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PSS 20th Annual Rosebowl Soaring Festival July 28th and 29th, 2001

Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

July 16th - PSS Monthly Meeting

July 28th and 29th - PSS 20th Annual Rosebowl Soaring Festival

President's Message - by Richard Burns

When we think of, "Paragon", we think of the venerable and reliable stalwart of this hobby that has had such a positive impact on soaring. It is strong, rugged, and even if it doesn't come in first place much anymore, it will always be regarded as one of the all time greats. Fond memories abound! Webster's Dictionary defines, "Paragon" as, "The model of perfection or excellence." Soaring has lost a Paragon.

Certainly, Edgar Weisman fit both of these definitions. I, like most of you, knew Edgar as one of the more involved members of T.O.S.S. He, as much as anyone, is responsible for that club's continued success. Edgar was also a member of our club. We share in the loss and our sympathies go out to B.J.(his son) and the entire Weisman family. I, along with Mike, Karlton, Keith, and Ed, attended the memorial service. We were all amazed at what we didn't know about him. Close friends and relatives, one after another, stood up to share a few fond memories of the man they knew, revealing to those of us who only knew him in soaring circles of a life lived to its fullest by one who refused to slow down. In addition to getting a degree from M.I.T., he also had a successful construction company. He built several significant structures in Washington D.C. Including the fountain in front of the Smithsonian and the huge aviary at the National Zoo, which was his pride and joy. My wife and I were at that Zoo late last year and marveled at the structure and the magnificent birds it contained, never knowing that Edgar had built it. If you are out that way, stop and see it. Edgar would like that.

It's almost showtime! That's right boys and girls, the Two-day is just around the corner (July 28th and 29th) and you know what that means. That's right, I get out the knee pads and start pleading with you to show up with your hats and sunscreen, ready to work your butts off in order make this the most successful Rose Bowl Soaring Festival yet. It's been my experience that some of you need more prodding than others. There are those of you that haven't even signed up for the event, let alone called me and asked what you could do to help. The truth is we really do need every one of you to show up

and lend a hand so we aren't short-handed this year. A few regulars can't make it this year do to prior commitments. All The groundwork has been completed. The permit is holding strong, the tee-shirt design is ready (thanks Pat Degreve), the Boy Scouts will be there with the food, and the trophies are some of the best ever. Al Zimmerman is working on the acceptances and they should be going out this week. He is also hard at work setting up the rounds and preparing the scoring materials. There is still some work to do on the raffle but John Rodgers has obtained some excellent donations including a computer radio from Airtronics. Knowing how Karlton doesn't like to be out done by the competition and the fact I promised not to mention a recent walk of shame incident, we should be in good shape. I'll just say that Karlton's flying abilities have reached new scholaristic (high schoolistic) heights. He's getting higher landings, if not higher landing scores!

Monday, July 16th will be the all-important club meeting to finalize plans for the Two-day. Plan on attending. Don't forget that we are still giving away two Multiplex flat ball bearing servos as door prizes just for showing up. I have already won enough to outfit an entire sailplane. Peter Illsley has come up with some interesting ways to determine the winners. Come see what he devises for this month. There may even be some extra special goodies to snack on this time around.

I would be remiss in my duties (as I see them) if I only mentioned one person's (Karlton's) faux pas for the month. At a recent SC2 contest at SWSA, Toni Stark got an education of his own (also at a high school). He learned what happens when you parallel too closely a chain link fence with your sailplane. As I helped him extricate his wing from the metal maze that clutched it, I heard him say, "Funny, I didn't think it would do that". All is not lost though, it shall fly again. I wish I could say the same to Mike!

1st Vice Presidents Report - by Mike Ratner

The first Contest Report for the June 17th, 2001 Contest which was CDed by Alex Eremenko. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alex for CDing the contest on the 17th. He did an outstanding job and all attending seemed to like the different format. I think we have found a new member to CD a few contests. I have taken the liberty to edit his comments.

It was a great summer day. The equipment was installed by 9:00AM and everyone was given a chance for at least one trim flight. The contest started at 9:56 and was finished around 12:00. The air was almost perfect with good lift and low wind speed.

Contest tasks were 3 rounds to make 21 minutes with a tic-tack-toe format. (I wasn't there so I don't know for sure what this format was.) The landing was tape, 50 points max. Scoring was at one point per second. So much for Alex's comments on the contest itself. Additional comments follow.

Seems that Karlton Spindle came ready to show everyone how to fly but forgot the little pointee thing that holds the wings on the fuse, but he did stick around and helped out. Thanks to Toni Stark for the frequency board, it seems he also turned 70, Happy Birthday Toni. Kudos to Keith Kindrick for some great flying. Again there was a low turnout for the 2 Meter class and Alex is asking for everyone to check out the garage, dust off your 2 Meter ships and come on out and fly that class for a extra 2 bucks. After all, you're already at the field.

On another note, at the club meeting, there also seems to be a great deal of interest in adding a 3 function class to club contests. The Board will take it under advisement and report back to the membership before the August club contest. Scores follow.

The second Contest Report for the June 24th, 2001 Contest which was CDed by myself. This makeup contest was held on the same day as the SWSA SC2 event. Our turnout was light BUT

the contest ran all day because we flew 7 rounds. This contest was the same format as our upcoming 2-day event in July. That means each pilot had to fly 41 minutes worth of tasks. The weather was warm and some of the lift was very violent. With a 10:00AM start, I don't think we finished until 3:30. Funny thing though, no one seemed to mind very much. Scores follow.

June 17, 2001 Club Contest Open Class

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	Trophy
1	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	462.0	708.0	228.0	1398.0	1000.0	1st Master
2	PHILLIP HALLFORD	MASTER		708.0	462.0	221.0	1391.0	995.0	2nd Master
3	ALEXANDER EREMenKO	EXPERT	PSS	699.0	454.0	222.0	1375.0	983.5	3rd Master
4	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	263.0	707.0	397.0	1367.0	977.8	
5	TONI STARK	MASTER	PSS	657.0	457.0	223.0	1337.0	956.4	
6	ART CHMIELEWSKI	MASTER	SFVSF	213.0	334.0	684.0	1231.0	880.5	
7	FRANK LEPLA	EXPERT	PSS	264.0	694.0	205.0	1163.0	831.9	1st Expert
8	ANTHONY BROOKS	SPORTSMAN	PSS	249.0	575.0	334.0	1158.0	828.3	Sportsman
9	DAVID FARLESS	EXPERT	PSS	177.0	661.0	168.0	1006.0	719.6	2nd Expert
10	PATRICK DEGREVE	SPORTSMAN	PSS	186.0	676.0	89.0	951.0	680.3	
11	AMBER DEGREVE	NOVICE	PSS	180.0	67.0	142.0	389.0	278.3	

2-Meter Class

1	ALEXANDER EREMenKO		PSS	326.0	645.0	404.0	1375.0	1000.0	1st Place
2	AMBER DEGREVE		PSS	117.0	258.0	144.0	519.0	377.5	

June 24, 2001 Club Contest Open Class

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	RND5	RND6	RND7	TOTAL	NORMAL	TROPHY
1	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	998.0	1196.8	1196.8	1186.8	987.5	393.3	984.9	6944.1	1000.0	1st Master
2	JOHN RODGERS	MASTER	PSS	987.0	1166.4	750.6	1183.2	864.5	985.0	996.0	6932.7	998.4	2nd Master
3	ALEXANDER EREMenKO	EXPERT	PSS	999.0	550.6	1174.8	1174.2	1011.6	986.0	342.9	6239.1	898.5	3rd Master
4	ART CHMIELEWSKI	EXPERT	SFVSF	985.0	497.2	1180.5	1161.2	972.0	420.5	993.7	6210.1	894.3	1st Expert
5	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	973.0	669.2	1182.5	1196.5	819.2	477.0	628.0	5945.4	856.2	
6	PHILLIP HALLFORD	MASTER		989.0	1178.2	465.5	422.3	1201.7	973.0	537.6	5767.3	830.5	
7	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	930.0	459.4	1183.2	1080.0	809.0	357.2	924.3	5743.1	827.0	2nd Expert
8	DAVID BUTKOVICH	MASTER	TOSS	955.0	283.8	1158.2	1181.5	263.1	986.0	902.9	5730.5	825.2	
9	DAVID FARLESS	EXPERT	PSS	933.0	341.5	1090.2	925.4	281.5	868.0	437.1	4876.7	702.3	

2-Meter Class

1	ALEXANDER EREMenKO		PSS	981.0	834.8	1189.5	1186.5	398.0	573.6	882.9	6046.3	1000.0	1st 2-Meter
2	DAVID FARLESS		PSS	825.0	482.3	396.9	283.8	1168.1	623.0		3779.1	625.0	

Some more dates for contests this year - plan ahead

August 19 - PSS Monthly

August 26 - TOSS SCSC

September 16 - PSS Monthly

September 23 - HSS SCSC

October 21 - PSS Monthly

October 28 - ISS SCSC

November 4 - PSS Monthly

November 25 - PSS Monthly

December 16 - PSS Monthly