



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly Schedule -

February 21st - PSS Annual Banquet

February 22nd - PSS Monthly Contest

President's Message by Karlton Spindle

Our President is running about town these days and seems to have missed his deadline for preparing material for this fine newsletter. Maybe next month.

PSS Annual Banquet - Gary Winberg

We have picked a date and a place for the umpteenth Annual Banquet of the Pasadena Soaring Society. If you all remember last year, we had a great time at Coco's Restaurant in Arcadia. (It rained hard) Well we are going to do it again. The date is Saturday, February 21st, with Happy Hour starting at 6:30PM and dinner following at about 7:00PM. The address is 1150 Colorado Blvd in Arcadia, located at the south-east corner of Michillinda Avenue and Colorado Blvd. Cost will be \$15.00 per adult and \$7.50 for a child. The club will be picking up some of the tab. There will be bar service and we got to spend \$100 as a minimum. There will be a very short business meeting, big raffle, and trophy presentations. You have to make a reservation by calling David Farless at (818) 249-9642. PLEASE let him know soon and no later than February 17th. You will get a choice of one of the following as your entree; Open 'flame broiled' Rib Eye Steak, Fresh Salmon Filet, or Chicken Cordon Blue. Potatoes or rice, salad, vegetables, bread, and coffee, tea, or soft drink is included. LEAVE David a message with the number of people and what their dinner choice is. Bring some friends we need a big turnout. Don't miss out.

February Contest Plans by David Farless

The date is Sunday, February 22, 1998. This contest will take place at our usual location which is Area H of Brookside Park in Pasadena. We need help setting up the equipment at 8:30AM. Pilot's meeting will take place at 8:50AM and the first flight should be off the ground by 9:00AM. There will be four flights (and you must fly four) to make a total of 30 minutes. No time limit on each flight. Landings will be the famous Nimitz class aircraft carrier landings either landing on the deck or in the water. The deck will be worth 20 points. In the water will get you nothing. Pop-offs, one or more will be allowed. This will be a fun contest.

PSS Two-Day Contest - We finally got a permit approved by the City of Pasadena for the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. Detailed information will be published shortly. Plan ahead.

January Contest Results

We had a great contest on January 18th. The turnout was pretty small for the first one of the year but there was a special tournament going on just down the road from us. The weather was perfect for January, about 68 degrees and sunny after the early morning fog burned off at 8:30AM. The lift was quite good most of the time except for a few of us who always get to fly in sink. The results are shown below. Thanks to David Farless for planning and hosting this event.

Name	Class	Round1	Round2	Round3	Round4	Total	Normal
Edgar Wiseman	Master	445	790	1167	1517	3919	1000.0
Art McNamee	Master	430	781	1173	1527	3911	998.0
John Rodgers	Master	433	778	1160	1516	3887	991.8
Don McNamee	Master	453	751	1158	1518	3880	990.0
Mike Ratner	Expert	354	717	1151	1534	3756	958.4
Gary Roberts	Expert	439	797	1000	1478	3714	947.7
David Farless	Expert	427	537	1134	1510	3608	920.6
Art Chmielewski	Master	436	776	1121	1174	3507	894.9
Frank Leppla	Expert	440	784	1077	990	3291	839.8
Joe Nave	Master	446	741	1147	834	3168	808.4
Don McNamee	2-Meter	449	803	969	1501	3722	1000.0
Frank Leppla	2-Meter	423	390	1104	1508	3425	920.2
George Kostopoulos	2-Meter	348	504	816	1488	3156	847.9
David Farless	2-Meter	360	378	1134	455	2327	625.2

PSS Home Page

Pasadena Soaring Society and other soaring clubs are on the world-wide-web at "<http://www.rcsoaring.com>". There are lots of other links to radio-control soaring related web pages at "<http://tau.com>" and monitoring the famous gossip column called air-age is at: "<http://www.findmail.com/listsaver/soaring/info>".

Arizona Contest Report

Several PSS members traveled to the Phoenix area to attend the big two-day contest held by the Central Arizona Soaring League (CASL) on February 7th and 8th. This was the first of the Triad series for 1998. It seems like everyone had fun and enjoyed the weekend up until about 10:30AM on Sunday morning when the rains decided to turn the flying field into a quagmire of the gooiest mud I have ever seen. Still trying to get it off of my shoes and out of my pants after three days. Unofficially, PSS came in third as a team. Joe Wurts was declared the overall winner, Mike Reagan came in tenth, Mark Levoe placed 22nd, and John Rodgers finished in 35th. Greg Johns, Richard Burns, Paul Trist, Mike Ratner, Frank Leppla, and Greg Nikola finished farther down the line. There were 192 contestants signed up for this contest and 28 people did not show up. The contest was very well run although it seems that it took a long time to finish each round. There was some controversy about the pop-off rules and enforcement thereof.

We should learn a lesson from this and make sure that we have a clearly defined and enforced rule for our upcoming contests both at the Two-Day and SCSC.

Last Years Final Results -

Here are the results from last year. We have thrown out two contests and averaged the points to see who wins the trophies for the PSS Yearly Top Ten or Top Five or whatever. For Master and Expert classes we had eleven contests and will be scoring the best nine. For Two-meter we had nine contests and will be scoring the best seven. The number of Sportsmen contestants was very low this year and no trophies will be awarded. Here are the final numbers. We would like to congratulate the winners in each class. Trophies will be presented at the Banquet this month.

Place	Name	Class	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Total	Average
1	Mike Reagan	Master	998	961	992	1000		997	1000	988	1000		993	8929	992
2	Toni Stark	Master	980	963		972		1000	987	1000	940	934	989	8766	974
3	Phil Hallford	Master	995	974	990	975		999		829	976	996	997	8731	970
4	Karlon Spindle	Master	990	943	635	916	630		779		932	941	931	7697	855
5	Greg Johns	Master	1000	900	1000		898		662	979	387	1000		6827	759
6	Richard Burns	Master				937	964		986	796	978	856	993	6510	723
7	John Rodgers	Master		984	751	949	859			857	810	855		6065	674
8	Keith Kindrick	Master		964	891	983	1000				960		932	5730	637
9	Paul Trist	Master	983	887	787	958				962				4578	509
10	Mark Levoe	Master	978	1000		909			709	975				4571	508

Place	Name	Class	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Total	Average
1	Mike Ratner	Expert	958	757	734		857	997	974	898	833		926	7935	882
2	Frank Leppla	Expert	991	881		365		904	498	610	830	809	970	6858	762
3	Gary Roberts	Expert	932			928		832	748			985		4426	492
4	David Farless	Expert		825		946			641		865	978		4255	473
5	Greg Nikola	Expert			978	652	696	656						2982	331
6	Art McNamee	Expert			840		993						991	2824	314
7	Ed Devlin	Expert	714		736									1450	161
8	Joe Nave	Expert						505		892				1398	155
9	Claus Langer	Expert			990									990	110
10	Peter Stairs	Expert											969	969	108

Place	Name	Class	Jan-97	Feb-97	Mar-97	Apr-97	Jul-97	Aug-97	SCSC	Sep-97	Nov-97	Nov-97	Dec-97	Total	Average
1	Frank Leppla	2-Meter				1000		1000		793	1000	954	964	5711	816
2	Richard Burns	2-Meter								1000		1000	1000	3000	429
3	G. Kostopoulos	2-Meter						0		674			702	1376	197
4	Don McNamee	2-Meter			1000		1000							2000	286
5	Phil Hallford	2-Meter		1000		280								1280	183

