



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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President's Message by Mike Ratner

For some reason I seem to open every message by outlining what went on at the last meeting. I guess the reason is that I don't think enough members attend, and this is my way of keeping the membership up to date. The last meeting was devoted to the question of Contest Trophies and what changes some of the membership wanted to see made to the current system. After a short open exchange of ideas, the following changes were voted on by the attending membership. Monthly trophy awards will remain as is, with Novice, Sportsman, Expert, and Masters. At the end of the year, we will award only the top 10 open-class period. 2-Meter year end awards will be based on the number of club members in competition. As it stands now it will be top 2 or at most 3. Although not brought up at the meeting, non members will have to fly in Masters class in monthly contests.

The program for the meeting was very ably filled with Mike Reagan showing his beautiful scale ships. Interesting and provocative talk and discussion. Thank-you Mike.

Last months contest was tough. A ten, twelve and fourteen minute round. If you look at the results you will see that the top 5 got their times, and it was all down hill from there on. Oh well, there's always next month. That's what I tell myself after each contest.

Somewhere in this newsletter, there should be something (if everybody did their job in a timely manner) about the next contest and some news about the next meeting.

In cyber-space, Karlton Spindle dropped out of the RCSD news group, but Fred Weaver dropped in. I'm not sure if the members of the exchange went forward or back?-----Since I last worked on this note, things have changed a bit. Karlton really never left the news group, but hung back a bit. Weaver on the other-hand has caused more than his share of trouble, but that's his middle name. For those of you with computers on-line you might want to look at the news group. Lots of good information is exchanged, and except for a few flame wars its worth looking into. To subscribe simple e-mail your request to soaring-request@airage.com with the word "subscribe" in the body of the message.

While on the net you also might want to look at Paul Trists' web page at www.planes-wings-things.com. There is also Karltons' page at www.multiplexrc.com. Lastly did you know that PSS has its own web page. This is run by Paul and has lots of information about the club and events. Find the PSS homepage at www.planes-wings-things.com/pss/index.htm. Or more simply you can go to www.rcsoaring.com to see lots of soaring clubs home pages. Lastly web wise, you can e-mail me at the following: Mratner695@aol.com. See you at the next meeting.

Next Contest - April 20, 1997

The April contest will be an F3B Team fund raiser. The Contest Director will be Paul Trist. Pilot's meeting is scheduled for 8:30AM sharp and first flight at 9:00. The entry fee is a \$10.00 donation to the F3B team. The tasks for the contest will be four rounds of six, eight, ten, and twelve minutes. Landings will be on a runway or on the grass depending upon how well you do. This will be a good time to meet the pilots that will represent the U.S.A. in the world champs.

April 21st Club Meeting -

Here's the meeting for the 21st of April. A video called "Endless Lift" by Paul Naton. Paul takes us from Mexico to the East coast and back flying gliders on anything he can use for a slope. This is an interesting video. Super refreshments and raffle also.

Last Contest held on March 16, 1997 by John Rodgers

As advertised, this contest started on time! (Well almost.) Greg Johns was the contest director. The weather was great and the lift was fantastic! (Except for the rounds I had to fly in) Everyone seemed to have a good time! Greg ran a first class contest. These club contests can even be fun even for the novice pilot. There are always lots of people willing to help and there's no better way to get air time then at a PSS club contest. Don't be afraid to ask for help!!

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.

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.

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

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| 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 |

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 May contest. There are still a lot of other dates available.

1997 (SC)² Contest Schedule

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| 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 |

For Sale - some big airplanes

Rick Briggs has the following for sale. All new and in the box. 1/4 Roebbers Grob Twin III, 4M, E-203, \$500; 1/4 Roedelmodel ASK 21, 4.2M, E-393, \$500; 1/4.4 Hans Buchele Nimbus-4, 6M, HQ3/13-3/13, \$1200; 1/4 Krause Discus, 4M, HQ3/13, \$750. Give him a call evenings at (310) 433-6327 and make a deal. Shipping not included in the above prices.

PSS March Monthly Contest Results

| Name | Class | Round1 | Round2 | Round3 | Total |
|------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sean Rodgers | Sportsman | 894.0 | 196.3 | 894.6 | 1984.9 |
| Ron Marshall | Sportsman | 274.5 | 792.5 | 139.3 | 1206.3 |
| Don McNamee | 2-Meter | 429.5 | 391.5 | 981.9 | 1802.9 |
| Dan Werner | 2-Meter | 276.5 | 432.0 | 956.1 | 1664.6 |
| Art McNamee | 2-Meter | 180.0 | 167.5 | 277.5 | 625.0 |
| Claus Langer | Expert | 978.5 | 978.3 | 983.0 | 2939.8 |
| Greg Nikola | Expert | 964.0 | 961.5 | 977.6 | 2903.1 |
| Lowell Norenberg | Expert | 894.0 | 905.8 | 990.9 | 2790.7 |
| Don McNamee | Expert | 981.0 | 976.0 | 607.9 | 2564.9 |
| Art McNamee | Expert | 992.0 | 977.8 | 523.4 | 2493.2 |
| Hank Schorz | Expert | 898.5 | 986.0 | 551.8 | 2436.3 |
| Ed Devlin | Expert | 969.5 | 317.3 | 900.0 | 2186.8 |
| Mike Ratner | Expert | 898.5 | 995.3 | 285.0 | 2178.8 |
| Joshua Roth | Expert | 935.5 | 256.3 | 260.0 | 1451.8 |
| Greg Johns | Master | 996.5 | 977.3 | 995.9 | 2969.7 |
| Mike Reagan | Master | 991.0 | 989.8 | 966.0 | 2946.8 |
| Phil Hallford | Master | 964.0 | 991.0 | 985.9 | 2940.9 |
| Keith Kindrick | Master | 669.0 | 987.3 | 988.8 | 2645.1 |
| Paul Trist | Master | 983.0 | 996.0 | 358.9 | 2337.9 |
| John Rodgers | Master | 979.0 | 545.0 | 705.5 | 2229.5 |
| Karlton Spindle | Master | 984.5 | 730.0 | 170.4 | 1884.9 |
| Toni Stark | Master | 711.5 | 431.0 | 661.1 | 1803.6 |