



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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PSS Yearly Dues for 1997

Many of the current club members have not paid their dues for 1997. This newsletter will definitely be the last one you receive if those dues are not paid soon. We are hoping to make this year one of the best 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 greatest clubs in Southern California. The regular dues are \$20.00 a year with the junior and senior members getting in for one half that amount or \$10.00 for the full year. Please pay your dues as soon as possible.

Monthly Meetings

The Pasadena Soaring Society's monthly meetings are normally held on the third Monday of each month. These fun and informative meetings start at 7:30PM and are at Glendale Federal Savings, 722 East Colorado Blvd, at the southwest corner of Oak Knoll Avenue and Colorado Blvd. The rear entrance of the building is used to gain access to the meeting room. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting, enjoy some refreshments, and win the raffle.

February 17th Meeting

Learn how to make your next Fiberglass Fuselage. Did you ever wondered how the kit manufacturers design and make molds for the sailplane fuselage that came in your last kit? If the answer is "Yes", then this is a meeting you shouldn't miss. We will have a composite expert from AeroVironment Inc. take you from the sketch on paper to the finished part.

Program highlights include:

- How to carve the wood plug.
- How to design a working mold, avoiding the pit falls.
- How to prepare the finished mold.
- Help do an actual lay-up.
- Learn from the experts.

How to reach the Pasadena Soaring Society

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 monetary items directly to Al Zimmerman, 1328 Branta Drive, Glendale, CA 91208. Feel free to call any of the PSS Club Officers listed at the top of this Newsletter and voice your opinions.

President's Message by Mike Ratner

If I haven't wished everyone a Happy New Year yet, I'd like to take this opportunity to do so. Happy and Healthy New Year to all club members and their family members.

I have to say that the new year is starting off with a bang, well at least for me. For those not present at the year end PSS Banquet, I won the grand raffle prize. This year it was a Airtronics Sapphire. This happens to be the second Sapphire I've won in the last four months. Some call it luck, I call it investment. Whatever anyone calls it, I feel very fortunate to have won the kit. (Editors comment is that he also crashed one in the past month)

This years turnout for the year end awards banquet was a little sparse but for those who attended, a good time was had by all. The location at Coco's that Gary Roberts picked out was very nice and cozy and we had it all to ourselves. The only problem was a few leaks in the roof during a very hard rain, but it wasn't a problem for us. Paul Trist did an outstanding job on the raffle and putting together gifts for the ladies. The prime rib, chicken, and salmon was very good and plenty of it. Bottom line if you didn't attend—shame on you, you missed a great event.

We have finally been able to pick a date for the PSS Two-Day contest. This year it will have to be held a little later than usual, but with all the usage of our flying field, this is the only weekend with no conflicts. The dates are June 21st and 22nd. The up side to these days is that the weather should be fine and it gives us a little time to better promote the event. At the next meeting I will be going over some of the contest details with the membership.

There was some discussion (grumblings) at the awards dinner about the scoring for the year end trophies. This year was very difficult for Al Zimmerman what with the new Masters Class. If members have suggestions for this year, I'd like to hear them soon. We will listen to what the members have to say and make some decisions at the next board meeting. Board meetings are of course open to the entire membership. I will make the dates of the board meetings available to everyone. See you at the next club meeting, contest, and board meeting.

What's NOT Happening This Month?

The February Monthly Contest will NOT be held on February 16th as originally planned. Somehow the AYSO soccer people have scheduled, at the last minute, a major tournament on the field for that date. We had a permit but our contest is now being rescheduled for March 2nd. See more contest information in the 1st Vice-President's report below.

1st Vice President's Message by John Rodgers

For those of you who thought the January contest would be postponed due to the rain, like yours truly, were all wrong. The weather at the field was absolutely beautiful with great lift and the contest was held without any weather problems. Sorry to all of you who slept in.

The February Contest will be held on March 2nd. The Contest Director will be Dave Farless. He has chosen an F3B style (low key?) format for this contest. The tasks are speed, distance, and duration. The landings, if you can still make one, will be a 25 foot tape. This should be a lot of fun. Pilot's meeting will be at 8:00AM. First flight at 8:30AM. Please be there on time and ready to go. This type of contest takes a lot of help to run. Please come out and help even if you are not going to fly.

Important Item

Don't forget your Valentine on February 14th. Happy Valentines Day.

PSS Contest Dates for 1997 by Richard Burns

February 16th	8:30 to 4:30	(Moved to March 2nd)
March 16th	8:30 to 4:30	
April 20th	8:30 to 5:00	
May 18th	8:00 to 12:00	
June 15th	8:00 to 12:00	
June 21st and 22nd	7:00AM to 6:00PM	PSS Two-Day Contest
July 20th	8:00 to 5:00	
August 17th	8:00 to 12:00	
August 31st	8:30 to 5:30	Date for September Contest
September	no dates available	
October 19th	10:00 to 5:30	Late start due to UCLA game day before
November 23rd	7:00 to 6:00	This will be our SC2 date (??)
December 21st	8:00 to 4:30	

Yearly Contest Results

Listed below are the results for the top flyers in each class for 1997. The number of contests held during the year were fewer than usual and for the first time we had a Masters class. Congratulations to all of the winners. The trophies were outstanding.

2-meter Class

- 1st - Frank Leppla
- 2nd - Joe Nave

Masters Class

- 1st - Toni Stark
- 2nd - Hank Schorz
- 3rd - John Rodgers
- 4th - Karlton Spindle
- 5th - Phil Hallford

Expert Class

- 1st - Greg Nikola
- 2nd - Ben Matsumoto
- 3rd - Mike Ratner
- 4th - John Johnson
- 5th - Frank Leppla

January Monthly Contest Results

Name	Class	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1) Frank Leppla	Expert	985.0	977.3	993.5	995.1	3950.9
2) Mike Ratner	Expert	995.9	846.2	976.9	998.4	3817.4
3) Gary Roberts	Expert	995.9	770.4	970.2	978.4	3714.9
4) Ed Devlin	Expert	935.1	966.4	944.1	0.0	2845.6
1) Greg Johns	Master	1000	997.3	1000	988.4	3985.7
2) Mike Reagan	Master	1000	1000	993.5	983.4	3976.9
3) Phil Hallford	Master	995.9	997.3	981.7	991.8	3966.7
4) Karlton Spindle	Master	995.9	979.6	993.5	978.4	3947.4
5) Paul Trist	Master	975.9	977.3	980.0	986.7	3919.9
6) Toni Stark	Master	971.8	977.3	986.7	971.8	3907.6
7) Mark Levoe	Master	975.9	948.3	976.7	996.7	3897.6