



## SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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### President's Message by Mike Ratner

For those who could not attend the last meeting, you missed out on a great demonstration by Paul Trist on fuselage lay-up. Paul did an outstanding job and I have to say there was a great deal of interest by those who did attend. Thanks Paul.

Another part of the meeting dealt with your scoring for the year end and for that matter for the monthly contests. Some felt that we should go back to the old method of single classes, like Expert, Sportsman, Novice, and drop the Master Class, and for the year-end have just the top ten as in the past. Some like the system as it is now, while there are those who would like to see something in-between. It was obvious that with all the different ideas, that a vote by the membership was needed to make a final discussion. I felt that because while we did have a good turnout for the meeting, there might be even more input from members who could not make the meeting. For this reason I postponed any voting. If you would like to see some changes, this is your chance. I will bring up the matter again at the next meeting, and the membership will vote on what they would like to see. If you do not attend the next meeting for this important matter, don't say you didn't have the chance. This is a hint that you should be at the next meeting and let your voice be heard. Besides this matter to be voted on, Paul has lined up another great meeting you should not miss.

The 2-Day Contest planning is going well. Watch Model Aviation in the contest section. We have a large Ad that will run for a few months. This Ad could draw more people to the contest. We will need help with the raffle. Current trends from suppliers is to give out discount coupons or give nothing for club raffles. I have in past years leaned on clients of mine to give items for the raffle. One in particular, Medof Marine has been very generous with donations. He will I'm sure donate again this year. His donations have nothing to do with the hobby, and that's the point I'm trying to make here. Raffle donations do not have to be hobby related. Go through your address book. Think of people you know who are manufactures, or in the retail business. Talk to them. Get something from them. The worst that can happen is that they will say no. This is a fund-raising event, you'll be find most will donate something if just asked. More about this at the next meeting. Karlton has really jumped into the Trade Show part of the event, and this year should be bigger and the best we have ever put together, Paul will also have a Pointer on display, and this year during the lunch break we will allow flight demos by the exhibitors. This means some nice scale planes will be flying during the break. Great fun. Till next month---

### Important Item

Don't forget Saint Patricks Day and the PSS Monthly meeting on March 17th.

## January Banquet Report by Gary Winberg

Gary Roberts, the 1996 club president called the meeting to order and recognized the officers for the past year; giving a big thank you to his cabinet: 1st VP - Ben Matsumoto, 2nd VP - Joe Nave, Secretary - Gary Winberg, and Treasurer - Al Zimmerman. Gary then passed on his best wishes to the presiding 1997 president Mike Ratner, and his officers for a great upcoming year as the awards ceremony was initiated. Winners of the year end trophies were announced. The February Newsletter contained a listing of the 2-Meter, Masters, and Expert class winners. Most everyone was impressed with the great looking trophies, which brought out lots of "oohs and aaahs". There was no old business. Under new business, a motion by Gary Roberts to make the 1997 PSS hosted SCSC contest to be the Ben Matsumoto Memorial was made. It was rapidly seconded and passed unanimously. The dates for our Two-Day Contest were set for June 21st and 22nd. Business meeting was closed. Great food and a raffle followed. Cocos is highly recommended for next years banquet. The buffet was delicious, the service outstanding, and the ambiance very nice. The raffle produced some nice prizes. George K. won two Airtronics 141 servos, Richard Burns won a monokote iron, Mike Ratner won two servos, tee shirt, and an Airtronics Sapphire kit, Robin Riggs won a Hobby Shack Easy Answer kit, tee short, FM receiver, epoxy, Ed Devlin won a Super Ridge Runt, epoxy, glue, reflective tape, Karlton Spindle won a voltmeter, steel wing rod, tee shirt, Brent (missed his last name) won two servos, various people won tee shirts, glue, epoxy, reflective tape, Multiplex discount coupons, and a soaring calendar. This was a great banquet and lots of fun for all those that attended.

## Last Chance Ever - PSS Yearly Dues for 1997

We would like to have everyone continue to be an active and participating member. Support your club. The regular dues are \$20.00 a year with junior and senior members getting in for \$10.00 for the full year. If you have not done it yet, please pay your dues as soon as possible.

## Monthly Meetings

The Pasadena Soaring Society's monthly meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month. They start at 7:30PM at Glendale Federal Savings, 722 East Colorado Blvd, which is at the southwest corner of Oak Knoll Avenue and Colorado Blvd. Park and enter at the rear of the building. Everyone is invited to attend, enjoy some refreshments, and win the raffle. Last month's meeting included a very informative program. Come on out.

## F3B Fund Raiser

This event will be held in Visalia, CA on May 11th and 12th. The USA F3B Team will be there to practice on Saturday at 8:00AM. They need lots of help and you will probably get a chance to fly later in the afternoon. Sunday will be contest day starting at 8:00AM. Ten dollar entry fee which includes a barbeque. Contact Ed Hipp at (209) 625-2352 for other information.

## Do you want to get in touch with 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.

### March 17th Club Meeting - Scale R/C sailplanes

Mike Reagan will bring his beautiful ASW 27 and tell us what's involved to make and fly these types of planes. The details on this plane are fantastic. Scale R/C sailplanes are the fastest growing part of the soaring scene. The kits available today are easy to build. The performance on many of these planes are near that of a good thermal duration sailplane. Come and learn more about Scale Soaring.

### PSS Contest Dates for 1997 by Richard Burns - times listed are permitted hours

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	PSS SCSC 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	
December 21st	8:00 to 4:30	

### 1997 (SC)<sup>2</sup> Contest Schedule

March 23	SULA	Soaring Union of Los Angeles
April 27	EDSF	El Dorado Silent Flyers
May 25	TOSS	Thousand Oaks Soaring Society
June 29	TPG	Torrey Pines Gulls
July 27	ISS	Inland Soaring Society
August 31	PSS	Pasadena Soaring Society
Sept 28	HSS	Harbor Soaring Society
Oct 27	SWSA	Silent Wings Soaring Society

### February Monthly Contest Results (held on March 2nd)

This contest was the somewhat annual PSS F3B event of the year with David Farless (being Fearless as usual) as the Contest Director. In spite of most people showing up at 9:00AM rather than the announced 8:00AM starting time everything seemed to go quite well. Beginning with some of the usual discussion during the pilots meeting we got started about 9:30. For the first of March, the weather was bright and sunny with the temperature holding about 70 degrees. Just a little wind to help get those great PSS launches. There was lots of stiff competition and everybody helped out with the extra effort to hold this type of contest. The score keeping was done by our courageous scorekeeper, Mike Ratner, with programming provided by Al Zimmerman. Toni Stark did a great job with the equipment. Just a friendly tip - Do not lend your airplane to George Spitzer for a contest! After all was said and done, the final results are published below. We should do it again soon.

## February 1997 Contest Results

Name	Class	R1	R2	R3	Total
1) Sean Rodgers	Sportsman	840.0	1010.0	531.0	2381.0
1) Phil Hallford	2-Meter	885.0	1040.0	1158.0	3083.0
2) Greg Johns	2-Meter	0.0	1060.0	1165.0	2225.0
1) Frank Leppla	Expert	855.0	1090.0	860.0	2805.0
2) David Farless	Expert	855.0	1060.0	710.0	2625.0
3) Mike Ratner	Expert	820.0	960.0	630.0	2410.0
4) Mark Gatti	Expert	905.0	0.0	0.0	905.0
1) Mark Levoe	Master	920.0	1090.0	1173.0	3183.0
2) John Rodgers	Master	885.0	1100.0	1147.0	3132.0
3) Phil Hallford	Master	915.0	1030.0	1154.0	3099.0
4) Keith Kindrick	Master	925.0	980.0	1164.0	3069.0
5) Toni Stark	Master	890.0	1010.0	1164.0	3064.0
6) Mike Reagan	Master	905.0	990.0	1165.0	3060.0
7) Karlton Spindle	Master	870.0	980.0	1150.0	3000.0
8) Greg Johns	Master	860.0	840.0	1166.0	2866.0
9) Paul Trist	Master	875.0	1060.0	888.0	2823.0

### Next Contest → MARCH 16, 1997

This monthly contest will start on time! Yeh right. Greg Johns will be the Contest Director. The tasks are 10 minute, 12 minute, and 14 minute. Scoring will be 900 points maximum for each round → Each landing will be worth up to 100 points consisting of a 25' tape landing. Pilot's meeting will start at 8:30AM and first flight is scheduled for 9:00AM.

### PSS Needs Some Help

If there is anyone that would like to run a contest, please feel free to contact John Rodgers. We need someone to run the April contest. There are still a lot of other dates available.

### Advertisements - go here

Does anybody have anything they want to sell, give away or trade? This space is reserved for your use to help clean out those closets. We will accept any G-rated advertisement as long as it is personal and not business related matters. This is your opportunity to reach millions of readers for no charge. Contact the Newsletter editor.