

# THOUSAND OAKS

## September



# 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  
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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.freesevers.com>

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

### Presidents Corner

#### TOSS MEETING FOR 8-29-07

Present were: Jim Pendergrass, Martin Usher, Bob Van Landingham, Charles Babcock, Paul Verderosa, Bob Swet, Mike Stern, Don Northern, Richard Mason, Steve Miele, Mike Reagan, Lex Mierop, and Gary Filice.

Current treasury Balance is \$1,331.92

Sandwiches and drinks were served.

#### Old Business:

-Field flight restrictions. Most all of our club members have been flying under the flight restrictions established last month. So far, the reviews have been favorable in that we have avoided flying over the areas of concern. Yes, there is some getting used to how far we are from where we stand during the flight and the fence line. The difficult part seems to be with signaling any pilot who is concentrating on a flight task, and where he may be out of hearing range. The flag signal may not get their attention, and perhaps we may want to look into some kind of warning whistle. Remember, sound travels poorly against the wind direction. Most all of the time, the wind comes in from the Southwest. If you are standing in the landing area, the sound of the caller may not reach you against the wind.

-Jim Pendergrass still felt that there ought to have been a handout at the last BUBW. This may be a good idea until word really gets out with anyone attending a contest. However, so far it's working, and there was

only one DQ so far as a result of crossing the line during the BUBW contest. Most all observers felt that the violation seemed blatant on the part of the pilot, or that he was just so focused on his flying, he did not realize what he was doing - - and this took place over the power lines and back yards of greatest concern.

-Visalia field reservation through Richard Mason is going forward, and he promised to get TOSS a spot on the field? Thanks, Richard for doing that for us!

-Equipment repairs including new cabling from Don Northern to Richard Mason, and battery acquisition of 4 new jellyroll type batteries. Richard mason and Jim Pendergrass agreed to look into if we can get a price break on a 4-unit purchase from the local dealers.

-Winch operation during Visalia weekend will be through Martin Usher.

#### New Business:

-TOSS members at the meeting had a chance to go over the new Flight frequency agreement with Conejo Quiet Flyers. The agreement was hammered out with the help of three CQF members, Don Northern, Bob Swet, and Gary Filice during a meeting held the week of the BUBW contest.

At the TOSS monthly meeting we got input, questions, and addition of channel 03 to the TOSS list. Also noted was channel 16 going to Conejo Quiet Flyers. TOSS will keep channel 43 and 46. CQF will give up channel 46. See the attached agreement sheet with all of the frequencies called out for both clubs. A copy of the agreement sheet will be kept at the field at all times along with phone numbers for contacting CQF if there are any problems or concerns during a flying day. We hope this agreement helps both TOSS and CQF

to share the airwaves so that we can have safe flying in the Conejo Valley. Again, I am asking all TOSS members to read the agreement and understand the implications. If there are any questions about the frequency agreement, please ask before turning on your radio and launching.

-One of the CQF members attending the frequency agreement meeting, TIM Nanson, is interested in helping on the acquisition of a new flight sight. This would include: 1. The new 328-acre recreation area near Sycamore Canyon. 2. The Simi Dump area. Both will take some time, but Tim has had experience in these matters. His help would be most appreciated.

-The TOSS members in attendance reviewed the BUBW contest. Yes we had a small crowd, but we all agreed that folks who flew had fun and want to come again to fly at TOSS. We discussed a few things that might increase the attendance. One was to include our mailing on the Visalia mass-mailing roster. That way we will get the most coverage about our event, and there will be no doubt about whether the contest is still on. TOSS still managed to bring in about \$150 in revenues from the contest.

-A question was brought up about the need for radio impound when all flyers are on 2.4 GHz. Most all felt, and with good reason that there must be a control to the flow of flying during contests, especially to avoid a free-for-all when the lift gets good. That can make for an unsafe situation when too many pilots in the air

at the same time form a monster gaggle!

-Mike Reagan gave a report on the new 2.4 set-up that Larry Jolly has from JR for the 9303. The system has a really nice slim RX unit with remote antenna capability that avoids problems with carbon fuses. A bit pricey, but it shows where the technology is going. The price ought to come down as others pile in with their versions.

-SC-2 participation at the last SWSA contest in Fish Canyon was pretty good with 47 pilots. The affair was 3, 10-minute rounds with runway landings. The weather was awesome, and so was the lift for the most part, and therefore the contest was a landing contest. Scores were really tight! TOSS had Lex Mierop, Mike Reagan, Gary Filice, and Ben Wright attending the contest. Mike took first in Expert RES, Gary took second in Intermediate open. Both Lex and Gary worked with getting Ben Wright set up and comfortable with flying in a tricky location, but I must say, my hat is off to Ben for doing a great job of putting his plane on the landing carpet 2 out of three flights! Our goal with Ben was to introduce him to a new location, learn, have fun, and come home with plane in one piece. Ben was short on a couple of the 10 minute rounds, and almost made the 10 minutes in the middle round. When he was done, we put him in the air for some fun flying to get more stick time under his belt. He went for a 24 minute and 50 second flight! Great flying and congrats to our new



The winner is Ben



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another scoop in the local Ventura County Star Today Thursday September 6, 2007 at 6:30 pm a plan outlining the direction for Canejo rec. commission & park district. Jim Friedl, district General Manager said that just two of the suggested possible uses might be to create a place for disk-golf players and the other to find a location for those who fly small, light weight remote controlled aircraft. Martin U might be at the meeting.



# Important Notice

## Toss Field Frequency Requirments

We can only use these frequencies:

11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 ,29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36 ,37, 38, 39,  
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.



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