



## SOAR SPOTS

### Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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#### Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

May 15<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Monthly Contest

#### President's Report by Richard Burns

Thanks to a truly remarkable effort by everyone who worked so hard at the Two-Day Contest, the club will be able to pay the city for our field for the entire year. There may even be a few bucks left over! There are so many of you that need to be thanked for making this Two-Day one of the best contests ever. I'll just say, "Thank you one and all".

Congratulations to Daryl Perkins, Keith Kindrick and John Rodgers for placing in the top ten in the unlimited class. Congratulations to Mike Ratner for his second place showing in the "Jurassic" class. His flying skills have finally recovered.

Don't relax too much just yet though. We are hosting the SCSC contest on June 18<sup>th</sup> and get to do all of this over again. Mike Ratner is the Contest Director for this one, and I'm sure he can expect the same effort from the same people that I got for the two-day contest. Look for the contest announcement soon.

Finally, the TPG SCSC contest is on May 21<sup>st</sup> (same day as our monthly contest). I say let's go down there and let someone else run a contest. Then we can sit back and enjoy the competition for a change.

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

You all worked so hard to put on a great 2-day event, I thought I would give everyone a break. This month we will fly the following: The Famous PSS 3-5-7. Maximum landing points will be 100 off the big yellow landing tapes. We will start at 9:00 prompt and have 40 minutes for each round. That finishes us up at 11:00 and gives everyone the chance to do some fun flying, or time to work the bugs out of that new plane you have wanted to bring out and fly.

On a personal note, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the club members who worked so hard on the 2-day contest. To the guys on the winches and the landing area where it was so hot. Jerry Wargo the raffle guy, and Ed Devlin in the impound and of course Al Zimmerman for the scoring. And to the Boy Scouts for all the great food and help, we could not have done it without you.

**PSS Two-Day Contest** results are available at [www.rcsoaring.com](http://www.rcsoaring.com) in the contest results section. We thank all of those who attended and are looking forward to seeing you during the rest of this year and your participation next year. Thanks again.

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

We had planned to have Paul Trist from AeroEnvironment for this month's meeting but he can't make it this month. We'll have another video instead: "A-26 Invader Checkout".

This is not the "B-26 Marauder" which needs two men and a boy to fly it. This is the A-26 Invader single pilot attack bomber that was put in service near the end of WWII. Jeff Ethell gives you a complete checkout in this warbird, also used in Korea and Vietnam. It has a cruise speed equal to the P-51, 100 mph faster than the B-17, and a gross weight of over 40,000 lbs.

If you haven't seen Jeff Ethell do a warbird check ride, you are in for a treat. He gives you a detailed walk-around, a cockpit review, and flies you through basic maneuvers from takeoff to landing. We all lost a great teacher when he died a few years ago in a P-38 off-field landing.

The door prize is once again a Super FL BB Servo, courtesy of Multiplex and Karlton Spindle. In June we will have Dan Kreigh at the meeting to discuss micro-lite electrics, and specifically the "IFO" indoor electric.

## Potential SC-2 HLG Contests

The following dates have been setup for SCSC Hand Launch Contests. Mark your calendars and support this new round of events in Southern California.

May 28	Harbor Soaring Society
July 1	Soaring Union of Los Angeles
Aug. 19	Inland Soaring Society
Sept 30	Thousand Oaks Soaring Society

**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.

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

## SCSC Contest Calender for 2000

These are 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.

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

**SULA Electric Zagi Contest** - There is another ZAGI Electric 400 race at SULA on the 14th of May, 2000 (Mothers Day). Could you please invite your club members who fly Zagis, to join ... more information can be found at - [www.geocities.com/wrath\\_of\\_khan/sula.html](http://www.geocities.com/wrath_of_khan/sula.html)

**National R/C Electric Powered Sailplane Record Trials** - sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Silent Flyers, May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and following weekends in June. See announcement at [www.rcsoaring.com](http://www.rcsoaring.com) in the contest calender section. Contest Director is Ed Slobad and he can be contacted at (818) 349-4758.

# PSS CONTEST RESULTS - APRIL 16TH 2000

## C/D's Frank Leppla-John Rodgers

### Open Class

PLACE	NAME	CLASS	CLUB	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	TOTAL	NORMAL TROPHY
1	MIKE REAGAN	MASTER	PSS	1170.0	1033.6	1199.7	549.4	3952.7	1000.0 1st MASTER
2	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	1204.6	1157.1	598.1	942.9	3902.7	987.4 2nd MASTER
3	PHILLIP HALLFORD	MASTER	PSS	826.5	1197.3	1149.7	711.5	3885.1	982.9 3rd MASTER
4	EDGAR WEISMAN	EXPERT	PSS	1185.1	1096.4	1093.7	509.9	3885.1	982.9 1st EXPERT
5	JOHN RODGERS	MASTER	PSS	623.6	1166.8	1161.9	892.8	3845.1	972.8
6	FRANK LEPPLA	EXPERT	PSS	655.3	1187.1	1086.4	898.8	3827.6	968.3 2nd EXPERT
7	TONI STARK	MASTER	PSS	1152.2	901.5	699.1	1052.3	3805.1	962.7
8	DAN WERNER	SPORTSMAN	PSS	923.5	1157.1	998.7	716.2	3795.4	960.2 1st SPORTSMAN
9	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	853.8	520.1	1152.2	1169.2	3695.4	934.9
10	EBER GRAHAM	MASTER	SWSA	460.4	1164.4	1122.9	884.2	3631.9	918.8
11	ALEXANDER EREMenko	SPORTSMAN	PSS	823.3	1147.6	493.3	1150.0	3614.2	914.4
12	CRAIG TOWNSEND	MASTER	SULA	891.8	645.5	1166.8	660.1	3364.2	851.1
13	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	1118.1	1150.5	477.4	372.9	3119.0	789.1
14	BRIAN ITEM	MASTER	SULA	375.1	640.6	419.0	747.8	2182.6	552.2
15	MYLES MORAN	MASTER	TOSS	976.8	304.5	377.6	0.0	1658.8	419.7
16	GEORGE KOSTOPOULOS	SPORTSMAN	PSS	477.4	345.9	0.0	0.0	823.3	208.3

### Two-Meter Class

1	PHILLIP HALLFORD		PSS	1162.2	1142.4	1130.3	405.1	3840.0	1000.0 1st 2-METER
2	EDGAR WEISMAN		PSS	1135.4	1101.0	366.7	540.8	3143.8	818.7
3	TOM FINCH		SWSA	375.1	1130.3	1154.6	0.0	2660.0	692.7
4	ALEXANDER EREMenko		PSS	777.1	409.2	584.9	392.2	2163.3	563.4
5	PETER ILLSLEY		PSS	1135.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1135.1	295.6

**Have a great Memorial Day Weekend.** - Soap Box Derby racing will take place on Saturday and Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> on Foothill Blvd west of Oak Grove Drive in La Canada, CA. Attend your favorite Parade on Memorial Day. Have a picnic in the park!