



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

Academy of Model Aeronautics

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

March 19th - PSS Monthly Meeting - What's the Program?

President's Message - by Richard Burns

I need a vacation! While you have spent the last month wondering when we will ever get to fly at our field this year, I have either been down at the permit office or on the phone practically non-stop trying to secure some flying dates. This has been one of the most difficult years I have ever had trying to get contest dates...And I have been doing this for many years! The fence is still up and will be until April 06th. Our first contest will be on April 01st. No, it's not an April Fools joke. The city is allowing us (and only us) on the field for a contest while the fence is still up. I promised them we would not drive any vehicles on the field on this date and would keep the dorking to a minimum or at least replace our own divots! A complete listing of our monthly contest dates appears later in this newsletter. Have fun at this first contest, I'll be in Hawaii. That's no joke either.

We have a club meeting on Monday night March 19th at 7:30. There is a lot to discuss and plan regarding our SC2 contest on April 29th. Mike will be hosting the evenings meeting, as I will be.....You guessed it, in Hawaii.

In my continuing effort to make our esteemed newsletter editor's life easier, I would like to announce that I actually typed this article myself and E-mailed it to Frank on my new (my 1st) computer. Yes, I actually joined the 21st century and am now on line. You can reach me at rndburns@msn.com. When I figure out how to use this thing, I may even send you and answer....after I get back from Hawaii.

The club 2-day, as you know from reading last month's article, will be July 28th and 29th. We will have a little extra time to plan it this year so I'm looking for any suggestions on how we can attract more contestants this time around. Karlton will be putting together the Trade Show for the weekend so contact him with any manufactures names you would like to see that weekend. John Rodgers probably doesn't know it yet, but he's heading up the raffle again this year. Without exception, I have had only positive feedback about the new way we have set up the field for the Rose Bowl Soaring Festival. If we use this extra time we have to wisely and attract around 150 pilots (pilots not planes) we can establish ourselves as putting on one of the truly great weekend events around and reap the benefits for years to come.

I'm on vacation and have a plane to catch...did I mention I was going to Hawaii? Aloha!

1st Vice Presidents Report - by Mike Ratner

Some of you may know that there has been a six foot chain link fence around the flying field for the past month or so. Although the fence will not be taken down by the 1st of April, the city is allowing us to use the field for our first monthly contest of the year. We will be given the key to the field to have the event.

First Contest Of The Year - No April Fools - April 1st. We will use the same format that we will use on April 29th for SC2. Contest starts at 10:00 AM. 4 rounds to make 26 minutes, no round over 8 minutes with a Runway style landing.

Come out and get in some practice for our SC2 event on April 29th.

An outcome from the February club meeting was an agreement that all monthly club contests will start at 10:00AM. This will allow those that have to travel a longer distance some extra time to get to the field. From 8:00AM until 10:00AM can be used for fun flying, park flyers and hand toss airplanes. If there is enough interest, we could have a quick hand toss contest prior to the scheduled event. We would like some feedback on this idea. Let your club officials know how you feel.

Richard Burns has just completed his annual negotiations with the city. They have given us the following contest dates. The list below are all Sundays with 10:00AM start times. We are told that there might be a chance for some Saturday dates. Keep tuned for more information.

April 1	Sept 16
April 29 (SC2)	Oct 21
June 17	Nov 4
June 24	Nov 25
Aug 19	Dec 16

Pay Your Dues for 2001 - Have you renewed your dues yet? If not - you will be missing out on some great fun. Send some money to Al Zimmerman. Give him a call for details.

PSS Meetings - Our regular monthly meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month in the Kaiser Permanente Offices at 393 East Walnut, Pasadena, CA in Conference Room 7L. Starting time is 7:30PM. 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. Find your way to the front door and sign in. Ride the elevator to the seventh floor. An interesting time awaits you..... refreshments?

SC² Contest Schedule for 2001-

April 01 - SULA	June 24 - SWSA	October 28 - ISS
April 29 - PSS	August 26 - TOSS	
May 20 - TPG	September 23 - HSS	

FOR SALE - anybody want to unload anything. Advertise it here. Wide distribution for free....

See you all next month.



SC2 CONTEST

APRIL 29TH, 2001

HOSTED BY

PASADENA SOARING SOCIETY

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT

LOCATION: 17 ACRES OF LAWN, DIRECTELY IN FRONT OF THE
WORLD FAMOUS ROSE BOWL

SIGN-UP: 8:00AM

MEETING: 8:45AM

1ST FLIGHT 9:00AM

CD: MIKE RATNER OFFICE: (818) 781-6891

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TASKS: 4 ROUNDS ADD-EM-UP TO MAKE 26 MINUTES
NO ROUND OVER 8 MINUTES

SCORING: 2.435 POINTS PER SECOND

LANDINGS: 25' RUNWAY. MAXIMUM LANDING, 50 POINTS.

RULES: SC2 RULES APPLY

ENTRY FEE: \$8.00

HOT WINCHES (110V CHARGERS ON BATTERIES DURING CONTEST)

RESTROOMS: ON SITE

TROPHIES: MASTER 1ST THRU 3RD

EXPERT 1ST THRU 3RD

SPORTSMAN 1ST THRU 3RD

3 FUNCTION 1ST (STANDARD SC2 RULES APPLY)