



## SOAR SPOTS

### Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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#### Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

September 17<sup>th</sup> - PSS Monthly Contest (10:00AM)

September 18<sup>th</sup> - PSS Monthly Meeting 7:30PM

October 1<sup>st</sup> - PSS Monthly Contest - Visalia warmup

#### President's Message - by Richard Burns

The vast response to my club-wide appeal for volunteers to take care of the club trainer (last months article) has been truly underwhelming. I checked with the phone company. Yes, my phone is working and yet it remains silent. You would think I was trying to sell you people Firestone tires! Those 20% of us that do 80% of the work need someone to step up to the plate. All you have to do is charge the plane and bring it out to the field on Fridays and contest days. You don't have to be able (or willing) to teach others to fly. There are enough of us out there to teach. For me to be responsible for the club trainer in addition to everything else I do (President, deal with the city contract and permits, care for launch equipment and get it out to the field, plan the 2-day, etc) is a burden ok, it's way past "burden". Help your club (and me) out. Operators are standing by the phone for your calls.

Two weeks ago, my wife and I had the pleasure of dropping by the Pasadena Fire Department's Engine Company 31 "C" shift and presenting them with the "Omaha" steaks the Club voted to thank them with. They are the engine company that frequently comes down to the field with their hook-and-ladder truck to get our planes out of the trees. As it turns out, Dave Schweninger called them to rescue his sailplane moments before we arrived with the New York steaks and gourmet potatoes. The Firemen were very appreciative of the thank you gesture. The Fire Department is not allowed to accept monetary gifts of any kind. They are, however, allowed to accept consumables. The Fire Captain was pretty sure that what we showed up with fell into the consumable category. He planned on deferring his final decision, wanting to think about it over a very nice New York steak and gourmet potato dinner.

#### 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.

### **1st Vice-President's Message** by Mike Ratner

I hope everyone had a good time at the August contest. I know I didn't. Its getting harder and harder for me to get my times and the landings, forget about it. You'd think that being the guy in charge of contests I could dream up something I could win. Shows you how smart I am. The Contest report is somewhere in this newsletter, but that's old news.

For the September 17<sup>th</sup> Contest. Four, count em - Four, seven minutes rounds. 100pt tape landings. You may fly the rounds in any order you wish. Time limit of 45 minutes per round. And by the way, sleep in a bit, we will be starting at 10:00AM per our city permit.

And for the October 1<sup>st</sup> Contest. Four rounds of precision duration. 3,5,8,6 minute rounds. Must be flown in that order. Landings will be a pie/wedge shaped area with a maximum of 30 points. Sound familiar, it's the same flights as the Saturday events of the Fall Soaring Festival. I'm sure my landing area will not be the same as Visalia, but it will be fun. Tell all your friends to come on down. We expect a large turnout for this one.

Finally got a couple of volunteers to host a contest. October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be CD'd by Greg Norsworthy, and October 29<sup>th</sup> by Dave Farless. Thanks for the help.

### **2nd Vice-President's Message** by Dave Farless

I attended the Camarillo EAA Fly-in and Airshow on the Labor Day weekend, and while there got to take a half-hour flight in a Ford Tri-motor "airliner". It was a great kick, so we are going to show a video about the Ford Tri-motor at the next meeting. No, it's not a home-spun video of my trip, but a commercial video with pilot and writer Barry Schiff doing a how-to number on flying the Ford Tri-motor. And its actually the same plane I got to fly in, though the paint scheme is much different now.

This is actually not a 70-year old airplane. It's one of three tri-motors produced as the "Bushmaster" in the '80s, but it was built from the original Ford plans. The plane is based in Long Beach and is available for charter.

The company has a web site at <http://www.tri-motor.com/>. Be careful of this site if you have kids in the house. The link to "Romantic Sunset Flights" takes you to a site for the "Mile-High Club." You can probably guess the premise for this club! On my trip the pilot said to me... "we have a lot of fun on this airplane." Now we know what he meant!

And, don't forget the door prize; a Super FL Ball Bearing Servo from Multiplex. This is one of those flat jobs that fits so nicely in your thin wings. Maybe we will have another one of those instant games to decide the winner of this great gift.

Also, don't forget to be there at 7:30PM sharp. Our meetings now run by the clock and are usually over by 9:00pm.

**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.

September 17 (10:00 am)	October 22 (10:00 am)	November 19 (10:00 am)
October 1	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.

October 29<sup>th</sup> - SWSA                      November 19<sup>th</sup> - HSS

See you all in Visalia. Have a safe trip.....

**PSS Monthly Contest Results**  
**August 21, 2000 CD - Mike Ratner**  
**Open Class**

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	TROPHY
1	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	1323.9	1315.8	360.3	3000.0	1000.0	1ST MASTER
2	JOHN RODGERS	EXPERT	PSS	1308.5	1291.3	284.8	2984.6	994.9	
3	GREGG NIKOLA	EXPERT	PSS	953.7	1260.4	760.4	2974.6	991.5	2ND MASTER
4	CHMIELEWSKI ART	MASTER	SFVSF	891.1	1326.7	754.1	2971.8	990.6	3RD MASTER
5	TONI STARK	EXPERT	PSS	1291.3	1260.4	418.3	2970.0	990.0	
6	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	1313.1	1033.6	620.7	2967.3	989.1	
7	FRANK LEPLA	EXPERT	PSS	1292.6	1201.4	468.2	2962.3	987.4	1ST EXPERT
8	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	1306.7	1315.8	337.6	2960.0	986.7	
9	ALEXANDER EREMENKO	SPORTSMAN	PSS	1284.9	1308.5	353.9	2947.3	982.4	2ND EXPERT
10	HANK SCHORZ	EXPERT	PSS	1313.9	1263.1	367.5	2944.6	981.5	
11	G.D. BARNES	EXPERT	UNKN	955.5	1289.4	696.9	2941.8	980.6	
12	JEREMY BARNES	EXPERT	SWSA	1326.7	604.3	1009.9	2940.9	980.3	
13	JIMMY WILLIAMS	MASTER	SWSA	1295.8	1121.1	523.6	2940.5	980.2	
14	EBER GRAHAM	MASTER	SWSA	941.9	696.9	1295.8	2934.6	978.2	
15	WILLIAM WALDEN	SPORTSMAN	PSS	710.5	1214.1	1007.2	2931.8	977.3	SPORTSMAN
16	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	666.9	824.8	1303.9	2795.7	931.9	
17	DAVE SCHWENINGER	SPORTSMAN	PSS	544.4	917.4	1276.7	2738.6	912.9	

**Two-meter Class**

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	TROPHY
1	RICHARD BURNS		PSS	819.4	1274.9	875.7	2970.0	1000.0	1ST
2	JOE NAVE		PSS	1284.0	945.6	732.3	2961.8	997.3	
3	ALEXANDER EREMENKO		PSS	1295.8	902.0	762.2	2960.0	996.6	
4	TOM FINCH		SWSA	1230.4	658.8	682.8	2572.1	866.0	
5	DAVE SCHWENINGER		PSS	985.4	0.0	0.0	985.4	331.8	