



## SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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### Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

December 19<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Contest  
No Monthly Meeting this month

### President's Report by Richard Burns

Congratulations (or sympathies as the case may be) to those who will be joining me on the Board of Directors as we take the Pasadena Soaring Society and RC Soaring into the new millennium. Your club officers for Y2K will be:

President - Richard Burns  
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There is much to discuss regarding the future of the club and the direction we want to take it in. The work we do now will lay the foundation for that future. Those of us who have gotten the club to this milestone look back with fond memories of the people and events that have shaped our club and formed friendships that will endure a lifetime. We invite all members, old and new, to join us in the work that lies ahead, and experience the intangible rewards that come from being truly involved in this endeavor we call the Pasadena Soaring Society.

It's only right that we properly celebrate all that we have accomplished and hope to achieve as we ring in the new millennium. It is my pleasure to announce:

### **The Pasadena Soaring Society Annual Banquet and Millennium Celebration**

**January 22, 2000 at Beckham's Place, 77 W. Walnut Avenue, Pasadena**

**Happy Hour / Hors d'oeuvres starting at 6:00 PM**

**Dinner served at 7:00 PM**

MENU includes - Your choice of one of the following:

- 1) Mushroom Stuffed Chicken Breast
  - Caesar Salad
  - Roasted Red Potatoes
  - Creamed Spinach
  - New York Style Cheesecake
- 2) Prime Rib of Beef
  - Hearts of Romaine
  - Garlic Mashed Potatoes
  - Creamed Corn
  - New York Style Cheesecake
- 3) Grilled Fresh Salmon
  - Crown City Salad
  - Saffron Rice
  - Herb Zucchini with Parmesan
  - New York Style Cheesecake

Price \$20.00 per person, includes tax and tip. Does not include drinks.

That's right! Beckham Place for only \$20.00 per person! We're pulling out all the stops! This will be the definitive P.S.S. Party! I'm asking everyone to dig through their junk drawers and bring any old or recent pictures of club members so we can reminisce about days gone by. Bring any old patches, pins, or memorabilia. Lets see who can come up with the oldest club picture. We will have a copy of every club newsletter ever written on hand, and will read a few of the more interesting articles that have graced the pages of "Soar Spots". (I bet you didn't know that was the name of our newsletter or at least was at one time). Oh yea, we will also be honoring the top fliers for the past year. So mark your calendars as we mark the new millennium and have one heck of a BLAST!

Please RSVP me at 626-857-0024 and let me know you are coming and your choice of entree. It's imperative I give the restaurant a head and entree count well before the party.

### **SCSC Contest Report by Richard Burns**

The SC2 contest on December 5th, otherwise known as the "Great Pumpkin Contest", went as rescheduled without a hitch (except the six week old pumpkins didn't smell too good!). Congratulations to Keith Kendrick for taking 2nd place in masters class as the highest scoring club member. The contest marked the debut of the club generator. It easily accommodated the sixty-one fliers through the three rounds of competition. Thank you to all who helped out! It was one of the smoothest large contests we have run in recent memory.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report by David Farless**

Our normal "3rd Monday of the month" date for the club meeting puts it on December 20 this month. That seems a little close to Christmas and would likely limit turn-out, so we have decided to cancel the December meeting. If you have some club business which can't wait until next year, come to the club contest this month and corner one of the club officers. Or, give one of them a call. Since our January meeting is replaced by the annual club banquet, our next meeting will be on February 21,2000.

**December Club Meeting Cancelled in Favor of the Holidays.**

**Club Meetings in the New Millennium By David Farless**

As part of our efforts to increase member involvement in the Club, we will be making an effort in the new year to increase attendance at our regular monthly club meetings. We have a very nice meeting room now in an executive conference room at the Kaiser-Permanente office building in Pasadena. Getting in is a little intimidating the first time, but is really quite convenient, with indoor, secure parking. At our first meeting of the New Millennium on February 21, 2000 we will have an exciting raffle, light refreshments, and a short, interesting program. Watch for details in the January newsletter. Please come on out and help insert some new vitality into the Pasadena Soaring Society.

P.S. - Before your write me any nasty letters, let me say the I KNOW January 1, 2000 is NOT the start of the New Millennium. That will not happen until January 1, 2001. But, I have given in to the advertisers and media who are touting the start of the Millennium as 1/1/2000. I suppose that next year they will suddenly "discover" that the New Millennium really doesn't start until 1/1/2001, and they can then do their New Millennium campaign all over again!

**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.....

**Dues are Due (again) -**

It is that time of year again when you need to start saving your change to pay your dues for 2000. Twenty dollars will get you one full year of fun and entertainment and an opportunity to be with one of the nicest groups of people around. The older and younger junior members get the same privileges for a mere \$10. We are trying to update our membership database with your most current information. So please fill out the form below and enclose a check for the proper amount - return it to Al Zimmerman or one of the club officers.

Please fill out all of the information. Thanks.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ LSF # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ LSF Level \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Master, Expert, Sportsman, or Novice Flyer? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Al Zimmerman's address is 1328 Branta Drive, Glendale, CA 91208

## **PSS Contest Format for December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1999**

**Contest Directors** - Peter Illsley and Alex Eremenko

### **Four Rounds:**

Round one will be a conventional flight of three minutes. Three rounds (2, 3, and 4) will be an add-em-up to 18 minutes total, with no more than 8 minutes per round.

Round 1 – 3 minutes

Round 2 – No more than 8 minutes

Round 3 – No more than 8 minutes

Round 4 – No more than 8 minutes

Total of Rounds 2, 3, and 4 equals 18 minutes maximum.

### **Landings:**

Landings will be scored using a tape landing with a maximum of 50 points per landing.

### **Classes:**

There will be two classes, Open Class and Sportsman Class. Pilots may fly in one class only.

Open Class – Expert and Master Pilots

Sportsman – Novice, Sportsman, and Three-Channel Pilots

Any aircraft can be flown in any class.

### **Flying order:**

Pilots will fly according to their order of registration. The flying order will be divided into groups, with approximately 5 or 6 pilots per group. The starting point for the flying order will shift by 5 or 6 pilots every round.

### **Miscellaneous Stuff:**

There will be one pop-off per round. We will be lenient with this, but since the contest has a called flight order, it is only fair that we try to limit the amount of pop-offs in order to keep things moving along.

Pilot's meeting will be called at 9:00 am. Be there, or be square.

While the scores are being totaled, we would like to have a little fun. In the spirit of the holidays, we will be putting out a wreath as a landing target. You have two minutes to hit the wreath on landing, but no timer will be allowed! This amounts to a two-minute blind round with a 20 point landing bonus for hitting the wreath. There will be a holiday-related trophy for the winner of this contest.

Trophies:

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Open Class

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sportsman Class

1<sup>st</sup> – “Holiday” Bonus Round

Charge those batteries, and we'll see you on the field on December 19<sup>th</sup>!

**Happy Holidays and enjoy the New Year**