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Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly Schedule -

July 20th - PSS Monthly Contest

July 21st - PSS Monthly Meeting

July 26th and 27th - PSS Annual Two-Day Contest

Important Things First -

July 26th and 27th is our Annual Two-Day Contest. PSS Members should arrive by 6:30AM to help get the field and equipment ready to go. We need to setup the tents, tables, winches, landing area, safety restraints, and much more. After we are done, coffee and doughnuts will be available to all those who worked so hard after getting up sooo early. We need help from all PSS members even if you are not planning on flying. Come on down and bring some friends.

President's Message by Mike Ratner

Just a quick note because Frank, our pushy editor wanted this letter a week (or more editor's note) ago. I'm sure its no news about the reschedule of the 2-day Contest to July. There has been a lot of bad press on the Internet about the date change. PSS has even been accused of changing the date deliberately for some kind of advantage for the annual Triad event. Of course nothing could be farther from the truth, and we can't help the problems of field scheduling. Even though we pay the City for field usage, we sit far back on the priority list when someone with big money wants the field. In the case of our 2-day Contest, the City was not informed about helicopter flight operations in the nearby parking lot for the big Fireman's Muster until we asked what was going on. End of subject. The Fireman's Muster had a very large turnout with lots of old unique fire fighting equipment. It was lots of fun and would have overwhelmed our field.

As before, you will all get a call from me about work assignments. I'm sure you can't wait. The Boy Scouts will be back with food service and will help with the Landing Area. That's going to take a lot off our backs as far as personnel to run the contest.

John Rodgers has something up his sleeve for our Contest the week before the 2-Day. Lets all get out for this monthly event on the 20th.

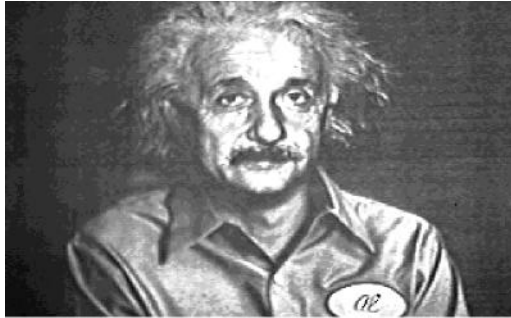
Don't forget the PSS Club meeting on the 21st starting at 7:30PM. Please attend, its just before the 2-Day Contest and we will be doing some last minute planning and have a big raffle with lots of unique refreshments. I understand we will be having a special guest and an important announcement will be provided somewhere later in this fine Newsletter. Tickets will not be available at Ticketmaster and may only be obtained at the door.

I just got my entry form for the Visalia Contest in October. Be sure to mail it on the first of August or you won't get a chance to participate in this event. PSS wins again.....

PSS July Monthly Contest by John Rodgers

The next club contest will be on July 20th. Hopefully the powers to be will not walk all over our scheduled event. The Contest Director will be me John Rodgers. The tasks are 4 minutes, 5 minutes, 6 minutes, and 4 minutes. Scoring will be based on 900 points flight time per round and 100 points maximum for a runway landing. Pilot's meeting will take place at 8:30am and first flight 9:00am. As always any club member can run a contest, think up some thing new or just do the same old thing. Your help is always appreciated.

July Meeting - on the 21st



This will be the speaker for the next meeting. Do not miss this meeting. Learn all about physics, quantum mechanics, aerodynamics, and how our sailplanes fly. Al will discuss the latest techniques in sailplane design and construction. Description of time warp techniques will assure you of getting the max for each flight.

Presentation will begin at 7:46:03.2 PM exactly.

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. This information will no doubt change again.

July 20th	8:00 to 5:00
July 26th, 27th	PSS Annual Two-Day Contest
August 3rd	Club Contest at 9:00AM
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 changes.

August 24	PSS	Pasadena Soaring Society
Sept 28	HSS	Harbor Soaring Society
Oct 27	SWSA	Silent Wings Soaring Society
Nov 27	ISS	Inland 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. We have had a few more sign up but I do not have there names right now.

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