



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly Schedule -

15th - PSS Monthly Meeting

21st - PSS Monthly Contest and Picnic

President's Message by Mike Ratner

You may think its only September, but for the Club is almost the end of the year. That means its time to start thinking about who will represent you next year. I for one will fade into the background. I am a bit burned out after a rather busy year of being President, Scorekeeper, Two-Day Contest Director and Raffle person. I had hoped that a few more members would spend some time doing something. Its time for some of the other club members to "stand up and be counted" as they say. Think about it and let your voice be heard at the next meeting. Well that's if you show up. Its sad to think that we are only getting 8 to 10 members per meeting. Don't like the meetings? Blame no one but yourself for not showing up and contributing your ideas and help. There is more to being a member of a club like ours than just showing up for contests and fun flies. All to many members sit on their duffs and let the others do the work. All to many members show up for a event, and as soon as its over, Bam they're gone, and out of there, leaving the work for just a few. Well I've got news for you, those few are also getting burned out, like myself. If those of you who do nothing, don't start doing something, you just might not have a Club to do anything. Don't like what I have to say. Good show up at the next meeting and tell me to my face. My calendar shows that this months meeting will be on the 15th. That's the Monday before the monthly contest. Hope to see you there.

On a lighter note. Our SCSC contest in August was well received by those who flew our Man-On-Man event. Thank you Gary Roberts for putting together the SCSC contest.

The September Contest will include our Annual Picnic and Fun Fly. Good flying with better food. Bring the family, or at least have them show up around 1:00 for the fun and games, to be held after the contest. See you at the next meeting and at the contest.

And by the way, hopefully you got your acceptance notice from the Central Valley RC Club in Visalia such that you will be flying there on October 4th and 5th. You might still have time to sign up since there is a rumor that they did not get the 300 entries they had hoped for.

September Meeting - on the 15th

Watch our President soft-shoe his way through this meeting. Getting ready for next year. The program will be a Video Tape on the "Los Banos Scale Fly 97". This is a very interesting tape. The meeting and program will be more than worthwhile to attend. Big raffle with lots of refreshments for all those in attendance. Start at 7:30PM sharp. Lots to do. Visit your friends.

PSS September Contest by John Rodgers

Are you ready for the September contest? There will be a picnic afterwards and lots of fun flying. The contest will consist of five flights of eight minutes each scored at 900 points maximum for the flight time. Also five carrier type landings of 0, 25, 50, and 100 points each if you can make a landing at all. After that is all and done, we will throw out the worst flight score and landing score. These throw-outs can be on different rounds. Does that all make sense? No matter, come on out and fly in the PSS monthly contest on September 21st. Starts at 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.

Anybody Interested? - Mike Ratner received this the other day.

Lets talk about this and see if anybody is interested in supporting this activity. It sounds like a fun trip for a day....

Hi Mike, I sent you an e-mail some time ago asking if any of the PSS pilots would like to come to Ridgecrest during the IWV Balloon Festival and demonstrate flying model gliders. The festival is scheduled for 7, 8, and 9 November. The tentative plans are for powered models to fly from 7AM to 10 or 11AM. Then the gliders would fly for 2 or 3 hours (or more) starting at 1PM.

I have a few local glider-guiders here, but we would dearly love to see some of the PSS pilots and the beautiful ships you have.

Ridgecrest is about 100 miles north of Pasadena, up Highway 14 past Lancaster and Mojave. The model field is 600 feet of cleared, leveled, wetted, rolled dirt with ten miles or more of desert scrub over-run on each end. The festival promoters are putting in such amenities as flying position posts for the powered guys and a shed roof for a shaded pit. The promoters also promise to attach a rider to their insurance to cover the models flying.

Please let me know if the idea is appealing to any of the PSS pilots, or not. If you have any questions, please contact me. For an idea of what the balloon festival is all about, check out the web site at: <http://www.ndti.net> - just click on the balloon box, then look for the events balloon.

Sincerely, Casey Wilson WriteIt@ndti.net

1997 (SC)² Contest Schedule - please note the date changes.

Sept 28	HSS	Harbor Soaring Society
Oct 26	SWSA	Silent Wings Soaring Society
Nov 23	ISS	Inland Soaring Society

Pasadena Soaring Society August 1997 Contest Scores

Name	Class	Round1	Round2	Round3	Round4	Total	Normal
Toni Stark	Master	634.3	1269.8	1249.8	684.0	3837.9	1000
Phil Hallford	Master	945.2	1245.6	1257.7	385.2	3833.7	999
Mike Ratner	Expert	1230.2	641.8	947.3	1008.6	3827.9	997
Mike Reagan	Master	1021.8	502.4	1266.1	1035.4	3825.7	997
Frank Leppla	Expert	625.7	1246.3	1232.9	365.2	3470.1	904
Gary Roberts	Expert	1135.8	660.8	971.1	426.4	3194.1	832
Bill Walden	Sports	504.0	451.8	1161.1	487.7	2604.6	679
Greg Nikola	Expert	1265.6	1251.9	0.0	0.0	2517.5	656
Pat Degreve	Sports	428.6	608.0	753.7	536.2	2326.5	606
Tom Finch	Expert	316.7	684.0	233.2	774.8	2008.7	523
Hank Schorz	Master	481.3	907.2	575.8	0.0	1964.3	512
Joe Nava	Expert	435.7	506.7	638.3	358.3	1939.0	505
Amber Degreve	Novice	282.9	162.6	198.4	852.9	1496.8	390
Frank Leppla	2-Meter	607.4	916.2	645.4	437.0	2606.0	1000
Pat Degreve	2-Meter	245.7	266.0	388.4	741.0	1641.1	630
Amber Degreve	2-Meter	225.9	166.8	198.4	143.6	734.7	282
G. Kostopoulos	2-Meter	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0

World Wide Web -

Just to let you all know, PSS and many other soaring Clubs are on the Internet at www.rcsoaring.com with lots of useful information. Stay up late and "Surf the net".

For Sale -

This space is reserved for your use. Give it a try. I just sold some stuff using this great, free advertising medium. Unload that used equipment. I know of a few Vision radios for sale.

PSS 1997 Contests -

Well the rest of the year will be coming to an end soon. Just so you can all mark your calenders for the next exciting monthly contests.

Here goes:

November 16th

November 23rd

December 21st

Cartoons -

And finally as promised for the past several years a cartoon somewhat modified by our own Juan Chi. Thanks

What about next year? -

Do you want to volunteer to do something for the club and yourself next year? We hope so. Talk to Mike Ratner soon.

