



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RUN THE SCSC CONTEST ON OCTOBER 31ST.
PLEASE SHOW UP AT THE FIELD AT 7:00AM TO HELP SET UP THE TENTS,
WINCHES, AND RETRIEVERS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. THANKS.**

Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

- October 17th - Monthly Contest
- October 18th - PSS Monthly Meeting
- October 31st - PSS SCSC Contest

President's Message by Richard Burns

Thanks to all who participated in the annual club picnic and fun-fly. It was outstanding. John Rodgers our, "commissioner of culinary chemistry," out did himself again this year. Not only did he smoke some great marinated Tri-tip, but he smoked the two minute blind flight too! Everyone pitched in and it made for a memorable day. Food, friends, and flying! What more could one ask for?

A landing maybe! At least that's what I was asking for at the recent Fall Soaring Festival in Visalia. Come on, even the Mars Global Surveyor got a landing (granted it wasn't suppose to!) Congratulations to John (still smoking) Rodgers and Keith Kendrick for finishing in the top ten. As of yet, we still don't know which individual or team won the triad (cumulative points from Arizona, Pasadena, and Visalia Two-days). Visalia results are available on Joe Nave's website at www.rcsoaring.com.

Don't forget, October 31st is the Great Pumpkin Contest. It's our clubs turn to host the SC2. We need everyone to help out to ensure a successful event. We need to be at our best as host so the participants will want to come back to our 2-day in 2000.

One of our new members, Peter Illsley, has put together a draft copy of a pilot's handbook to help new members (and some not so new members) grasp the big picture about our club and what it is we do. When it's finished, it will cover everything from getting started to running a Two-day contest. He needs input from those of us who have been there on a variety of subjects. I plan on writing a chapter on "contest director responsibilities". Ask Peter for a copy and see if you can contribute.

October Contest Plans by Mike Ratner

October 17th is the day. Since I have not been provided any information on the events for this contest, perhaps we should call it the Great Surprise Contest.

Picnic Report by Frank Leppla

Well we did it again. The umpteenth annual PSS Picnic was a rousing success from the reports I have heard. Our thanks to everybody who brought a potluck dish and or helped out in any way. We consumed five case of soft drinks, chips and dips, HOT peppers, many pounds of enchiladas, a couple of special potato salads, green salads, curried rice dish, pots of special beans, various other side dishes, desserts, and about 40 pounds of smoked tri-tips.

The Woman's Glider Event consisted of building, decorating, and flying 1/3 meter class model gliders. There were approximately fifteen entries. Kathleen Burns won the most beautiful plane and distance events. And a woman guest (I lost her name) won the longest flight round with 4.4 seconds. Besides all of that we had a regular PSS monthly contest. The results are published somewhere in this newsletter.

Other PSS Contest Dates for 1999 - Plan ahead

Below is a list of monthly club contests scheduled for the rest of this year. It is my understanding that Juan Chi and Gary Winberg will be the Contest Directors for an upcoming contest and that Karlton Spindle has volunteered for the one shortly thereafter. How is that for weasel-wording something you are not sure about?

You got to come to these contests just to see the Contest Directors in action. Watch the unusual way they explain each and every round, the landings, and scoring. Later on they will have to describe the rules to each and every pilot in infinite detail and probably more than once. Then they will try to make sense out of some very extraordinary launches (pop-offs), flight times, and landings and apply creative rules for each unique case. Quite a show!

October 17th

November 21st - Canceled. No permit available.

December 19th

1999 (SC)² Contest Schedule -

October 31st - Pasadena Soaring Society - The Great Pumpkin Contest

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.....

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

Other Soaring Clubs at - <http://www.rcsoaring.com>

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

PSS MONTHLY CONTEST - 9/19/99 CD - MIKE RATNER

OPEN CLASS RESULTS

Place	Name	Skill	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	
1	MARK GATTI	EXPERT	PSS	934.2	1063.2	871.5	902.5	3771.4	1000.0	1st Master
2	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	836.4	1105.6	844.4	924.6	3711.0	984.0	2nd Master
3	KARLTON SPINDLE	EXPERT	PSS	947.4	1045.9	840.9	865.4	3699.6	981.0	3rd Master
4	JOHN RODGERS	MASTER	PSS	939.4	1025.6	738.9	980.0	3684.0	976.8	
5	TONI STARK	MASTER	PSS	984.7	1032.7	777.6	857.5	3652.5	968.5	
6	JEREMY BARNES	EXPERT	SWSA	997.4	1039.2	643.9	934.2	3614.6	958.4	
7	DAN WERNER	MASTER	SCSA	974.7	705.5	1032.7	894.6	3607.5	956.5	
8	ALEXANDER EREMENKO	NOVICE	PSS	947.4	981.7	805.7	815.4	3550.2	941.3	1st Expert
9	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	593.6	1095.6	862.7	928.8	3480.6	922.9	
10	JIMMY WILLIAMS	MASTER	SWSA	923.6	1098.5	515.5	839.6	3377.2	895.5	
11	EBER GRAHAM	MASTER	SWSA	947.4	508.4	1086.8	791.7	3334.2	884.1	
12	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	987.4	700.9	1103.8	467.5	3259.6	864.3	
13	FRANK LEPLA	EXPERT	PSS	982.1	680.8	670.3	878.8	3211.9	851.7	2nd Expert
14	TOM FINCH	MASTER	SWSA	969.4	591.2	826.9	762.5	3150.0	835.2	
15	PHILLIP HALLFORD	MASTER	PSS	659.7	869.7	536.6	942.1	3008.1	797.6	
16	G.D. BARNES	EXPERT	UNKN	327.2	1027.4	617.5	942.1	2914.2	772.7	
17	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	517.2	1092.9	401.8	807.5	2819.4	747.6	
18	KEN DILLON	MASTER	SWSA	994.7	290.3	485.6	736.7	2507.2	664.8	
19	PATRICK DEGREVE	SPORTSMAN	PSS	942.1	249.8	469.7	704.6	2366.2	627.4	1st Sport
20	ALBERT FUNFSTUCK	MASTER	SWSA	939.4	269.2	253.3	821.7	2283.6	605.5	
21	BOB LITSEY	MASTER	SWSA	936.8	151.3	272.7	641.2	2002.0	530.8	
22	GEORGE KOSTOPOULOS	SPORTSMAN	PSS	894.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	894.6	237.2	
23	AMBER DEGREVE	NOVICE	PSS	163.6	130.2	123.1	340.4	757.4	200.8	1st Novice
24	LOWELL NOREBERG	EXPERT	SCSA	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.7	

TWO-METER RESULTS

Place	Name	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	
1	RICHARD BURNS	PSS	1000.0	660.5	1105.6	934.6	3700.6	1000.0	1st
2	ALEXANDER EREMENKO	PSS	944.7	972.9	865.6	783.8	3566.9	963.9	2nd
3	JOE NAVE	PSS	947.4	449.4	1050.3	748.3	3195.3	863.5	
4	PATRICK DEGREVE	PSS	950.0	543.6	177.7	680.8	2352.1	635.6	
5	AMBER DEGREVE	PSS	139.9	137.2	82.7	0.0	359.8	97.2	

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The Pasadena Soaring Society wants to hear from you.
Your ideas, comments, criticism, and suggestions are important.
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