



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

August 20th - PSS Monthly Contest

August 21st - PSS Monthly Meeting 7:30PM - Cancelled

President's Message - by Richard Burns

John Rodgers, don't ever refuse to do the cooking at the club picnic. It just wouldn't be the same. The tri-tip was outstanding! No one can remember from year to year what rounds were flown at the picnic but everyone remembers the great food. Thanks to everybody who participated in the potluck. Your contribution to my waist line is hereby noted! Thank you, Patti Leppla for organizing the picnic potluck and Powder Puff Contest. This years' contingent of women participants was the largest yet. (I personally congratulated the winner of the distance and duration rounds - but now understand that a formal protest has been submitted. The Protest committee has been meeting every couple of weeks to resolve the issues. Trophy presentations have been scheduled and then rescheduled to a later date!)

I hope everyone who plans on flying at the Fall Festival this year has mailed their entry form in on August 1st. If you haven't mailed it in yet, I suggest that you add 67 cents to that 33 cent stamp you were going to use, and buy a Lotto ticket instead. Your chances are better. For those of us who did get into the contest (and other club members attending), the club tent will be there. Stop by and ask for a refreshment. The club will be stocking the ice chest this year. It's my understanding that this will be the last year the contest will be held at the present field. I hope CVRC spends an extra buck and gets a new field with up-wind launches and landings!

Just in case you didn't know, our club is still giving away a Multiplex servo as a door prize at each meeting. No raffle tickets to buy. Just show up and you could win! There is usually a little gimmick that Dave Farless puts together to determine who wins the prize. Last month, Mike Ratner won the servo with the best poker hand. Bet you did not know that he plays poker every Wednesday evening with some buddies and if he ever gets his new transmitter programmed, maybe he will get to use the servo.

The club trainer is operational! Juan Chi did a great job putting it together. I'm looking for volunteers to be responsible for taking care of the plane and radio on a rotating basis for a couple of months at a time. Responsibilities include getting the plane charged and out to the field on Friday afternoons and contest days. We will also need more volunteers to help show, "interested passer-bys", how to fly it. It is not fair that one or two people keep giving up their flight times to do demonstration flights for potential new members. The club needs to grow and this is one way to try and help do it. And I'm not just talking about increasing membership!

1st Vice-President's Message by Mike Ratner

This month we will report on two, count them, TWO contests, and if it had not been for some other late-scheduled event at the soaring field, it would have been three contests in July.

The first contest was held on July 23rd and the high point of the picnic and contest was the food. The weather did its best to make a tough contest out of the old 3-5-7 format. While trying to make an easy contest out of it, it proved to be hard to get the 7 minute and for some even the 5 minute flight. I had to leave right after the contest for another function but I have, forgive the pun, received good feedback on the day. Lots of fun-flying after the great food.

The second contest was on July 30th, and it too proved for some to be tough, myself included. This was an Add-em-up of 4 rounds to make 24 minutes and using only half of the landing circle. Got some good comments on this from more than one flyer. We'll do it again.

Now to change the subject slightly. I have asked for members to step up to the plate and CD some of the upcoming contests. Only two have come forward to do the deed. So now I will change my tack on this subject. If you don't want to CD a contest, how about suggesting a format. Come up with a contest format you would like to see run. Jot it on a piece of toilet paper for all I care, and if it is doable - we'll do it. We won't even give you credit for the idea if you don't want your name attached to the event. Just use some common sense. With planes in the \$500.00 to \$1000.00 class these days, I don't think we'll be doing any more Limbos.

Now for the August 20th contest. This will also be a Add-em-up with the runway landing. We will limit it to 3 rounds. Come to the contest to get the rest of the skinny on the event. I'm not telling you now because I haven't made up my mind yet. Any ideas?

2nd Vice-President's Message by Dave Farless

You may have figured it out by now that we are NOT having a meeting in August. Somewhere within the decision making and governing body of this fine organization, it was decided that everyone would be on vacation in August. But for next month - ???.

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.

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.

August 20	October 22 (10:00 am)	November 19 (10:00 am)
September 17 (10:00 am)	October 29	December 17

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.

August 27th - TOSS
October 29th - SWSA
November 19th - HSS

PSS CONTEST RESULTS - 7/23/2000 CD - MIKE RATNER

Open Class

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMAL	TROPHY
1	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	993.0	985.0	994.7	2972.7	1000.0	1st Master
2	GREG NORSWORTHY	EXPERT	PSS	984.0	983.0	988.6	2955.6	994.2	2nd Master
3	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	977.0	988.0	984.7	2949.7	992.3	3rd Master
4	EDGAR WEISMAN	EXPERT	PSS	971.0	984.0	982.7	2937.7	988.2	1st Expert
5	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	985.0	986.0	966.6	2937.6	988.2	
6	JOHN RODGERS	MASTER	PSS	965.0	972.0	979.7	2916.7	981.2	
7	TONI STARK	MASTER	PSS	954.0	964.0	983.6	2901.6	976.1	
8	CHMIELEWSKI ART	MASTER	SFVSF	990.0	929.0	974.9	2893.9	973.5	
9	GREGG NIKOLA	EXPERT	PSS	951.0	954.0	975.4	2880.4	969.0	2nd Expert
10	NOWELL SIEGEL	MASTER	PSS	941.0	963.0	945.6	2849.6	958.6	
11	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	967.0	926.0	897.9	2790.9	938.8	
12	LOWELL NOREMBERG	EXPERT	SCSA	979.0	776.0	985.7	2740.7	922.0	
13	EBER GRAHAM	MASTER	SWSA	913.0	964.0	847.4	2724.4	916.5	
14	ANTHONY BROOKS	SPORTSMAN	PSS	930.0	900.0	888.6	2718.6	914.5	Sportsman
15	HANK SCHORZ	EXPERT	PSS	994.0	961.0	754.3	2709.3	911.4	
16	DAVE SCHWENINGER	SPORTSMAN	PSS	900.0	897.0	897.9	2694.9	906.5	
17	FRANK LEPPLA	EXPERT	PSS	984.0	798.0	900.0	2682.0	902.2	
18	HOWARD LITTLE	MASTER	SWSA	916.0	723.0	989.6	2628.6	884.2	
19	DON GINTHNER	MASTER	LVSC	840.0	879.0	891.4	2610.4	878.1	
20	DAVID FARLESS	EXPERT	PSS	840.0	737.0	944.7	2521.7	848.3	
21	ALEXANDER EREMenko	SPORTSMAN	PSS	987.0	432.0	985.9	2404.9	809.0	
22	WILLIAM WALDEN	SPORTSMAN	PSS	900.0	879.0	344.4	2123.4	714.3	
23	PETER ILLSLEY	NOVICE	PSS	920.0	0.0	893.6	1813.6	610.1	
24	ED SLOBOD	MASTER	SFVSF	0.0	861.0	0.0	861.0	289.6	

Two-Meter Class

Place	Name	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMAL	TROPHY
1	JOE NAVE	PSS	970.0	964.0	990.6	2924.6	1000.0	1st Place
2	EDGAR WEISMAN	PSS	965.0	966.0	992.0	2923.0	999.5	
3	RICHARD BURNS	PSS	963.0	780.0	987.9	2730.9	933.8	
4	ALEXANDER EREMenko	PSS	705.0	993.0	482.9	2180.9	745.7	
5	NOWELL SIEGEL	PSS	986.0	0.0	935.9	1921.9	657.1	
6	PETER ILLSLEY	PSS	970.0	891.0	0.0	1861.0	636.3	
7	DAVID FARLESS	PSS	926.0	597.0	236.3	1759.3	601.6	

Great Annual Picnic and Fun-Fly for PSS members and guests. See you next year.

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Open Class

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	TOTAL	NORMAL	Trophy
1	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	1294.8	1288.9	979.1	408.5	3971.4	1000.0	1st Master
2	CHMIELEWSKI ART	MASTER	SFVSF	1276.0	1187.5	845.5	628.2	3937.2	991.4	2nd Master
3	ALEXANDER EREMENKO	SPORTSMAN	PSS	1277.7	1282.9	979.2	388.5	3928.4	989.2	3rd Master
4	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	1291.9	1315.7	950.0	361.3	3918.9	986.8	
5	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	1266.4	1200.7	819.0	620.5	3906.5	983.7	
6	TONI STARK	EXPERT	PSS	1255.5	1240.3	960.7	426.0	3882.5	977.6	
7	GARY FILICE	MASTER	TOSS	1246.6	1227.1	960.5	436.2	3870.4	974.6	
8	EDGAR WEISMAN	EXPERT	PSS	639.2	1189.3	1264.0	738.1	3830.7	964.6	1st Expert
9	JIMMY WILLIAMS	MASTER	SWSA	1113.1	1129.4	1266.7	305.6	3814.8	960.6	
10	MICHAEL STERN	MASTER	TOSS	762.3	955.3	659.7	1264.8	3642.2	917.1	
11	DAVID FARLESS	EXPERT	PSS	1232.4	394.2	556.8	1279.2	3462.6	871.9	2nd Expert
12	EBER GRAHAM	MASTER	SWSA	1219.2	751.1	819.8	448.4	3238.5	815.5	
13	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	656.9	1282.9	495.9	394.2	2829.9	712.6	
14	WILLIAM WALDEN	SPORTSMAN	PSS	464.4	1256.2	423.7	657.5	2801.8	705.5	Sportsman
15	G.D. BARNES	EXPERT	UNKN	370.8	475.0	849.0	422.2	2117.1	533.1	
16	DAVE SCHWENINGER	SPORTSMAN	PSS	419.6	577.9	522.5	369.4	1889.4	475.8	
17	PETER ILLSLEY	NOVICE	PSS	380.0	862.3	531.8	0.0	1774.1	446.7	
18	TED HODGES	MASTER	SWSA	575.8	694.0	226.9	0.0	1496.8	376.9	

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Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	TOTAL	NORMAL	Trophy
1	EDGAR WEISMAN		PSS	1254.5	1235.6	748.1	704.3	3942.4	1000.0	1st Place
2	RICHARD BURNS		PSS	939.4	1292.5	1298.8	364.6	3895.4	988.1	
3	ALEXANDER EREMENKO		PSS	1253.5	1285.8	939.4	380.6	3859.4	978.9	
4	JOE NAVE		PSS	601.7	1298.2	1291.9	633.3	3825.1	970.2	
5	PETER ILLSLEY		PSS	1100.0	789.3	1271.8	310.0	3471.1	880.5	
6	TOM FINCH		SWSA	1119.8	613.4	424.8	285.0	2443.1	619.7	
7	DAVE SCHWENINGER		PSS	1100.4	736.4	348.3	0.0	2185.2	554.3	

That is it for this month. Hope to see you at the field or a club meeting. Come to Visalia even if you are not flying and win something at the raffle. Support the Pasadena Soaring Society.