



## SOAR SPOTS

### Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Academy of Model Aeronautics                      Chartered Club #1138

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### October 2000

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#### Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

- October 16th - Monthly Meeting - 7:30PM - Nominations, Guest Speaker, Door Prizes.
- October 22nd - PSS Monthly Contest - 10:00 am - Greg Norsworthy
- October 29th - PSS Halloween Contest - 9:00 am - Dave Farless

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

With the National elections really heating up in what promises to be one of the closest races in years, it's time to get the defibrillator out and jump-start the PSS election process. That's right folks, its nomination time for club offices. You can feel the electricity in the air at the mere mention of the words! No fancy campaigns that waste time and money. No cute sound bites or long-winded speeches. Just raise your hand when the time comes (we will even do that for you) and you could find yourself commanding the respect and admiration of a couple dozen! Formal nominations for Club President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be opened at the October 16th club meeting. (Hey, I could have written a real Rah-Rah Patriotic duty type speech but it's never worked in the past). Oh yeah, don't forget you could also win a servo just for showing up at the meeting.

Negotiations are starting for field usage next year. I've already been informed that the field will be closed for re-seeding from mid-January through February. I will try to get the first contest in before the closure.

Also, plans are being made for the year-end banquet. If you have any ideas or requests for location or type of event, please let me know.

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

##### First. The PAST

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**. This was to be a contest with 4 long rounds but with the temperature 110 deg in the shade, we opted to change the format to a shorter contest. In place of the good old 3-5-7, we made it more interesting with a different format. We flew a 4-5-6. Now you might ask what is the difference between the two. Well I'll tell you. NOTHING, but it was fun just the same. Look out for Alex you guys. He's hanging more Iron on his walls than a ship builder. Results below.

**October 1<sup>st</sup>.** This was billed as a Fall Fest warm-up, and it was the turnout was.....this is far as I got. I was setting this up prior to the contest and was going to write the remainder of the column after the contest. Well for those who were there, and it was looking like a good turnout, we couldn't get the Contest off the ground. The ground was full of equipment from the day before. That's all I'm going to say about that.

And then, **The FUTURE**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>.** 10:00AM start. This contest is scheduled to be CD'd by Greg Norsworthy. As of this writing he has not given me the format. Come on down to the field and find out for yourself what he has in store for us. Remember this is a 10:00 AM start.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>.** Normal start time. This will be CD'd by Dave Farless. Dave promises a fun time with a Halloween theme. Here is his description: Round 1 is a Witch Hunt! This is similar to Dave's infamous Precision Speed event of past years. But the speed course is shorter and the judge for the far turn is Witch Hazel. You have to guess when you should turn, and W-H will make the judgement as to whether you have missed the turn. You get flight points for a 2-min duration, points for speed (4-laps of the short course) and points for a spot landing. Then you loose points for cutting any pilons. Rounds 2 and 3 will let you relax. You must do one 5-min and one 10-min duration flight in any order. You must declare after the first flight whether that was your 5-min or your 10-min flight. Landings will be scored to a 25-ft tape.

**Please,** if you attend any club meetings, attend the next two. Nominations for your new Board are this month, with elections in November. You will only get out of this club what you are willing to put in to it. Make your voice heard. It's kind of our great country in miniature.

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

As Mike Ratner explained in his column, we want everyone to come to the meeting this month to participate in the club election process as we nominate officers for 2001. To encourage attendance, we have a great speaker (see below) and we are doubling your chances to win new, high-quality servos for those wing functions. This month the door prize is **TWO Super FL BB Servos**, courtesy of *Multiplex* and Karlton Spindle.



For an exciting program this month we have Dan Keigh of Innovative Designs. Dan will give a presentation on his "IFO" (Identified Flying Object... get it?) and perhaps some brand new products from his company. The IFO is an electric RC craft that looks like a cross between a flying saucer and an indoor microfilm freeflight. Come on out for this exciting program. I promised Dan a BIG crowd! (See Dan's web site at: <http://www.flyifo.com/innovative.html>.)



### **PSS Meeting Particulars**      How to get there.      What to expect.

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.

We promise to keep the meetings short and to the point. They will start at 7:30 PM sharp with a discussion of recent news items and a contest report. The business meeting will begin at 7:45 PM and will be over by 8:15 PM. The program will run from 30 to 45 minutes, so we will be done by 9:00 PM at the latest.

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.

October 22 (10:00 am)      November 19 (10:00 am)      December 17  
October 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. Get information about these contests at: <http://rcsoaring.com/>

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

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## **PSS Contest Results - September 24, 2000 - Mike Ratner**

### **Open Class**

| Place | Name               | Event     | Club | RND1   | RND2   | RND3   | TOTAL   | NORMALIZED | Trophy     |
|-------|--------------------|-----------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|------------|
| 1     | ALEXANDER EREMENKO | EXPERT    | PSS  | 994.00 | 986.00 | 990.00 | 2970.00 | 1000       | 1st Master |
| 2     | JOHN RODGERS       | MASTER    | PSS  | 976.00 | 995.00 | 989.50 | 2960.50 | 996.8      | 2nd Master |
| 3     | RICHARD BURNS      | MASTER    | PSS  | 976.00 | 993.00 | 986.50 | 2955.50 | 995.1      | 3rd Master |
| 4     | PHILLIP HALLFORD   | MASTER    |      | 990.20 | 979.00 | 975.00 | 2944.30 | 991.3      |            |
| 5     | TONI STARK         | MASTER    | PSS  | 977.50 | 987.00 | 967.00 | 2931.50 | 987        |            |
| 6     | GREG NORSWORTHY    | MASTER    | PSS  | 984.20 | 974.00 | 962.50 | 2920.80 | 983.4      |            |
| 7     | EDGAR WEISMAN      | EXPERT    | PSS  | 962.00 | 951.00 | 976.00 | 2889.00 | 972.7      | 1st Expert |
| 8     | JOE NAVE           | MASTER    | PSS  | 928.70 | 992.00 | 964.00 | 2884.80 | 971.3      |            |
| 9     | KEITH KINDRICK     | MASTER    | PSS  | 931.20 | 983.00 | 965.00 | 2879.30 | 969.4      |            |
| 10    | DAVID BUTKOVICH    | MASTER    | TOSS | 900.00 | 969.00 | 978.00 | 2847.00 | 958.6      |            |
| 11    | NOWELL SIEGEL      | MASTER    | PSS  | 798.80 | 975.00 | 991.00 | 2764.80 | 930.9      |            |
| 12    | MIKE RATNER        | EXPERT    | PSS  | 746.50 | 962.00 | 987.00 | 2695.50 | 907.6      | 2nd Expert |
| 13    | PATRICK DEGREVE    | Sportsman | PSS  | 882.30 | 777.00 | 977.50 | 2636.80 | 887.8      | Sportsman  |
| 14    | TOM FINCH          | MASTER    | SWSA | 577.50 | 888.00 | 979.50 | 2445.00 | 823.2      |            |
| 15    | AMBER DEGREVE      | NOVICE    | PSS  | 611.30 | 702.00 | 695.00 | 2008.30 | 676.2      | Novice     |

### **2-Meter Class**

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|---|--------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-----|
| 1 | JOE NAVE           | PSS | 990.00 | 972.00 | 983.50 | 2945.50 | 1000  | 1st |
| 2 | ALEXANDER EREMENKO | PSS | 983.00 | 974.00 | 941.00 | 2898.00 | 983.9 |     |
| 3 | AMBER DEGREVE      | PSS | 910.30 | 858.00 | 897.50 | 2665.80 | 905   |     |
| 4 | PATRICK DEGREVE    | PSS | 712.50 | 897.00 | 900.00 | 2509.50 | 852   |     |
| 5 | NOWELL SIEGEL      | PSS | 562.50 | 950.00 | 933.50 | 2446.00 | 830.4 |     |