



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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December 2000

December Quick Schedule: Club Contests - None. Club Meeting - Cancelled

The YEAR 2000 PSS BANQUET and Awards Ceremony

BECKHAM'S GRILL

Saturday, January 20, 2001

77 W. Walnut Street
PASADENA

Hors d'Oeuvres and no-host bar at **6:00 PM**

Dinner to Follow at **7:00 PM**

MENU

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Under 18</u>
Roasted Prime Rib of Beef	\$28	\$18
Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Gingered Carrots, Cheesecake		
Leek Crusted Salmon	\$24	\$14
Hearts of Romaine Salad, Saffron Rice, Creamed Spinach, Cheesecake		
Adobe Grilled Chicken	\$20	\$10
Crown City Salad, Potato Gratin, Sautéed Fresh Vegetables, Cheesecake		

All dinners come with hot fresh bread and coffee, tea, or milk

Prices include Tax and Tip

**PLEASE R.S.V.P to Richard Burns at 626-857-0024 before January 5, 2001
Provide Richard with the number of persons in your party and your dinner choices.**

President's Message - by Richard Burns

After exhaustive multiple recounts and Judicial intervention (at the insistence of the winners) the P.S.S. "Decision-2001" election results have been certified! Just as "Chad" became an issue in the National Election, so too in our own. The courts quickly ruled that Chad wasn't a club member, thus, he couldn't be elected to office (sorry Mike). The closest race of the evening (the only race of the evening) Saw Peter Illsley narrowly defeat (a relieved) Dave Farless for the position of 2nd Vice President. Congratulations Peter on winning your first election (of many) to club office. For the rest of the results of the election, look no further than the heading on any of last year's newsletters (I know you keep them all). The names and offices held are remarkably similar.

I would like to thank everyone who served with me on this year's board. I appreciate all the hard work and effort you put forward for your club. It is often a difficult and time consuming job that goes unrewarded. I'm reminded of our club's "other" motto. Those who can, do. Those who can't, fly for P.B.S.S.

As I look forward to serving as President for one more year, I realize there is a tremendous amount of work that needs to be addressed by the new board in just a short period of time. Plans need to be finalized for the club banquet and yearly trophies ordered. Monthly permits as well as a 2-day permit have to be negotiated with the city. The Western States Triad needs a blood transfusion. We need to start planning our 2-day Rose Bowl Soaring Festival. And, the ever present need to attract new members is a constant concern.

This year promises to be a good one for our club, but no one person can do it alone. So roll up your sleeves, dust off that "Can-Do" attitude, and join me in pledging to make this our club's best year ever!

And finally, a plug for the upcoming annual Awards Banquet. We are returning to Beckham's Grill where we all had such a good time last year. Prices are up, but the Club is kicking in some of our hard-earned cash to keep the prices reasonable. Come on out and have a great evening. And please call me as soon as you can to let me know how many of you are coming. There is a lot of planning to do and much of it depends on the size of the crowd.

1st Vice-President's Message by Mike Ratner **Contest Report November 5, 2000**

Dave Farless ran this contest which was originally to have been the day before Halloween. The contest began with a speed run which included a "blind" pylon turn. Contestants had to judge for themselves when to turn at the far pylon. The course was only 75 meters long, half the length of the F3B course, but it made for a more lively speed run for we who do not normally do speed runs. The results of the contest are shown on page 3, including a plot of the speed event results.

Contest Report November 19, 2000

For those who didn't attend, you missed a beautiful day at the field. That was after they cleaned the garbage off the field. Can those UCLA-USC fans trash an area. The city seems to have hired a new crew that took a little longer to get the field clean for us to use, but after all is said and done, the field was ready about 10:30 and with the light turnout we still finished by 12:30. The results are tabulated below on page 4.

Year-End Awards

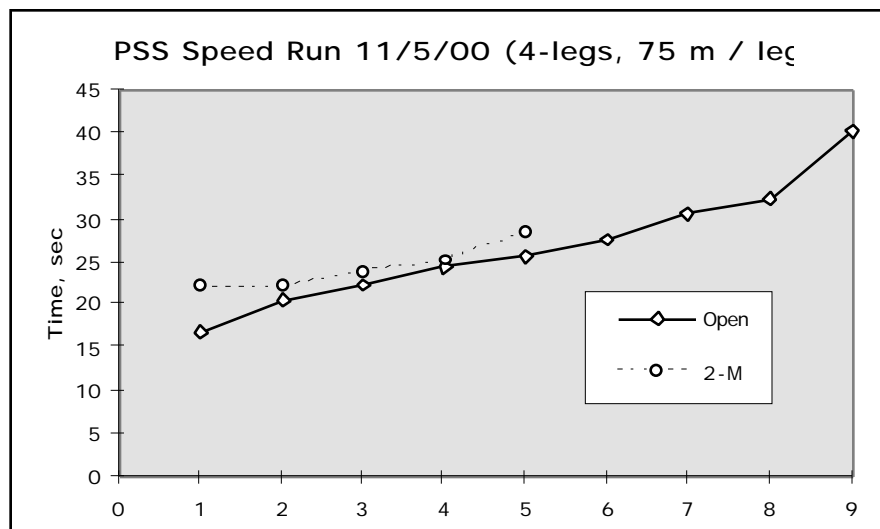
The year end is upon us with no contest dates for December. As for year-end awards, I will refresh the memory of those who forgot or are not familiar with the club's process. Depending on how many contests we have throughout the year, we throw out the lowest 1 or 2 scores for the year for each flyer. For this year we will throw out 2 contests, the two lowest normalized contests of the 11 club monthly contests flown. This leaves everyone with the best of 9 events. If you didn't fly 9 contests then we do not throw anything out, you have to live with what you got. The final scores and awards will be announced at the year-end dinner that Richard has planned for the membership. Book your reservations early, this will be another fun filled evening.

SULA to Lose Flying Field

SULA was notified by the college this week that their lease on the SULA field will expire at the end of April, 2000. SULA is actively searching for an alternate site.

PSS Club Contest, November 5, 2000

	Pilot	Round 1				Round 2			Round 3			Score		Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Total	Norm	
		Flight		Speed	Pylon	Ldg.	Flight		Ldg.	Flight		Ldg.	Flt						Spd
		Min	Sec	Sec	Cuts	Min	Sec	Min	Sec	Min	Sec	Total							
OPEN CLASS																			
1	Richard Burns	2	1	20.64	0	40	10	1	86	5	1	93	595	287	902	991	993	2886.8	1000.0
2	Keith Kindrick	2	0	25.74	0	88	10	0	98	5	1	96	600	230	874	999	995	2868.0	993.5
3	George Spitzer	1	58	27.65	0	63	9	56	92	4	58	90	590	214	836	990	989	2814.1	974.8
4	John Rodgers	2	3	32.42	0	96	10	1	93	5	2	94	585	183	816	995	991	2801.4	970.4
5	Alex Eremenko	2	6	30.78	0	64	10	3	87	5	2	89	570	193	795	989	988	2771.4	960.0
6	Mark Gatti	1	54	22.33	0	70	9	57	0	4	47	53	570	265	870	945	935	2750.9	952.9
7	Toni Stark	1	58	24.44	0	89	10	2	79	4	16	89	590	242	877	986	855	2718.5	941.7
8	Edger Weisman	1	59	40.16	0	27	9	56	88	4	54	0	595	148	756	988	931	2674.7	926.5
9	Joe Nave	1	56	16.93	1	32	7	25	66	4	59	74	580	290	886	738	984	2607.4	903.2
TWO-METER CLASS																			
1	Joe Nave	1	59	22.19	0	80	10	0	97	4	58	81	595	267	902	999	984	2884.7	1000.0
2	Mark Gatti	1	59	22.17	0	74	10	3	86	5	1	90	595	267	899	988	992	2879.4	998.1
3	Alex Eremenko	1	59	23.93	0	80	10	0	90	4	59	91	595	248	883	995	992	2870.0	994.9
4	Edger Weisman	1	57	28.32	1	68	9	55	73	4	58	83	585	149	768	979	985	2732.0	947.1
5	George Spitzer	1	52	25.04	0	0	9	59	78	2	56	91	560	237	797	987	603	2386.9	827.4



PSS Club Contest, November 19, 2000									
Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	TROPHY
1	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	1181.30	1183.80	627.60	2992.70	1,000.0	1st Master
2	TONI STARK	MASTER	PSS	1186.20	1176.20	627.60	2990.00	999.1	2nd Master
3	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	1196.00	1193.60	588.00	2977.60	995.0	3rd Master
4	ALEXANDER EREMenko	EXPERT	PSS	1166.30	1166.20	632.50	2965.00	990.8	
5	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	1171.30	1163.80	627.60	2962.70	990.0	
6	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	1191.10	1163.90	588.00	2943.00	983.4	1st Expert
7	DAVID BUTKOVICH	MASTER	TOSS	448.40	1176.00	1173.60	2797.90	934.9	
					2-Meter				
1	JOE NAVE		PSS	1159.30	1176.40	661.90	2997.50	1,000.0	1st Place
2	ALEXANDER EREMenko		PSS	1181.30	1183.80	625.20	2990.20	997.5	

2nd Vice- President's Message by Dave Farless

The Board has decided not to have a meeting in December. It would be too close to Christmas Holiday times and not likely to attract a big crowd!

So.... That's it for this year. See you at the Banquet in January of the New Millennium!

Happy Holidays to All &

Best Wishes for

2001

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.