



SOAR SPOTS

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

- August 19th - PSS Monthly Contest
- August 20th - PSS Monthly Meeting

President's Message - by Richard Burns

Thanks to an outstanding effort by those club members who turned out, this year's Rose Bowl Soaring Festival was one of the best ever. I am extremely grateful to those of you who went the extra mile and helped on Friday with the field set up and winch restringing. Many of you were among the first to show up Saturday and Sunday morning and the last to leave in the evenings. It's your dedication to our club that is the foundation upon which all we have and hope to accomplish is built. I have received several phone calls and e-mails from participants thanking us for, "putting on a class act". Let's hope that the word gets out and the entries pour in for next year's event!

Speaking of next year's event, it is never too early to start planning! The best way to start is to review what we could improve upon while this year's event is still fresh in our memory. If you have any ideas, please let me know. I'm sure it will be appreciated by whom ever runs next year's event. Joe Nave has agreed to work on a sort program that will space pilots, their timers who are also flying, and the rest of the entrants with regards to frequency. This will make the contest run faster, and smoother. Toni Stark and Dave Schweninger are both working on separate ideas for improving the turnarounds. Ideas are also being tossed around for improving the hoops used for the retrievers. The general consensus is the winch line and retriever line is not a problem. The line breaks are attributed to the hoops and turnarounds.

Thank you Karlton Spindle (and many others) for the very generous donations that made the raffle the success that it was. It turns out that it may have been the most profitable raffle we ever had! The donations, along with the bevy of beautiful women we had selling tickets, made a winning combination. The final numbers are not in yet, but Al Zimmerman thinks it will turn out to be our most profitable. You can find out just how well we did by attending this months club meeting. I hope to see you all there.

Oh yea, I almost forgot (no I didn't). Mike has something to give you, Karlton. Care to take a guess as to what it is? See you at the Contest on the 19th and Meeting on the 20th.

Some more dates for contests this year - plan ahead

August 19 - PSS Monthly	September 23 - HSS SCSC	November 4 - PSS Monthly
August 26 - TOSS SCSC	October 21 - PSS Monthly	November 25 - PSS Monthly
September 16 - PSS Monthly	October 28 - ISS SCSC	December 16 - PSS Monthly