



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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President's Message by Mike Ratner

If you didn't get a newsletter last month, not to worry. We all missed the dead lines and it didn't get done in May. We will try to make it up this month.

The last meeting was good fun, sorry to those who missed it. Paul Trist had a good video again, and a terrific raffle for those present. You might want to make the next meeting and get in on the raffle if nothing else. -- These were my comments for the April Meeting. For May Paul again out did himself with a excellent talk on Airtronics 141 servos. All present learned a great deal on the subject. My point is, miss the meetings and miss some good information.

The F3B fund raising contest was a little light on contestants, but we were able to contribute over \$300.00 to the team, and with the club meeting last year where we turned over the proceeds of our raffle, we have donated over \$600.00 to the team this year. Our thanks to Paul for the contest and to Gary Roberts for last years raffle. Speaking of the F3B team, CVRC had a fund raiser on the 10th and 11th of May. I know some of the club members were planning on going but, Mothers day fell on the 11th, so I for one couldn't attend and I know a few others had the same problem. CVRC gave the team \$1,000.00. A very generous act indeed.

News of interest, We are working on an alternate practice site, seeing where the Rose Bowl is getting harder and harder to schedule and use. The possible site is in the Glendale land fill. (DUMP) Karlton Spindle is spearheading this project. We went to look at the site several weeks ago. Its near the top, and a flat table top, away from the land fill operations. Launch would be straight into the prevailing wind and at the edge of a slope. On a day with some wind, might not even need a winch. If it works out, the hours would be until 6:00pm when the site closes. Sunday its not open, but that's why we would keep our permits for the Rose Bowl.

For those who didn't show for the May contest, it didn't happen. Galaxy had the field full of promotion setups with the hope that it would draw more of a crowd. It didn't seem to help. Attendance for the game was low again. It maybe the beginning of the end for the team. I know all the club members, and the homeowners around the Bowl were saddened to see it happen.

On the 28th of May we had a board meeting to iron out the PSS 2-day Contest details. Richard Burns was present and went over some changes in the contest schedule. The Parks dept. was not aware that Galaxy was setting up the promotion area on the field for every game. This knocks out our contest dates for those days. To help us out, they gave us some new dates so we will not be short of contests for the year. A new schedule will be in this newsletter or available at the next meeting. The next meeting will be a pizza party with Tim Renaud as guest speaker. Show up and see what's new with Renaud Model Design.

The Two-day Contest is upon us. Every member will be contacted by phone for work assignments. With the short staff we will have this year, everyone will have to work a little harder.

For those who are not aware, we pay \$1,000.00 a year for use of the field. Without the 2-day, we would not be able to keep up the field fees. Enough said. Lets get to work.

Till next month.

June Meeting -

Want to gain some weight and have some fun? The June meeting (on the 16th) will be held at Shakeys Pizza Parlor, 2180 East Foothill Blvd, in Pasadena. Try to get there a bit early since the first order will go in at 7:00PM and we will be buying the pizza. Tim Renaud of the new Renaud Model Designs will be our guest speaker and it is rumored that he has lots of interesting stuff to tell us about. I am also told that he will be making some major announcements. We will also be doing some last minute planning for our BIG Contest.

Next Contest - June 21st and 22nd is our Annual Two-Day Contest

We need everyone to be at the field by 6:30AM to help out and get the field and equipment set up and ready to go. Coffee and doughnuts will be available after you all have spent some energy and done some work. We do need all the help we can get.

PSS Monthly Contests -

The May Contest was canceled due to the Soccer Exposition set up on the grass field. Besides that, parking was to begin at 11:00AM. All that made things a bit crowded. The June 15th contest will be canceled due to the same reasons. But we have lots of other scheduled dates to make up for these lost weekends. Remember that Friday afternoons, starting about 3:00PM, are a good time to get some practice in since the club equipment is usually set up and available.

Last Real Contest Report by John Rodgers

The F3B Team fund raiser went well with 26 pilots attending. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The weather was great. The lift was fickle, but everyone managed to get their time. Mike Reagan won the contest with a perfect score of 4000 points (4000 out of a possible 4000). Joe Wurts came in second place with a 3948 and Keith Kindrick came in third place with a score of 3932. Pretty close huh? After all was said and done, we raised about \$300.00 for the Team.

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 and this list has had some major changes since you last saw it. This information will no doubt be changing again.

June 15th	8:00 to 12:00	*Canceled at the last minute Soccer Festival
June 21st and 22nd	7:00AM to 6:00PM	PSS Two-Day Contest
July 6th	Club Contest at 9:00AM	
July 20th	8:00 to 5:00	
July 27th	Club Contest at 9:00AM	
August 3rd	Club Contest at 9:00AM	
August 17th	Canceled due to Soccer Festival	
August 24th	8:00 to 5:00	PSS SCSC Contest
August 31st	Possible Club Picnic - late start	
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 volunteers to run some contests. There are still a lot of dates available and this is a great opportunity to meet and discuss interesting topics with your fellow club members.

1997 (SC)² Contest Schedule - please note the date change for the PSS (SC)² Contest. We kind of lost the permit for August 31st and therefore need to change to the earlier date.

June 29	TPG	Torrey Pines Gulls
July 27	ISS	Inland Soaring Society
August 24	PSS	Pasadena Soaring Society
Sept 28	HSS	Harbor Soaring Society
Oct 27	SWSA	Silent Wings Soaring Society

Pasadena Two-Day Contest -

This is the list of companies, in no particular order, that will be demonstrating their products at our contest. Please give them all of the support that you can. Thanks.

Aveox, Hobby Shack, MPX USA, Cermark, Real Balls, Trojan Batteries, Zagi, Roughneck, Dave's Aircraft Works, Levoe Designs, RC Photo Recycle, Planes Wings & Things, Super Model, Renaud Designs, Hitec, and RCM.

For Sale -

Airtronics Vanguard 4 Channel, Brand new in the box. \$100. Call Frank at (818) 790-1297