



## SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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### Quick Monthly Schedule -

**November 16th - PSS Monthly Contest**

**November 17th - PSS Monthly Meeting**

**November 23rd - PSS Monthly Contest**

### President's Message by Mike Ratner

As most of the membership knows, John Rodgers and I called everyone we could get a hold of, asking them to attend the October monthly meeting. This was the meeting where we try to pick the Board Members for next year. I at first felt disappointed that we only had 12 members attend the meeting, but then I thought about it and with the limited membership that we now have, it wasn't all that bad. For those who didn't make the meeting, I'll tell you that it was pretty darn good one. There were a lot of good ideas thrown around, and most of all there was a concerned interest in the future of your club. We have members who are willing to take the leadership next year, with Karlton Spindle running for President, and Dave Farless for 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. For now I guess no one will fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. slot. It's a tough thankless job being responsible for coming up with informative meetings, and it seems that whatever the program, the same members always attend the meetings. Richard Burns will C.D. the 2-day next year, and I know everyone will pitch in as always. So that's the way the elections will be presented to the membership at the next meeting unless something catastrophic happens. I would like everyone to attend the Election meeting on November 17th, so your voices can be heard. The floor will be open for nominations of anyone else who might like a say in the club leadership. By the way one of the suggestions made at the meeting and before that by Karlton, was that every two or three months we could have our meeting at Shakeys. Everyone seems to like those meetings. And, I also want to thank our club members from the Canyon Country area for attending, it is a long way to come for a meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the club members who again brought the Triad Trophy home to PSS. Little did the other clubs know that we requested that the PSS 2-day not be counted this year for the team portion of this years Triad. After talking to the club winners after our 2-day, we thought that it would only be fair to not count our contest because of all the confusion with rescheduling the contest with little notice. It was supposed to have been announced at the Visalia Fall Festival when the awards were being given out, but it didn't happen. None the less, the PSS members did themselves proud. Well done.

I don't have to tell you what's happening at the next meeting, and remember that in November we have two, count them two, contests. This doesn't happen often, so take advantage

of it while you can. Field permits are getting tougher and tougher to get. Any ideas?

Karlton and I will be giving Smiley Rides after the November contests. If you don't know what a Smiley Ride is, then you were not at Fall Festival, so come to the contest and find out what your screw-ball president is talking about.

I for one am sorry I missed the SC2 contest at SWSA on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Talking to several members, I guess everyone had a good time. Well almost everyone. I hear that Karlton was hot as a pistol until the last round and then he did a Richard and choked. Worse, he landed in a tree, and spent the better part of the afternoon getting it back out. Good news, no damage. Wish I could say the same thing about tree shots. You all know about yours truly. Till next month...

### **PSS November Contests** by John Rodgers

Hope you all enjoyed the contest in September. And how about the picnic with all of that great smoked tri-tip and other goodies. Some of us had a real feast. Sorry if you missed out.

And for this month, on November 16th, I will be the contest director for the usual PSS Monthly Contest. The events will be four rounds of one each 4 minutes, 6 minutes, 10 minutes, and another 10 minutes. Scoring will be 900 flight points with a 100 point landing using the famous PSS runways. Pilots meeting will be held at 8:30AM if anybody has shown up by then and the first flight will take place shortly thereafter.

Later in the month, we will be holding our second PSS Monthly Contest. This one is to make up for the missed date in October. I am looking for a volunteer to be the Contest Director. If no one decides to step up, then we will have to appoint someone to run the terrible 3, 5, and 7 minute format and take all of the abuse that goes with running that type of contest. Here is your chance to be a hero and decide on an interesting contest for the rest of us.

### **1997 (SC)<sup>2</sup> Contest Schedule** - Last one of the year.

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### **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.

### **World Wide Web** -

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

**For Sale -**

This space is reserved for your use. Try and clean out those garages. I am looking for some junk to buy to help fill up my closets. I will buy anything of value. Sell something now!

**PSS 1997 Contests -**

Well the rest of the year will be coming to an end soon. Just so you can all mark your calendars for the next exciting monthly contest. Here goes:

December 21st

**Cartoons -**

And finally as promised for the past several years another cartoon 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.

**Start saving your money -**

It is time to start thinking about where the money is coming from to pay your PSS dues for 1998. The Board of Directors will soon be holding an important secret annual meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss financial issues and determine the policies and procedures to be followed in 1998. Of course this all means that the dues will be increased in an attempt to extract as much gold as possible from each and every member. We are now paying for use of the flying field and meeting room. And what about the annual Banquet?

Things were free in the past but I guess there are no free flights anymore.