

# Thousand Oaks

**SEPTEMBER**



# 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.

## Toss Meeting of 8-27-08

-Present were Bob Swet, Jim Pendergrass, Bill Bertram, Bob Van Landingham, Richard Mason, Martin Usher, Gary Filice.

-TREASURY REPORT IS \$1,362.54

-Officially, \$110.00 was made on the yearly BUBW contest, but more valuable was the enjoyment of friendly competition for CASH PRIZES! A TOSS thanks to all of those participants for coming great distances to TOSS for the competition, and a hearty thanks to all of the TOSS membership who gave their time in helping out with the running of the BUBW contest.

-Welcome to the new TOSS members!

-Update on the Hill Canyon Flight Sight by Bill Bertram:

Things were looking positive with the folks who control the land at the entrance to Hill Canyon

until the last round of contact by Bill Bertram. The attitude of those folks became entirely negative toward any use of any of the land by TOSS. This is a surprising and negative turnaround on the part of those in charge given their initial cooperative attitude during initial talks. We are at an impasse with the whole effort at this time. Even with the area of interest being reduced in size to the narrow triangular plot of land south of the creek and below the adjacent hill, the attitude still turned to a negative one. There are many possibilities as to why things turned sour, and Martin Usher volunteered to do a bit of sleuthing around the halls of the T. O. city council to perhaps get a bit of insight into why things turned negative.

To summarize what TOSS was interested in and willing to do concerning the flight sight:

- TOSS would level and clean the land.
- TOSS activity would have minimal environmental impact on the land due to the lack of any requirement for permanent fixtures or structures.
- TOSS would plant and maintain grass on the area.

- TOSS would provide proof of insurance and maintain a valid AMA charter for the flight sight.
- TOSS would fully cooperate with the City of Thousand Oaks and the Hill Canyon Reclamation Facility concerning any added or needed requirements for maintaining and holding on to the flight sight on a long term basis.

There was some additional discussion about what else we as a club could do concerning flight sites.

1. Go to the County of Ventura and ask if there are any small surplus plots of land that we might be able to occupy. The above list of things TOSS would do would be included in any conversation with the county.
2. Place an ad in the local papers with a description of what we are looking for. Perhaps there is someone out there with ideas, or

access to land.

3. Re-investigate the land below the Reagan Library. There is now a large sign advertising the land as for sale or lease. This is designated on the sign as a 100 acre parcel. It would be interesting to see what is being asked for the land. We might also want to keep track of who might purchase the land and then approach them with our needs.

All TOSS members please take note: THE ANNUAL TOSS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>. A formal notice will go out shortly as to the time and location. Jim Pendergrass is coordinating the dinner specifics, and he is looking into a couple of ideas for the dinner main course. We are having it on the 25<sup>th</sup> in order to get it in a little earlier in the year, but after Visalia Fall Fest, and before the major holidays.

### PHOTOS of BENT WING CONTEST by GREG WRIGHT







Please Send Me the Names!



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