

# Thousand Oaks



# Soaring Society

## February 2008

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

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Soaring every Sunday at Redwood School

### Schedule of Events

Meetings Last Wednesday of every Month.  
See our Web site for more  
information, maps and directions.  
<http://tossfreeservers.com>

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

### TOSS MEETING FOR 2-27-08

In attendance: Gary Filice, Bill Bertram, Steve Miele, Don Northern, Martin Usher, Jim Pendergrass, Chuck Auerbach, and Mike Reagan, Bob Van Landingham, Bill Bertram, Mike Stern, Richard Mason, Ben Wright, Greg Wright, Craig Borstelman,

Current Treasury Balance is \$752.58.

- Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> TOSS meeting of 2008
- On the agenda, we covered:
- Our club charter renewal with Redwood Middle School, Paramount Ranch, and AMA. These are all due up in March.
- Flight site activity.
- Election of TOSS officers that must be completed for our AMA Charter Renewal.

Nominations for all of the club office were sent in by members, totaled up, and announced at the meeting. With the exception of competition coordinator, there was a clear front-runner for each official position based upon the number of votes cast by the membership. Competition coordinator was put to discussion at the meeting and one of the two competing candidates was chosen by the membership in attendance. All front running nominees for all official positions were run through a motion for vote, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of the attending membership. Thanks again to all TOSS membership for participating in this important TOSS function!

After ratification of the above club official positions, discussion was opened up for the possible addition of an additional official position within the TOSS organization. This centered on the need for a Flight Site Coordinator. This person is the clearing house and spearhead for any efforts concerning the investigation of, contacts concerning, and status of any activities dealing with the acquisition of new or alternate flying sites for TOSS. Gary Filice introduced

the idea, and also suggested having Bill Bertram start out as this year's Flight Site Coordinator. Bills experience in this area was discussed at length, and his experience includes: Dealing with cities and municipalities, parks directors, being instrumental in opening up a National Park to the sport of hang gliding, being able to speak the language of bureaucracies, and just having a hard nosed can-do attitude about cutting through red tape. Chuck Auerbach seconded this and the members voted Bill in unanimously in attendance! Welcome aboard, Bill!

#### FLIGHT SITE COORDINATOR---BILL BERTRAM

The above listing will be filed with the AMA when our charter renewal papers arrive in March.

Pursuant to the discussions on flight site acquisition, Bill gave a thorough summary of his latest activities involving the Santa Monica State Park organization at Paramount Ranch, and the new folks in charge there.

Σ Evan Jones and Mike Wilson are the head folks for Paramount at this time. Bill Bertram, Charles Babcock, Chuck Auerbach, and Don Northern met with these folks, and specifics were discussed about improvements, etc. to the flying site. We do not need a permit to fly there, and this covers up to 50 people. More than that then you need a permit. The flight site is open to the public, and therefore electrics as well as gliders are using the space. No gas planes are allowed. The positive side is that it can be improved! One thing approved is the use of a landing carpet, but must be taken down after the event. On the other hand, Bill asked if we could seed the area with rye grass. The answer for now is a flat out No! Could we mow the area? The answer is NO! Additionally, no money can change hands on the property for any reason unless a special permit is taken out. This means that any monies collected for contests would have to be collected in advance unless permitted to do soon the property. More details on this to follow.

Bill asked about other places to fly within the park system. No drivable areas are available in the park between the Paramount Ranch and the ocean. 2 other places were possible for us. One is the old university at the South East corner of Las Vergennes and Mulholland Road that has two huge lawns that are surrounded by huge trees! This is too steep of an entry for safe flying and approaches.

Σ A second piece of land under MRCA (Malibu Recreation).....is called the Diamond X Ranch. It is used primarily for restoring the water table. It is twice as big as our current field and located on the Northeast section of land from the Las Vergenes and Mulholland intersection. It is level, has a good buffer zone from roads, power lines, trees, and houses. Bill Bertram is trying to contact the lady who owns the land. If Bill is successful, the perhaps we can get a look at it and open further discussions with the owner.

Σ Club charter renewal with the Redwood Middle School will be handled by Martin Usher. We will have to wait and see if all signatures can be obtained for this year.

Meeting closed in time for some videos and kit repair issues. **Next meeting, Mike Reagan will lecture on contest landing techniques. Don't miss this one!!**

Gary





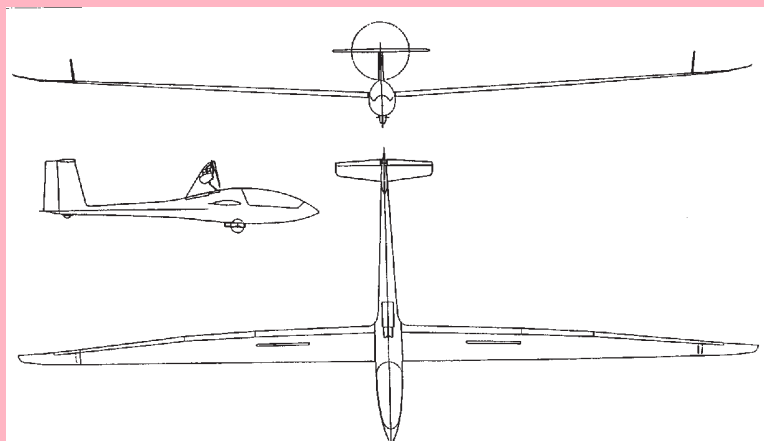


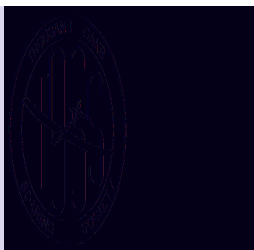




## A Long Drink

Josef and his friend Claude plus his large new moulded “Super Orchid” Ventus, had already used up a week of their 14 day holiday in the South of France. Today, they got up and airborne early, because they planned to cross the Madane Valley and fly as far as Dent Parrachée. Although they managed to do so, it was not very easy, because north of this large Alpine valley and in the valley itself, the base had sunk quite low due to the moist air from the NorthWest. Npw, they were heading South West back to base, and were happy to pose the new aircraft for a few photos over the Lac de Serre-Poncon against the setting sun, to be followed by a landing in Sisteeron, a good dinner and a few glasses of excellent French red wine. What a finale to a great day’s aviating!





# THOUSAND OAKS SOARING SOCIETY

Invites you to the April SC2 Contest

**DATE: Sunday, April 20, 2008**

**Location: Redwood School, Thousand Oaks, CA**

**CONTEST DIRECTOR:** Mike Reagan  
Assistant CD: Gary Filice

**Sign Up:** 8:30 AM  
**Pilot's Meeting:** 8:50 AM  
**Contest Start's:** 9:00 AM

**Entry fee:** \$10.00 One Class or RES  
\$20.00 Two Classes  
FREE AMA Juniors & Seniors

## AWARDS:

Expert - 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Intermediate - 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sportsman - 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
RES - 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Woody - 1<sup>st</sup>  
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**FIELD:** Mowed Grass

**RESTROOMS:** located nearby.

**EQUIPMENT:** 12 Volt winches with retrievers  
Approximately 675 feet to turn arounds.

## TASKS:

### 4 Rounds

For a total of 28 minutes

**Landings:** 25 Foot tape worth 50 points

**Flight Order:** Open

Round 1: 4 Minutes for 950 points

Round 2: 8 Minutes for 950 points

Round 3: 8 Minutes for 950 points

Round 4: 8 Minutes for 950 points

## RULES:

Pilots must show current AMA cards.  
10 Seconds to accept relaunch or to fly it out.  
All SC2 2008 Rules

No Flying over launch area below launch height!  
No flying East of the field fence line.  
No metal landing aids are allowed.

**Field Location:** (Thomas Guide: Pg 525, E6)  
Redwood Intermediate School  
233 W Gainsborough Rd (between Moorpark and Lynn)  
Thousand Oaks, CA

## Call for addition information:

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## Visit our Website:

TOSS.FREESERVERS.COM

## DIRECTIONS

### 101 Southbound

Exit Lynn Road  
North on Lynn Road  
East on Gainsborough Rd  
Proceed to Redwood School

### 23 Southbound

Exit Janss Road  
West on Janss Road  
South on Moorpark Road  
West on Gainsborough Rd  
Proceed to Redwood School

### 101 Northbound

Exit Moorpark Road  
North on Moorpark Road  
West on Gainsborough Rd  
Proceed to Redwood School

