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Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

- July 16th - PSS Monthly Contest - CANCELLED
- July 17th - PSS Monthly Meeting 7:30PM
- July 23rd - PSS Annual Picnic and Contest
- July 30th - PSS Monthly Contest

President's Message - by Richard Burns

The following information was provided by our illustrious president prior to the City of Pasadena notifying us that they had pulled our permit for July 16th. So ignore all previous and further comments about a PSS Monthly Contest on that date (July 16th).

Summer is here. The thermals are churning and we have Area "H" for three consecutive Sundays in July. Life is good! So tighten down the tow hook, put a new piece of tape on your nose cone and get ready to fly. We have contests on July 16th, July 23rd, and July 30th. Paramedics will be standing by to treat thumb sprains.

On July 23rd we will be holding our Annual Club Picnic. John Rodgers and Frank Leppla will be smoking the tri-tips and the rest is Potluck. Patti Leppla will be coordinating the Potluck. Please give her a call at (818) 790-1297 so we don't end up with 30 bags of chips and no salsa! The Club will be providing the soft drinks, utensils, etc... This event will count as a yearly club contest as we have had a few cancelled contests to make up for. And the Ladies Model Airplane contest will take place.

Thank you, Mike Ratner, for doing an excellent job of running the SCSC Contest in June. That's two major contests in a row without a launch line break. Not too shabby!

Speaking of shabby - due to old age, arthritis, and probably Alzheimers, a few of the "more mature" (cranky) members of the club (John Rodgers in particular) want us to buy some Easy-Up tents for our big contests. Apparently "insert Tab A into Slot A" is getting to be too much for them (hey, I was talking about tent poles) so we will be looking to spend some of our meager funds to replace our "too complicated to assemble tents". So much for the all expense paid club officer retreat idea! See you at the field.

1st Vice-President's Message by Mike Ratner

Here is the July Contest Schedule (prior to the City pulling our permit for the 16th). This is a very busy month. We have three contests scheduled for this month. Two will be used as makeup dates for other contests that were cancelled.

July 16th PSS July Monthly Contest. NOTE- 10:00AM Start - 4 rounds, 7 minutes each round. Maybe flown in any order you wish. Scored 950/50 with a runway landing. 45 minute time limit per round. (Good luck)

July 23rd. This will be a makeup contest for February. This is also the picnic date so the contest will be as follows. The good old 3-5-7 format. Quick and dirty contest so we can get in a lot of fun flying or practice. What ever lights your pipe. Scored 900/100 with the good old tape landing.

July 30th. This will be our makeup date for June. June we had SC2 and if we used it for the monthly we would have been short one 2-meter event for the year. So this will be an Add-em-up event. 4 rounds to make 24 minutes - no round over 8 minutes. Scored 950/50. We will use the tape landing, count only half the value and use only half the landing area.

Some of my contests getting a little stale? Step up and CD one for yourself. I don't think anyone has done so yet this year (not true Mike - editors comment). You'll get all the help you need in running the event of your choice. All the remaining dates are open.

2nd Vice-President's Message by Dave Farless

At this month's meeting (on the 17th) we will show the video "A-26 Invader Checkout" which was promised for May, but not shown for technical reasons.

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. We all lost a great teacher when he died a couple of years ago in an off-field landing of a P-38.

The door prize is once again a Super FL BB Servo, courtesy of Multiplex and Karlton Spindle. We own him a big thanks for the support.

We now have to wait until the October meeting to see and hear Dan Kreigh after we cancelled on him in June (due to the Lakers event). Dan will demonstrate his "IFO" electric back-yard flyer and he says he may have a new kit out by then.

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 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..... and maybe some refreshments.

Contest Report for SC2 June 18, 2000 Host Club - PSS CD Mike Ratner

Well you couldn't ask for better weather. What with it being Fathers Day I think we had a pretty good turn out too with 55 fliers. We could have had a few more club members to help out though. There were several tree shots by our visitors, and the good old Pasadena ladder truck came out and practiced getting planes out of trees again. I think the two planes in question were both from SWSA. On the brighter side Richard Burns, our fearless leader, gave Daryl Perkins a run for his money with a tie for 1st Place. I hear Richard was going to challenge Daryl to a fly off but chickened out even though he had nothing to lose, they were in different classes. Daryl is in Master Class and it is said, Richard has no class. The funny part is that Richard did so well when I wasn't timing him. I guess someone else was helping him find lift. As a whole the club did quite well with four members in the top 10. The published scores are different than those announced at the contest. Errors were found in my scoring and there were a few changes in the standings. The biggest change was to John Erickson. John brought me to task about the scoring but I copped a plea that "I know nothing". My personal thanks to the club members who worked their hearts out to make this a good contest. I can truly say that this contest was the "BEES KNEES". I think it was also their Asses. Those present will know what I mean.

To show my appreciation to all, I'm going to throw a big party at the field on July 23rd. It's also known as the PSS Picnic. There will be a Contest and some good eats, as usual. Results of the SC2 contest are published at the following web site - <http://www.sc-2.org/index.htm> - Note, this contest will not be used for the annual club standings.

By the way, PSS won the team event with Richard Burns tied for first overall, Keith Kindrick placing 3rd, Phil Hallford in 4th, and John Rodgers in 10th place. A job well done.

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.

July 23 Picnic	Sept 17 (10:00 am)	Nov 19 (10:00 am)
July 30	Oct 22 (10:00 am)	Dec 17
August 20	Oct 29	

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.

- Aug 27th - TOSS
- Sept 24th - EDSS (Tentative date)
- Oct 29th - SWSA
- Nov 19th - HSS

Thats all Folks for this month - But you should have received your entry form for the **Fall Soaring Festival 2000** to be held in Visalia on October 7th and 8th. Your entry form needs to be mailed on August 1st if you want to attend this event. Entries fill up early.

PSS Picnic and Fun Fly on July 23rd will include the **Ladies Model Airplane contest**. Many prizes for the winners in several categories. Be creative.