



## SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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### Quick Monthly Schedule -

**March 15th - PSS Monthly Contest**

**March 16th - PSS Monthly Meeting**

**March 29th - PSS Monthly Contest (Makeup for February rainout)**

### President's Message - Greetings web footed flying friends;

Well the year is off to a soggy start and it looks like our new friend El Nino will be hovering around for a while longer. I have not flown in so long I can not remember which thumb goes on the stick and which one goes in my mouth or is that the way Mimi my 4 year old flies?

The year end party was a lot of fun, thanks to all who worked so hard to put on such a nice event! Next time you see Gary Winberg at the field let him know how much we thank him for all he did to get the event off the ground. And George K. - Thanks a million.

I hope to get a copy of the Dynamic Soaring film for the next meeting. - Karlton

### PSS Two-Day Soaring Festival

Planned for the first weekend of May. We have received about forty entry forms as of this date. That is somewhat more than last year at this time. It looks like we will have a good turnout. Richard Burns still needs lots of help to run the contest. The Boy Scouts will be doing their usual great job of preparing the food. Be sure to support their efforts. Entry form is attached just in case you did not get one or have a friend who would like to sign up.

### PSS Annual Banquet - The Editor

About thirty-five people showed up for the Annual Banquet at COCO's restaurant in Arcadia on February 21st. I believe that we all had a great time. The food was excellent with the Rib Eye Steak seeming to be the best choice. All-in-all, meaning the food, ambiance, and great people, it was an outstanding event. Trophies were given out to the flyers who did the best in each of their classes during the year. Congratulations to all of the winners. Special thanks to last years President, Mike Ratner who held this club together last year. David Farless and Gary Winberg planned this event. Thanks to them. And even though he was embarrassed to a great extent, THANKS to George Kostopoulous for all the help in 1997. A special guy indeed.

If you really need to know how you did last year, you could pull out last months newsletter and check it out. The year-end results were published there. We can all now start working on winning those trophies for next year. Good Luck.

## **March Contest Plans** by David Farless

The date is Sunday, March 15th, 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. 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.

Does this all sound familiar? It should since this is what we planned to do in February. But you would of needed a real boat on that day.

We think we have the field reserved on Sunday March 29th. Come to the meeting and help us finalize the plans for the second contest of the month. You could be the Contest Director!

## **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>".

## **I'm the Guy -**

I'm the guy who was invited to join your organization. I'm the guy who paid his dues to join. I'm the guy who wanted to learn to fly radio controlled planes. I'm the guy who went out and purchased a great sailplane and a new eight channel PCM radio.

I'm the guy who came to your meetings and no one paid attention to. I tried to be friendly to some of the members, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and be with. I'm the guy who came to the field and tried my best but no one seemed to have time to work with me and help me become a better flier.

I missed a meeting because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one called or asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I stayed home and watched TV. At the following meeting I attended, but no one asked where I was at the previous meeting.

You might say I'm the good guy, a good family man who holds down a responsible job, loves his community and country. You know who else I am?

**I'M THE GUY WHO NEVER CAME BACK . . .**

