



## SOAR SPOTS

### Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #1138

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#### Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

March 19<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Contest

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Meeting Meeting

#### President's Report by Richard Burns

The Two-Day Contest is rapidly approaching and you know what that means. Yes, it's time for my annual knee surgery! Unfortunately, I could not postpone it until after the Two-Day as I did last year. I had it done March 1<sup>st</sup> and things went very well. But, once again, I'll be limping around and will be counting on all of you come April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. I'm confident you have filled out your entry form and mailed it to Al Zimmerman. - - - Ok, so you haven't filled it out yet. Please do so now! Al needs to get started setting up the flying order. His favorite job.

Plans for the Two-Day are progressing well. The trophies have been ordered. The T-shirt design has been approved and the production company is ready to go. The contract with the City of Pasadena has been signed. The generator surge problem is being fixed and a quieter muffler is being installed. Karlton is working on the Trade Show and John Rodgers is working hard on the Raffle. Do you have anything worthwhile to donate to the club for the Raffle?

The last, "big hurdle", is the fence around the field. I have been reassured by the City that it will be coming down on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>. (Hum ... I wonder if that will be in time to fly that afternoon?). We will be holding our scheduled monthly contest on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come to the Club Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> as there is much to discuss.

My pain medication is starting to take effect and I need to end this soon. Hope to see you all at the field real soon. We need to make up for the lost flying time in the past eight weeks.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report by Mike Ratner

For those not able to get over to ISS for the first SC2 of the year, we'll run the same rounds, but use our runway landings March 19<sup>th</sup> Contest contest.

Four rounds of Precision Duration - 3 min, 5 min, 8 min, and 10 min to be flown in the that order. Landings - runway with a maximum of 50 points.

ISS used a Bell curve and Modified Triathlon scoring, but I'm not up to running a contest and doing all that fancy score-keeping, so we'll fly Precision Duration only.

To allow for sport flying after the contest, each round will be open for 45 minutes only such that we will finish by 1:00 PM.

**NOTE:** This contest will start at 10:00 AM. There is a Galaxy soccer game on Saturday and that requires us to start a little later to allow OUR field to be cleaned and sanitized.

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

Our Next Club Meeting will be on Monday, March 20, 2000 at 7:30 pm. How about the following Agenda?

- 7:30 News & Contest Report
- 7:45 Business Meeting
- 8:15 Door Prizes & Snacks
- 8:30 Program - Video "Flying Hawaii" featuring aviation writer Bill Cox. Bill rents a Cessna 172 in Hawaii for a three-island flying tour, including a stop on the north shore of Oahu for some slope soaring on the trade winds.
- 9:00 Adjourn - So, come on out and support YOUR club.

**PSS Contest Schedule for 2000** - Typical 9:00 am start times unless noted. Those dates with a 10:00AM start time means that there is a big event at the Rose Bowl on the day or night before.

March 19 (10:00 am)	July 16 (10:00 am)	Oct 22 (10:00 am)
April 16	July 23	Oct 29
April 29/30 - Two Day	July 30	Nov 19 (10:00 am)
May 21	August 20	Dec 17
June 18 - PSS SCSC	Sept 17 (10:00 am)	

## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report by Al Zimmerman**

Have you paid your dues yet? Entries are starting to come in for the Two-Day Contest and a few frequencies have already filled up. So - mail your dues and entry forms in as soon as possible. Entry forms are in the last newsletter and on the PSS web site. Thanks.

## **SCSC Contest Calender for 2000**

These a lot of fun to attend and give you a chance to try your skills at a variety of fields and flying conditions. Support the Soaring Clubs of Southern California.

- March 26<sup>th</sup> - SULA
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - ISS
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - TPG
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - PSS
- Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - TOSS
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - EDSS (Tentative date)
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - SWSA
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup> - HSS

## **International Slope Race - May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Big Creek Slope site five miles north of Davenport, California. Information can be obtained from Gavin Botha (408) 270-1471. Email at [gbotha@arc.nasa.gov](mailto:gbotha@arc.nasa.gov)