

Thousand Oaks OCTOBER



Soaring Society 2008

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

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Schedule of Events
Meetings Last Wednesday of every Month.
See our Web site for more
information, maps and directions.
<http://toss.freeservers.com>
Soaring every Sunday at Redwood School
Art McMamee is mailing out the newsletter
to members who require a hard copy.
If you need one call Art.

Annual TOSS DINNER OCTOBER 25, 2008

at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Filice, 11502 Northdale Dr., Moorpark CA 805 529 7534
RSVP \$10.00 per head

Meeting began at 7PM

Members in attendance:

Charles Babcock, Bill Bertram, Bob Van Landingham,
Richard Mason, Steve Miele, Bob Swit, Martin Usher,
Mike Stern, Gary Filice, Jason Rowlands

Guest:

Andrew Tiffin

- Welcome to the 8th TOSS meeting of 2008
- Current Treasury Balance is \$1442.54.
- On the agenda tonight:
 - Club Contests.
 - Flying site acquisition.
 - Recent incident at the field

Annual Club Party will be at Gary's house this year. The date is tentatively set for Oct 25. The cost will be \$10 per person, please invite your significant others and acquaintances. Multiple entrées will be obtained from a caterer and side dishes will be provided by the "chefs" in the club. If you have a favorite side that you would like to bring contact Gary.

SC² Contest Schedule

(<http://sc-2.org/web>)

September 28, ISS

October 4 & 5, Visalia

October 19, Torrey Pines Gulls

November 16, Rain Date

Gary reported on the Soaring Masters - Indian summer weather conditions prevailed. All tasks were 12min rounds, no skegs allowed. The LZ was very small and the ground was very hard. Supra's were the most prevalent plane with Onyx' and Pike Perfects showing well. There were many pilots from other countries including Turkey, Czechoslovakia, France, Canada and others. Gary's Supra had mid air when landing and damaged the leading edge of his Supra wing. Launch winches were run all day on Optima truck duty batteries; Gary has a line on two of these for \$50 each. They are lighter than the deep-cycle lead-acid batteries but heavier than the Gel batteries. No retriever winches used! Return of the launch line was by golf carts!

A new Roster is available from Jim Pendergrass. There are five new members, welcome Dane Vannett, John Gibbs, Jonathan Charnas, Jim Lueken, and Michael Diamond.

New t-Shirts may be in order as the current batch are starting to look a bit shabby. AMA has our artwork on file as well as a copy retained by Lex.

Old Business:

Flying site retention and acquisition:

Bill gave his latest, detailed, flying site acquisition report:

Bill met and discussed our needs with Linda Parks (Ventura County Supervisor) who assisted the Conejo Fliers with their field acquisition at the North East end of Wendy Drive, Thousand Oaks. Their acquisition took close to 6 years to complete. Bill reports that this does not seem to be a productive avenue.

Bill is trying to schedule a meeting with the current Mayor of The City of Thousand Oaks. A Variety of individuals have recommended that club members attend many, many city council meetings and voice our desire for finding a flying site; this apparently is one aspect of how the Conejo Fliers acquired their field.

Hill Canyon – The City of Thousand Oaks has leased 33 acres to a farming concern. There is still a small area left. Currently, the City will not allow us to use the site. Martin will try to find out why the City has had such a drastic turn around from some of the discussions.

Wes Decou (AMA site acquisition) has apparently abandoned our cause.

Mega kudos to Bill for all of his time and hard work that hopefully will benefit all of us.

New Business:

There was a launch incident at the field on Sept 14. The saga unfolded when Mike Carp crashed his plane onto Gainsborough Road after launch. It is suspected that a launch programming setup, CG or tow hook position problem was to blame. In the interest of addressing potential launch difficulties, Don has recommend and drafted a new policy/ procedure. Basically it calls for a safety person, a third person at launch to monitor for safe launch conditions. This procedure really just puts into words the protocols that we already follow; the only addition is the third person. Universal implementation may take a few weekends. A copy of his policy is part of this newsletter.

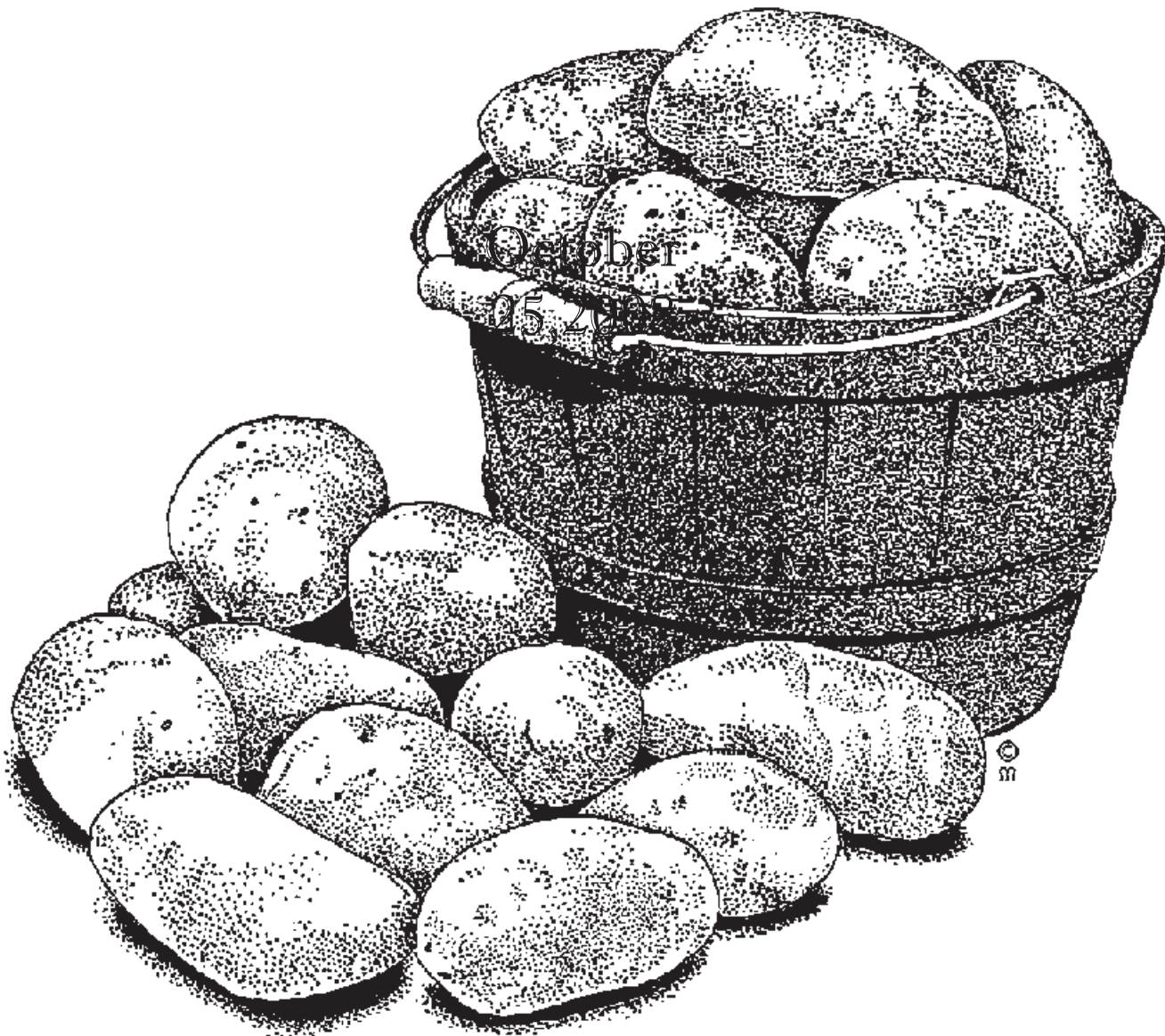
Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.



Annual TOSS Club

DINNER

October 25, 2008



The Home of Gary and Deborah Filice
11502 Northdale Dr., Moorpark CA, 93021
RSvp with \$10/head fee to Jim Pendergrass 805 386 7090

Anything stronger than Sody Pop, bring it wit ya!