



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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July 1999

Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

July 19th - PSS Monthly Meeting

Monthly Contest - no permits available this month. Sorry.

President's Message by Richard Burns

Thank you all for the, "Get well", wishes regarding my recent knee surgery. Now that I'm well, I find myself without an excuse for not writing an article for the newsletter. I attempted to try to fix my wife's electric blender before sitting down to write this, but, Kathleen is too smart. She figured out what I was trying to do and unplugged the cord! So now I write.

With the months of May and June now behind us marked only by the fading memory of a moderately successful two-day contest, we all tend to get complacent. We are satisfied to put off until next year any thought of what we need to do to pull off a truly outstanding soaring festival. This, in turn, only leads to another moderately successful contest. So, I intend to have a brain storming session on the subject during the July meeting. We will talk about what we did right as well as what went wrong. Things can always be done better. I will have a specific list of items that I would like input from everyone on. Some of the topics you can probably guess. Others may surprise you. The purpose is to get started now on remedies for the more serious problems that continue to hinder us as well as set goals for what we hope to accomplish for next year's contest. So, show up at the meeting on July 19th at 7:30PM. I'll bring some outstanding snacks.

Did you know that the club has a lost and found closet? I happened to rummage through it the other day and found some interesting things. There was a book on how to solder electrical connections. It belongs to Mike Ratner. Obviously, he has not read it yet. I also found a copy of "The Sailplane Pilots Guide to Performing Exorcisms", last read by yours truly about ten years ago. John Rodgers needs to read it. Lastly, there was the first page of someone's copy of "How to be a Contest Director for A PSS Monthly Contest". The title of the opening chapter (as we all know) is "Show-Up". I wonder who that belongs to Karlton?

PSS Meetings -

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of each month in the Kaiser Permanente Offices at 393 East Walnut, Pasadena, CA. Starting time is 7:30PM. We hold these meetings in Conference Room 7L which is on the seventh floor at 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. You will then have to park and find your way to the front door and sign in. Ride the elevator to the seventh floor and go east. An interesting time awaits you.....

June Contest Report By Mike Ratner

The June contest date was late this month, and fell on the same day as the SC2 contest, but we had a good turnout just the same. The CD of record, who we will not mention, must have gotten spindled, because he never showed up for the contest. By an overwhelming vote of those present, the format for this month was changed from 4 rounds of 10 minutes each to a 3-5-7 type of contest. Results are listed below.

We do not have a July contest date since we could not get a permit from the city. Next contest will be in August (15th), and because I don't have a CD lined up at this printing, the contest format will be published next month. I'll bet you can't wait. By that time John Rodgers may have found the problem with his plane, and I'll have my wiring straightened out.

If you haven't tried it out, come on down to the field on a Friday afternoon from 3:00 till whenever. Great time to get in some fun flying or check out that new or for that matter old bird.

Open Class Results - June 27, 1999

| Place | Name | Event | Club | RND1 | RND2 | RND3 | TOTAL | NORMALIZE | TROPHY |
|-------|--------------------|-----------|------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | RICHARD BURNS | MASTER | PSS | 1000.0 | 1000.0 | 987.7 | 2987.7 | 1000.0 | 1st Master |
| 2 | JIMMY WILLIAMS | MASTER | SWSA | 974.6 | 963.7 | 995.3 | 2933.6 | 981.9 | 2nd Master |
| 3 | TONI STARK | MASTER | PSS | 968.7 | 978.5 | 973.0 | 2920.1 | 977.4 | 2rd Master |
| 4 | JOE NAVE | MASTER | PSS | 963.7 | 1000.0 | 522.7 | 2486.3 | 832.2 | |
| 5 | DAVE SCHWENINGER | SPORTSMAN | PSS | 974.6 | 535.7 | 917.0 | 2427.3 | 812.4 | 1st Expert |
| 6 | NOWELL SIEGEL | EXPERT | PSS | 968.7 | 960.4 | 495.0 | 2424.1 | 811.4 | 2nd Expert |
| 7 | SAM SIEGEL | EXPERT | PSS | 947.3 | 512.9 | 947.3 | 2407.5 | 805.8 | |
| 8 | MIKE RATNER | EXPERT | PSS | 979.6 | 980.0 | 399.0 | 2358.6 | 789.4 | |
| 9 | FRANK LEPLA | EXPERT | PSS | 864.8 | 476.9 | 980.0 | 2321.7 | 777.1 | |
| 10 | JOHN HARPER | MASTER | SWSA | 653.3 | 980.0 | 303.3 | 1936.7 | 648.2 | |
| 11 | ALEXANDER EREMenko | NOVICE | PSS | 588.0 | 793.8 | 483.0 | 1864.8 | 624.2 | |
| 12 | GEORGE KOSTOPOULOS | SPORTSMAN | PSS | 925.6 | 653.3 | 273.0 | 1851.9 | 619.8 | 1st Sport |

Two-Meter Results

| Place | Name | Club | RND1 | RND2 | RND3 | TOTAL | NORMALIZE |
|-------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------|
| 1 | RICHARD BURNS | PSS | 994.6 | 996.7 | 997.7 | 2989.0 | 1000.0 1st |
| 2 | GREG NORSWORTHY | PSS | 979.1 | 985.0 | 970.7 | 2934.8 | 981.9 |
| 3 | ALEXANDER EREMenko | PSS | 876.6 | 957.3 | 966.0 | 2799.9 | 936.7 |
| 4 | DAVE SCHWENINGER | PSS | 969.1 | 957.1 | 583.3 | 2509.6 | 839.6 |
| 5 | FRANK LEPLA | PSS | 989.1 | 954.1 | 513.3 | 2456.5 | 821.9 |

1999 (SC)² Contest Schedule -

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| 29 August | Costa Mesa | Harbor Soaring Society |
| 26 September | Covina | Silent Wings Soaring Society |
| 31 October | Pasadena | Pasadena Soaring Society |

Other PSS Contest Dates for 1999 - Plan ahead

Below is a list of club contests scheduled for the rest of the year. You could come out and fly these contests. We would love to see you there.

July No Contest Dates available
Aug 15
Sept 19
Oct 17
Oct 31 (SCSC) PSS will host the Great Pumpkin Contest.
Nov 21
Dec 19

TOSS Bent Wing Contest -

Well I sure owe somebody an apology. I had their contest announcement somewhere and while cleaning house did a number on it. My memory says that it is planned for August 8th but you will have to check that. Dust off the old plane and attend this fine contest sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Soaring Society.

PSS Website is at - <http://www.netmeister.net/~thelep/pss>

SCSC Website is at - <http://www.sc-2.org>

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