



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly Schedule -

December 15th - PSS Monthly Meeting

December 21st - PSS Monthly Contest

President's Message by Karlton Spindle

Greetings and Happy New Year! Whoops, that is next month. This month we have happy El Nino. Now that the dreaded rain has come we can all get to that work bench and build or fix what we want to play with for the next time the sun shines over the Rose Bowl.

I will be working with Mike, "The Sky King" Ratner and all the other officers to make sure that the transition of power (Love that POWER) within the club goes as smoothly as one of my landings. Perhaps I should set a higher goal?

Next month we will have a new set of officers and will be planning our yearly party. Hope to see you all there! Oh by the way do not forget the International Modelers Show in Pasadena on January 9-11, 1998. This is a chance to stock up on the goodies you all need.

Smooth Thermals

December Monthly Meeting -

Mark your calendars for December 15th. Just around the corner is the monthly meeting for the Pasadena Soaring Society. We will be having one of the best programs of the year with lots of refreshments. And following all of that will be one big raffle with lots of prizes for those in attendance. Wear your Santa Claus costume and get an extra chance to win some special raffle prizes. You gotta attend this meeting. Usual place and time.

December Monthly Contest -

John Rodgers will be hosting the last monthly contest of the year on December 21st. The pilot's meeting will take place about 8:45AM with the first flight taking place shortly thereafter. About 9:00AM if all goes well meaning that someone is there to help set up the equipment. The tasks will consist of a three, five, seven and five minute round scored 900 flight points and 100 points on a tape landing. After you have flown all four rounds the lowest scored round for each pilot will be thrown out. This gives everyone a chance to mess up one flight. Should be a nice and friendly contest to wind up the year. See you all there. Hope the fine weather holds out. This is your last chance to improve your standings to win that big yearly trophy.

1997 (SC)² Yearly Contest Results -

Congratulations to all those who participated in any of the eight Soaring Clubs of Southern California contests held this past year. Overall the attendance was down significantly from previous years. The Torrey Pines Gulls club members won many of the honors. Besides finishing as the first place team, one of their members, Mike Smith won first place overall. George Joy of TPG was second and Mike Reagan from the Pasadena Soaring Society was third. Congratulations to Mike Reagan. One of our finest.

Someone has moved -

Airtronics, Inc. has moved to 1185 Stanford Court in Anaheim, CA 92805. Their new phone number is (714) 978-1895, and FAX number is (714) 978-1540.

Dues, dues and more dues -

It is that time of year again when you have to spend a few dollars and renew your membership in the Pasadena Soaring Society. Send a check to Al Zimmerman at 1328 Branta Drive, Glendale, CA 91208 for \$20.00 to renew for 1998. If you want to save 32¢ bringing the money to a meeting or contest would be sufficient. You had better pay by check or get a receipt since our Treasurer seems to forget who he receives money from.

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.

Do you want to get in touch -

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 <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!

The coming year -

The PSS Board of Directors is meeting to discuss ideas and plans for the upcoming year. Let them know what you want to do and see done in 1998. Your inputs are important in helping this club move forward into the next century. We need lots of new members! Any ideas? Please volunteer to run a contest or help out at a meeting. This is your club.