



## SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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### Quick Monthly Schedule -

**18th - PSS Monthly Meeting**

**24th - PSS Monthly Contest**

**31st - SCSC Contest at PSS RoseBowl Field**

### President's Message by Mike Ratner

Well it's done with for another year. Our umpteenth annual 2-day contest is over. What with all the problems with the date changes we still had a great turnout. Most of the contestants seemed to have had a good time, which is what it's all about. I want to take this opportunity to single out a few people for the fantastic job they did to help make it happen.

First, Gary Winberg who got out at 5:00 AM to tape off the entire field by himself. That guy was all over the place, doing what ever needed to be done. Richard Burns for helping me with all the little things that needed to be done. George K. who sat on the winches and repaired the lines for two long days. Karlton Spindle for the great job in handling the Trade Show and raffle. The guys in impound who worked hard and did not make one mistake all weekend. And all the others, who worked so hard to make it another great contest. With all your help, it made my job as Contest Director that much easier. My deepest thanks to those who helped. And how about Joe Wurts with his Foamy 2-Meter winning the class. That guy is something else.

A new list of contest dates is published somewhere in the newsletter, Richard has gone to the City and got some new dates for the rest of the year. (Editor's note that the list is not published since it seems like it is not available yet. Oh well.....)

The annual club picnic is now scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>, after the contest. Take this opportunity to bring out the family for a day in the sun, and the usual great food and games. The club trainer will be at the field so anyone can fly after the contest. If you have any newbees you would like to introduce to the hobby, bring them with you, and we will give them some stick time. We will hopefully have a new club foamy ready for this event. After all the excitement with Foamys during the contest, I thought it would be the best addition to the club inventory. Speaking of inventory, the club purchased three additional sets of Real Balls for the winches. Now all our equipment will have bearing sets. Try your best to get to the next meeting. By then we should have some news about our new flying site, and some numbers from the 2-day.

Till next month. Mike

### August Meeting - on the 18th

The program for this meeting will be a Video Tape on Molded wings called "Building Hollow Composite Aircraft Structures".

**PSS August Monthly Contest** by John Rodgers

The next club contest is scheduled for August 24th. Karlton Spindle will be the contest director. The tasks are four rounds to make a total of a thirty minutes. No round over 10 minutes will be accepted. Each flight will be worth a total of 1,000 points, 950 points for the flight time and 50 points for the runway landing. The pilot's meeting will be at 8:30 A.M. and the first launch will be at 9:00 A.M. sharp.

Our SCSC Contest date has been changed (again?) to August 31. We will need all PSS members to help make this a typically well run contest. If you would like to know what you can do to help out, you can reach the contest director Gary Roberts at (818) 249-4446.

I need a volunteer to pick up the battery chargers and two tables at my shop for the contest, since I will be out of town on vacation. If you need me I can be reached at my office during the day or at my home during the night.

**PSS SCSC Contest - August 31st**

This contest will be three rounds of 10 minute man-on-man competition. Maximum flight times will be scored as 980 points with the landings worth 5, 10, or 20 points on a runway type landing strip. The flight groups will be rearranged between each round. Starting time is 9:00AM.

**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.

**1997 (SC)<sup>2</sup> Contest Schedule** - please note the date changes.

August 31	PSS	Pasadena Soaring Society
Sept 28	HSS	Harbor Soaring Society
Oct 27	SWSA	Silent Wings Soaring Society
Nov 27	ISS	Inland Soaring Society

**For Sale** - this space is reserved for your use. Give it a try. I just sold some stuff using this great, free advertising medium....

**Special Thanks** - to the Boy Scouts who provided the food at our Two Day Contest. They did a great job on everything and the Hot Polish Dogs were really HOT. We truly appreciate their effort and hope that they will return in the future.

**Cartoons** - next month for sure