



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

- November 1st - PSS Picnic and Fun-Fly
- November 15th - PSS Monthly Contest
- November 16th - PSS Monthly Meeting
- November 29th - PSS Monthly Contest Again

President's Message - by Karlton Spindle

I am not sure how we did it but we have a group of nominees for officers for 1999. Now we have to see if they can get elected. It will be tough but we need to hear what they have to say on the campaign trail and how much money will be spent to impress the voters. Also, it is important to find out how much mud they can sling along the way. Be sure to vote at the next meeting. It has been an experience and pleasure to be your President in 1998.

Nominees - for 1999

- President - Richard Burns
- 1st Vice-President - Mike Ratner
- 2nd Vice-President - Karlton Spindle
- Secretary - Juan Chi
- Treasurer - Al Zimmerman

Contest Plans - by Dave Farless

The November 15th contest will be hosted by John Rodgers. He is planning four, eight, ten, and twelve minute rounds for your fun and flying pleasure. Landings will be to the famous 25 foot tapes. No carrier landings for a change. Good idea.

The November 29th contest will be hosted by Karlton Spindle. He is planning four rounds of add-em-up to make thirty minutes with no flight over eleven minutes. Landings will be announced at the contest.

Plan on attending both of these contests. They will be fun.

PSS Meetings -

Our monthly meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month at the Kaiser Permanente Offices at 393 East Walnut in Pasadena, CA. Starting time is 7:30PM. We hold the meetings in Conference Room 7L which is on the seventh floor on the east end of the building. The parking lot is entered off of Los Robles Avenue on the west side just north of Walnut Avenue. Push the button and tell the guard where you are going and he will let you in. We hope to have some interesting meetings in the future. Recently we have had video tapes on the Japanese Birdman Contests of 1996 and 1998. They were hilarious.

Dues are due soon -

The 1999 dues deadline is approaching. \$20.00 will keep your membership in good standing for next year. The dues can be mailed (before 12/15/98) to the address below, paid at a meeting or contest. Checks preferred for your and our records. Pay Al Zimmerman soon.

Contest Schedules for 1998 - more contests for the rest of the year.

PSS Monthly Contests -
December 20th

SCSC Contests -
November 22nd ISS (Inland Soaring Society)

Contact Information -

The Pasadena Soaring Society wants to hear from you. Please send us mail at our post office box, phone or contact one of the officers above. Our mailing address is:

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PSS SCSC Contest - by Frank Leppla

Well we pulled it off somehow. Some sixty contestants turned out on October 18th to test their skills. The weather was about 82 degrees with little wind, a lot of lift, and a little sink. We got started about ½ hour late and had some trouble with the launch and retrieval lines. This may have been due to the hundreds of bottle caps and lots of broken glass left over from the college football game the afternoon before. Thanks to Mike Ratner for CDing the contest and all those who helped out; Jerry W, John R, Gary W, Gary R, Toni S, Frank L, Juan C, Richard B, David B, Karlton S, David F, John R, Keith K, George K, Dave S, Phil H, and Daryl P.

And also, thanks to all the participants who were so patient with our line problems. We will get this all straightened out before our next big contest.

PSS SCSC CONTEST RESULTS - OCTOBER 18, 1998 PSS MEMBERS ONLY FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	RND 1	RND 2	RND 3	RND 4	TOTAL	NORMAL	TROPHY AWARDED
1	DARYL	PERKINS	259.0	380.0	500.0	610.0	1749.0	1000.0	1ST MASTER
2	KEITH	KINDRICK	259.0	367.0	497.0	617.0	1740.0	994.9	2ND MASTER
3	RICHARD	BURNS	260.0	369.0	489.0	618.0	1736.0	992.6	3RD MASTER
4	PHILLIP	HALLFORD	240.0	380.0	485.0	599.0	1704.0	974.3	
5	TONI	STARK	243.0	363.0	479.0	599.0	1684.0	962.8	
6	JOHN	RODGERS	215.0	357.0	488.0	600.0	1660.0	949.1	
7	DAVID	FARLESS	250.0	223.0	479.0	597.0	1549.0	885.6	1ST EXPERT
8	GARY	ROBERTS	237.0	221.0	478.0	486.0	1422.0	813.0	2ND EXPERT
9	PAUL	TRIST JR.	240.0	359.0	187.0	549.0	1335.0	763.3	
10	KARLTON	SPINDLE	240.0	359.0	353.0	360.0	1312.0	750.1	3RD EXPERT
11	FRANK	LEPPLA	241.0	259.0	499.0	278.0	1277.0	730.1	
12	HANK	SCHORZ	260.0	379.0	0.0	0.0	639.0	365.4	
13	GREGG	NIKOLA	257.0	360.0	0.0	0.0	617.0	352.8	
14	DAVID	BUTKOVICH	239.0	227.0	0.0	0.0	466.0	266.4	
15	DAVE	SCHWENINGER	230.0	134.0	0.0	0.0	364.0	207.1	1ST SPORTSMAN
16	MIKE	RATNER	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	DNF

More Contest Plans - by Dave Farless

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Are there any frustrated CD's out there who would just love to do this contest? Otherwise, I may run it myself, and you know that could mean a good old speed run or duration!! This threat was enough to get John Rodgers to volunteer for one of the November contests, so maybe it will work here too. Give me a call if you are interested.

PSS SCSC OCTOBER 18th Contest - (Another Review by Dave Farless)

We hosted the SCSC contest at the Rose Bowl on October 18. What a glorious day... weather wise, anyway. Unfortunately, the UCLA fans who picnic - ed on our field the previous day, left it in a real mess. The Pasadena city folks did a great job of cleaning up the visible stuff, so the field looked good, but they left behind pounds of bottle caps and broken glass that played havoc with our winch lines. All three winches were down many times in the first few hours as the lines were abraded and then broke under pressure. We eventually caught on to the problems and cleaned out the winch line tracks as best we could, and things got much better. However, there was some frustration as the contest stretched out to almost 2:00 PM, and some folks left early since they had made other plans for the afternoon. I can clearly remember 10-12 years ago when you had to dedicate a whole day to an SCSC contest, even if it had only 3 short rounds!!

Thanks to all who helped out on this one... PSS members and many contestants from other clubs who pitched in, repairing lines and cleaning the field to help keep things going. It was a tough day, but I think most of us had a good time. Its hard not to have fun on such a beautiful day when the mountains are clear and the lift makes 10-min flights a snap. (Not for all of us) Thanks especially to Mike Ratner for CD-ing this contest and for scoring it as well! Mike, next time you CD, lets find someone else to do the score keeping. Any volunteers??

Fall Soaring Festival at Visalia - by Dave Farless again

You may or may not find elsewhere in this newsletter the list of standings from the CVRC Fall Soaring Festival (depending on whether our great newsletter editor can find room). At any rate, here are a few highlights. Daryl Perkins and Joe Wurts were the top PSS finishers (is anyone surprised?) at 7th and 8th. Keith Kindrick (a sometimes PSS member) finished 2nd flying for CVRC. Richard Burns placed a highly respectable 17th. And, Mike Ratner brought home a trophy by placing 3rd in the Grey Cup class. Congratulations guys!! The competition was intense!

They had 301 official entries for this one. There were 32 no-shows (including me) so they had 269 pilots!! I was especially please to see that they had 46 entrants in the Nostalgia class. Lots of wind on Saturday but good job, CVRC. Our hats are off to you. This is the event we all try to measure up to, and know that we never will.

SC2 Contests - Inland Soaring Society, November 22

The next SC2 contest is at Inland Soaring Society (ISS) in Riverside. It is on Sunday, November 22, so it fits nicely into our full November schedule. Vince Botkin is the CD and has declared the events to be 3, 5, and 7 minute precision duration flights. He will be using a very strange landing target. Cleaver people everywhere.

This is the last SCSC Contest of the year so come on out and see who wins the yearly trophies. Check the flyer out on the next page. With us having three events this month and the SCSC Contest you can fly four of five Sundays. What a joy to live in Southern California.

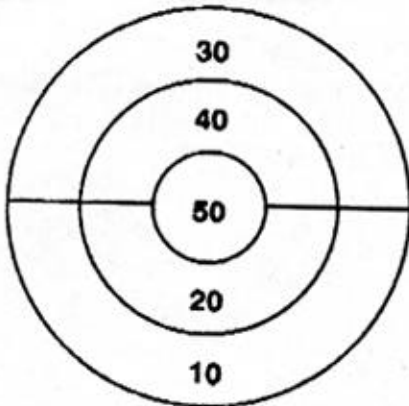
** Come to the PSS Monthly Meeting on the 16th and vote for your new officers. And don't forget the 15th and 29th Contests. Happy Thanksgiving to you all, your families, and friends.

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Landings are in a 10 ft. circle with a 1 ft. bulls eye in the center. All landings must have the nose of the plane clearly in the circle. On the painted line will be counted towards the lower score.

Round 1: 4 min. 900/50

Round 2: 7 min. 900/50

Round 3: 10 min. 900/50

Entry: \$8.00 3 Function Entry: \$5.00

Contest Director: Vince Botkin

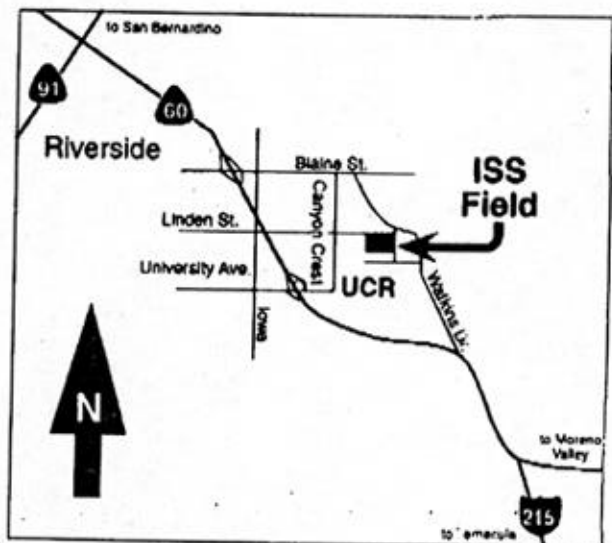
Phone: (909) 928-0956

Sign-ups: 7:30 a.m.

Pilot's Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

First Flight: 9:00 a.m.

There will be a BBQ Hamburger Lunch at the field and cold drinks.



**TAKE LINDEN ALL THE WAY THRU UCR
WHEN IT ENDS (AT ROADBLOCK)
THE FLYING FIELD IS TO THE RIGHT.
FOLLOW DIRT ROAD WHICH GOES AROUND
OUTSIDE OF FIELD**