TOSS members and their families to gather off of the flying field environment for some good interaction in pleasant surroundings. There were a few suggestions for improving the affair such as soliciting participation with the ladies of the club concerning planning, coordination of food preparation, etc. We ran short of some plates and flat wear since more folks came than was planned for! In the past, many members felt it unfair to burden the wives with food preparation, etc. However in the distant past, TOSS wives really went to great lengths to get involved with the affair.

There were some really grand parties in those years. It sounds like this may be happening again! Needless to say, there was a great deal of activity on the part of the club wives in helping out with the dinner this year, and I want to give a hearty TOSS Than You all, and a Well Done to those ladies for their assistance.

Of special note, there were no less than 5 children and their parents attending this year's dinner; it is a wonderful thing to see new families and young members coming into the club! All of the bills for the party have been paid, but according to Jim Pendergrass, there are still some outstanding RSVP's to be collected from TOSS members. Thank you for being prompt with your dinner payments, and please send them over to Jay Harland.

### New Business:

- Treasurers report: the checkbook balance is \$1425.04.
- Some discussion about modifying the TOSS charter/by-laws. One deals with awarding of life memberships. The charter allows for 1 year free memberships, but not

life memberships. Should there be a special provision for this? It was suggested that a vote (per current charter/by-laws) be included with the 2011 dues submittal letter.

- The second charter item deals with spending limits. The discussion led to the fact that in the past, expenditures of any consequence were always voted on and approved by the quorum of members in attendance at the monthly meetings. This was an automatic regulatory function concerning expenditures. Most of those in attendance felt that no charter change was needed, and that the vote for approval process was adequate for the time being.

- At the November 23 faculty meeting at Redwood Middle School, TOSS presented a check for \$1000 to the math and science program at the school. This gift was made possible by the generous donation and raffle of an airplane by Bill Carp. There were about 40 faculty members including the Principal and Vice Principal as well as director of the Math/Science Program during the presentation which included donation of a commemorative plaque. This presentation was a thank you for more than 20 years of field usage by TOSS members.

- A special meeting was held at the home of Gary Filice that included Jay Harland, Bill Bertram and Steve Miele for the purpose of revamping the presentation package that TOSS will use when contacting any bureaucrats, or landowners concerning a new flying site. This packet will include a TOSS history, who we are, what we do, and what our needs are when it comes to asking for a place to fly.

This package should also be combined with support by our AMA District X representative for maximum effectiveness.

- The subject of nominations and voting for club officers for 2011 was discussed. How could we do this more effectively? It could be done via the annual renewal form where members check their preferences on the form and mail it in with their annual club dues, or it could be done via E-mail to the club president. The list of club officers and definitions of their responsibilities will be published in the next (this) newsletter. This will clarify their responsibilities and perhaps aid in making selections for officers, or make it easier to take on one of the positions as well.

(Presidents note: as our club has grown, we've added a few new positions and duties; specifically Flying Site Coordinator and Librarian. See below for a list of positions and duties when considering nominations for these positions.)

- Final item dealt with the difficulty of getting a checking account for the club. As Jay Harland has mentioned, going into a bank without some kind of Tax ID number makes it nearly impossible to establish an account. This item is up for further discussion and possible action.

Ken Kawahara is a long time TD and slope flier and will be joining the club forthwith; when you see him on the field please make an effort to make him feel welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM

**Our next monthly meeting will be in January, on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL TOSS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

## **HERE IS A LIST OF TOSS OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES (FROM THE WEBSITE).**

### **A. President - the President shall:**

1. Preside at all club meetings.
2. Act as spokesperson for the club in all matters pertaining to club business.
3. Appoint all special committees.

### **B. Vice President - the Vice President shall:**

1. Act in all matters for the President when the President is unable to serve.

### **C. Secretary - the Secretary shall:**

1. Keep attendance at all club meetings.
2. Provide written minutes of said meetings as an official record of this club paying particular attention to details of motions and seconds which are duly passed.

### **D. Treasurer - the Treasurer shall:**

1. Collect all monies due the club.
2. Keep a record of all monies received or disbursed.
3. Safeguard the assets of the club at all times.
4. Make his book available for inspection by any qualified member of the club to be appointed by the President.
5. Notify members in arrears in dues.
6. The Treasurer and other officers will be authorized to make financial transactions.

**Field Safety Officer:** This person must know the general AMA safety rules for conducting flight activities at any chartered AMA flight site. They enforce the rules during weekend flying and ensures that the field is laid out properly on contest days.

**Competition Coordinator / Club Contest Director:** This individual(s) is a certified

Contest Director. They follow up on who will be the CD for TOSS club contests, coordinate contest format and notify TOSS members of upcoming contest activities such as SC<sup>2</sup>, BUBW, regional and postal contests etc.. They take care of filing contest sanctioning paperwork for AMA sanctioned contests.

**Historian:** Collects, collates and stores photos and other club information. Typically in the past this material has been held in a scrapbook but the website has a secondary site which contains material covering the last decade or two of club activities.

**Photographer:** A person with the equipment and expertise to be able to record field and competition activities. This person also collects material from other club members; they provide material for the Newsletter Editor and the Historian.

**Newsletter Editor / Webmaster:** These are typically two jobs that are currently being done by two people. The newsletter is now only published electronically and the web site's primary purpose is to host the newsletter.

**Flying Site Coordinator:** Works to secure a new flying site for the club.

**Librarian:** Stores, maintains and tracks use of Club books, periodicals, DVD's, VHS videos and other media materials available to the club membership.

## Nominations for Club Officers — 2011

**President:**

**Vice President:**

**Treasurer:**

**Secretary:**

**Field Safety Officer:**

**Competition Coordinator:**

**Historian:**

**Photographer:**

**Newsletter Editor:**

**Webmaster:**

**Librarian:**

Please fill out your nominations and (preferably) attach it to your renewal for 2011

## **Thousand Oaks Soaring Society monthly club contest**

A northeast wind hampered the club contest held on 12/12/2010 with more than one off field landings, although there were no major crashes, traffic was held up on Gainsborough while one of the sailplanes was recovered from a landing short of the field. There were only 10 participants in the contest due to the backed up winds. A total of \$70.00 dollars was collected of which \$20.00 dollars was given out as prize money. Because there were only 10 flyers in the contest the winners only received their entry fee back. Gary Felice donated \$20 to the club of which \$10.00 was used as an incentive for a perfect landing. Hats were placed at the end of the 2 landing tapes with a \$5.00 dollar bill under each hat. Hit the hat win the five. Richard Mason and Ben Wright were the pilots that made the perfect landings. A special thanks to Jim Pendergrass for keeping score and posting the results.

### CONTEST RESULTS

#### WOODY CLASS

First	Jay Harland with 995 points
Second	Don Northern with 916 points
Third	Bob Swet with 517
Forth	Bob VanLandingham DNF

#### Open Class

First	Gary Felice with 1680 points
Second	Mike Reagan with 1677 points
Third	Jay Harland with 1330 points
Forth	Richard Mason with 1089 points
Fifth	Bill Karp with 916 points
Sixth	Ben Wright with 662 points