



## SOAR SPOTS

### Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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#### Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

November 5<sup>th</sup> - PSS Contest - 9:00 am - CD Dave Farless

November 19<sup>th</sup> - PSS Monthly Contest - 9:00 am - CD Mike Ratner

November 20<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting - 7:30PM - **Elections**, Door Prizes.

President's Message - by Richard Burns

# VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATE VOTE

Your Board has done its duty and provided a list of candidates for the next Board. Unfortunately, the list is unchanged from the current Board. [See the list at the top of this page... I am not going to repeat it here. Editor] This list does not represent a need for power on our part. We would all love to be voted out of office. PLEASE come to the next Club meeting and nominate a few more candidates so we can have a real election this year. Just raise your hand when the time comes and you could find yourself commanding the respect and admiration of... well, a few of your best friends! At the November meeting, we will provide another chance for nominations, and then vote on the new Board. Come and participate, or recognize that you have no right to complain.

And, we actually have a contest for one of the offices. Dave Farless and Peter Ilsley have both been nominated for Second Vice President. (Did you know that Peter?)

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

Contest Report - October 22, 2000: CD Greg Norsworthy

The first rule you learn when your just starting out in this hobby is "Get your frequency pin before you turn on and go to fly". Guess what I forgot to do. I might contribute it to age, or maybe just plain stupid, but what ever it might have been I did it at the last contest. That was a great plane. Won me many a trophy, even one at Fall Fest. Will miss that bird. The wings were special too, given to me when a similar incident happened several years ago. I wonder if I remember how to build. Guess I'll find out soon.

Now for the contest. Very light turnout. Must be the time of the year, or the weather, or that there were 5 Sundays in the month. The morning was a little cool, lift was a little spotty, and the tasks of 7-10-10 made it a little tough for a few as you'll see by the scores. My thanks to Greg for running this contest. He did a good job of it.[ See the results listed elsewhere in this newsletter.]

**Next contest, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Despite the postponement, Dave Farless still promises a fun time with a Halloween theme. 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 Hazel 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 lose points for cutting any pylons. 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

**And, then the LAST Club contest of the year, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. I will again CD this event, and will come up with some sort of add-em-up.

**CLUB MEETING IS THE DAY AFTER THIS CONTEST. COME OUT AND VOTE .....**

Maybe win a Multiplex servo to boot.

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

Boy is my face **red!** After months of work to get an exciting guest speaker, no one showed up!! Dan Kreigh and his lovely wife came all the way from Mojave (where he works for *Scaled Composites*) to show us his wares and his skills. Dan flew his **IFO** in the atrium in front of the Kaiser lobby and it was something to see..... for the 4 of us who showed up! Dan's a very nice guy and didn't give me any indication that he was unhappy at the tiny turnout, but **I sure was!!!** You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that I have allowed my name to be on the ballet for this post again next year, but I am having some strong second thoughts now.

I assume that it is not necessary for me to say that we do NOT have a special program for this month. We may have an aviation video story to show, but PLEASE come for the elections! To encourage attendance we are once again doubling your chances to win new, high-quality servos for those wing functions. The door prize is **TWO Super FL BB Servos**, courtesy of *Multiplex* and Carlton Spindle, and if we have a good turn out, maybe we'll give away **FOUR**.



## SCSC Contest Calendar 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/>

Last one of the Year!! November 19<sup>th</sup> - HSS

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## PSS Contest Results

October 22, 2000 - Mike Ratner, Score Keeper

Greg Norsworthy, C.D.

### OPEN

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	Norm.	Trophy
1	KEITH KINDRICK	Master	PSS	995.3	996.7	996.7	2988.8	1000	1st Master
2	JOHN RODGERS	Master	PSS	1000	998.4	990	2988.4	999.9	2nd Master
3	GREG NORSWORTHY	Master	PSS	600	976.7	985.1	2561.8	857.1	3rd Master
4	PHILLIP HALLFORD	Master		983	429.6	1000	2412.6	807.2	
5	ALEXANDER EREMENKO	Expert	PSS	975.3	439.4	973.5	2388.2	799	1st Expert
6	DAVID BUTKOVICH	Master	TOSS	977.7	857.5	372.4	2207.6	738.6	
7	TONI STARK	Master	PSS	997.7	356.5	570	1924.2	643.8	
8	JOE NAVE	Master	PSS	997.7	393.6	251.5	1642.8	549.7	
9	TOM FINCH	Master	SWSA	959	279.3	369.3	1607.6	537.9	

### TWO-METER

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	Norm.	Trophy
1	PHILLIP HALLFORD			990	779.1	988.4	2757.5	1000	1st
2	ALEXANDER EREMENKO			980.3	980	442.6	2403	871.4	
3	JOE NAVE			361.7	452.4	764.4	1578.5	572.4	

### 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.