



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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How to reach the Pasadena Soaring Society

Listed above are the PSS Officers for 1997. You wanted them and they are the best you got. Do you have a problem? - give one of them a call and voice your complaint or opinion. Better yet, volunteer to do something. If you want to write to the club, the official address is Pasadena Soaring Society, P.O. Box 745, Pasadena, CA 91102. Send your dues or any other money or bills directly to Al Zimmerman, 1328 Branta Drive, Glendale, CA 91208.

What's Happening This Month?

This could be a busy month for all of us. January 5th is the first Sunday and a monthly PSS Contest will be held at the Rose Bowl flying field starting at 9:00AM sharp. The weekend of the 17th, 18th, and 19th is the weekend for the International Modelers Show at the Pasadena Convention Center. And then the biggest event of the month will be our Annual PSS Banquet on Saturday the 25th at Coco's starting at 6:00PM. Super Bowl Sunday is the 26th (I think). The last day of the month, a Friday, several PSS members will be traveling to Phoenix, Arizona for the big two day contest to be held there. Hope that all of you can attend all of these events.

What's NOT Happening This month?

The regular PSS monthly contest will NOT take place on January 19th. It will be held on the first Sunday of the month. The regular monthly meeting will NOT take place at Glendale Federal Savings at Oak Knoll and Colorado Blvd at 7:30PM on January 20th. The regular club business will in fact take place during our Banquet.

BANQUET News

The Annual Pasadena Soaring Society Banquet will be held on Saturday January 25th at Coco's Restaurant at the corner of Colorado Blvd and Michillinda Avenues. The address is 1150 Colorado Blvd. Happy hour begins at 6:00PM with Dinner following about 7:00PM. There will be a very short business meeting and a very big year-end Raffle with lots of fun for one and all. Gary Roberts is organizing this affair. He needs to know how many people are planning on showing up. Please call him at 818-249-4446 to make your reservations. You have to make your reservations by January 20th. The Club will be paying for part of everyones meal. Your cost is a mere \$15.00 per person. This is a Buffet with your choice of Prime Rib, Fresh Salmon Filet, or Honey Dijon Chicken. Salad bar, rice pilaf, vegetables, dessert table, and soft drinks are included in the price.

Dues, Dues, and more Dues.

It is that time again when all of you had better have paid your dues. This newsletter will be the last one you receive if those dues are not sent to Al Zimmerman or to the PSS Post Office Box immediately. We are hoping to make this one of the best years for the Pasadena Soaring Society and would like to have everyone continue to be an active and participating member. Support your club and help make it one of the best in Southern California.

1st Vice President's Message by John Rodgers

Greetings to all! As you probably know by now, the December 22nd Contest was rained out. Everyone got a chance to sleep an extra few minutes on that Sunday morning. The next PSS Monthly Contest will be held this coming Sunday, the 5th of January. First flight will be at 9:00AM. Phil Hallford will be the Contest Director. The rounds will be 4 minute, 6 minute, 5 minute, and 10 minutes. The landings will be the usual runway targets with a maximum of 20 points. Start the new year right. Hope to see you all there for this fun event.

Secretary's Report for the last meeting by Gary Winberg

For the PSS Monthly Meeting of December 16, 1996 - Well I got there late and missed most of the early important stuff. No meeting minutes were taken but next month things will be different. My alternate reporter provided the following. The meeting was called to order about 7:30PM by the President with sixteen people in attendance. A few more showed up later. The 1st Vice President gave out plaques for several past contests and provided a contest report for the latest contest. Results are published later. No Secretary or Treasurer reports were given. The 2nd Vice President talked about his plans for future meetings including, Mold making by Paul Trist, Free Flight discussions, Indoor blimp demonstrations, scale model making by Mike Reagen, and an Airtronics discussion on their new line of products. Nothing significant was discussed under Old Business. Under New Business, Karlton Spindle volunteered to make up PSS Club information flyers for the local hobby shops. He will combine the old information sheets with some of the Web Home page information. Richard Burns is working on the Permits for use of the Rose Bowl flying field for 1997. Paul Trist has taken over maintenance of the PSS Home Page from Joe Nave. John Rodgers has PSS hats for sale for \$8.00 and golf shirts for \$11.00. The Raffle winners included Mike Ratner with a Tee shirt and some wing tape, Karlton Spindle with another Tee shirt and some glue, Sean Rodgers with some glue, Toni Stark with the RC book by Don Edberg, glue, and wing tape, Critter Bit servo cans to Gary Roberts and Frank Leppla, and the Airtronics Vanguard Radio to Frank Leppla. The refreshments of soft drinks and cookies were enjoyed by most. And then we had the videotape on The Birdman Rally in Japan. Kind of hard to understand in Japanese but hilarious and outrageous. Home built gliders and human powered gliders being propelled off a 75 foot tower over water and trying to fly. A few did quite successfully, but most didn't. It was something to see. Cheerleaders and all trying to coax their team members into some extra effort. The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

International Modelers Show

This Show is open to the public on Friday, January 17 noon to 6:00PM, Saturday, January 18 from 10:00AM till 6:00PM, and Sunday, January 19 from 10:00AM till 5:00PM. Admission is \$7.00 at the door. Bring some money, this is a selling show and some good deals are available. Model aircraft, boats, cars, trains, rockets, engines, accessories, and radio control systems.

President's Message by Mike Ratner

'Tis the season to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and good thermals. May everyone trophy and advance to Masters in the coming year. Due to the short time between newsletters this month, this will be a short message.

The Banquet is upon us, so if you have not made your reservation with Gary Roberts, better do it right now and not read this any further until you've made the phone call. Now don't you feel better. Also remember not to show up at the regular meet place this month. We won't be there.

The Club contest schedule is published somewhere in this newsletter. First contest of the year is the 5th of January. I know its early but that's the only date we could get. Come on out and see if you can beat the President and his new Sapphire. Look out for me this new year. The new plane is without a doubt, the easiest to setup and fly that I've ever flown. This is a plug for Airtronics. If your looking for a new plane, look at the Sapphire. I set the plane up to the factory specs. And it is a winner.

Please try to attend the meetings as much as you can this year. Paul has set up some great events. If you missed the December meeting you lost out on some great fun and a good raffle. Paul is doing good things for the Year End Banquet raffle too, so plan to be there.

If you would like to send me e-mail, I can be reached a MRatner695@aol.com. For some this might be easier than phone. Till next month...

PSS Contest Dates for 1997 by Richard Burns

Here are the contest dates for PSS monthly contests for 1997. Our Two-Day permit has not been granted yet so we don't know for sure when that will be. Hopefully the first weekend of May if it all works out.

January 5 th	8:30 to 4:30	
February 16 th	8:30 to 4:30	
March 16 th	8:30 to 4:30	
April 20 th	8:30 to 5:00	
May 18 th	8:00 to 12:00	
June 15 th	8:00 to 12:00	
July 20 th	8:00 to 5:00	
August 17 th	8:00 to 12:00	
August 31 st	8:30 to 5:30	Date for September Contest
September	no dates available	
October 19 th	10:00 to 5:30	Late start due to UCLA game day before
November 23 rd	7:00 to 6:00	This will be our SC2 date.
December 21 st	8:00 to 4:30	

The End for this month -

I am looking forward to your contributions to this Newsletter. Have you got something you want to sell, we accept Want Ads. Helpful hints, write them up and they will be published. How about some cartoons? Put those computers to work and send something to Frank Leppla to print in the Pasadena Soaring Society's Newsletter. You make the news.