



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

Academy of Model Aeronautics

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September 2001

Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

September 16th - PSS Monthly Contest and Picnic

September 17th - PSS Monthly Meeting

President's Message - by Richard Burns

September? Already! For those of us who will be attending this years Fall Soaring Festival, September is a time of preparation for the big event. We practice landings and fine tune our sailplanes in hope of either taking home a trophy or at least staying off the last page of the final standing list. Our focus is on an event far from home. Those who will not be making the trip up north see September as a time to relax and enjoy the end of summer and some cooler weather. The club is on cruise control as all the hard work that went into the Two-Day and our SC2 is just a memory. No worries?

Guess again! Focus on this! It is time to seriously think about elections for next year's Board of Directors. I will not be running for President or any other position. I need a break! I find that, over the years, I have taken on too much responsibility for the continued existence of this club I cherish so much. I can't continue to carry the load I have. No one person should shoulder the responsibility for being the President, being the committee to negotiate the contract with the City (which expires this year), handling the permit negotiations (which is separate from the contract negotiations and includes separate paperwork for the monthly contests, the Two-Day, and the SC2 permits), being the Contest Director for the Two-Day, being responsible for buying the trophies, the T-shirts, and the raffle prizes, Planning the club banquet, and caring for two of the four club winches. My batteries are drained!

Next year's President should be someone who will do a better job of delegating responsibility than I have. I strongly suggest that he or she assign these important tasks to small groups (not individuals) and come up with a periodic review system to see that they are getting done properly and in a timely manner. I see my roll next year as an advisor to all these committees, serving on none. I have, through the School of Hard Knocks, become a wealth of information on all these aspects of continued club existence, dealing with everyone from City officials to the person who cuts the grass. Others need to learn how to do deal with these things. Next year, I will not! It is because I care so much about the Pasadena Soaring Society that I will not serve on these committees. Over the years I thought it was just easier to go do it myself than try to get someone else to do a task, but, by doing so I wasn't doing the Club, as a whole, any favors. It's time to step up to the plate and serve. There is more to membership than paying your financial dues!

Sunday September 16th is our clubs annual picnic. As I write this, not much has been planned. I'll make a few phone calls and practice delegating! There will be a contest followed by lots of food and drink. Bring your family and enjoy a nice summer day with friends. It's one of those things you come to cherish about this club!

1ST Vice President's Report - by Mike Ratner

I'm sure I'm not the first to tell you the results of the F3B World Championships, but I want to use this space to congratulate Daryl Perkins for his, I think, Third 1st Place win in a row for this event. To win once is a mighty accomplishment, but to win three consecutive times is mind boggling. Joe Wurts was a very close second, and Team USA came in 4th. Well done guys.

I'm sorry to say I missed last months hotly contested event. No, I'm not sorry, I was at the wedding of my niece, and I can say I had to have had a better time. Judy and I went to Minneapolis for the wedding and had some great weather for that part of the country in Mid-August. Temperatures in the low 80's and cool at night. The only bad weather was a thunderstorm one evening. Hopefully the club survived without me.

September, the PSS annual Picnic and Pig-Out. The contest will be just long enough to cook the lunch. Start time is 10:00AM. Come one come all, and bring some glider guider friends. You know we always have enough food. After the contest, we will have the winches open for some fun flying and for those going to the Fall Festival, you can iron the kinks out of the bird your hoping to win with at Visalia.

September Contest - September 16th

The September Contest will be four rounds of precision duration. A three minute, followed by two seven minute flights, and then a ten minute flight. All scored 900 flight points and up to a maximum of 100 landing points. Landings will be to the old 100 point tape. Show Up.

PSS MONTHLY CONTEST RESULTS

AUGUST 19, 2001

CD-RICHARD BURNS

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Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	TROPHY	
1	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	983.0	996.0	990.0	982.0	3951.0	1000.0	1st Master	
2	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	980.0	988.0	983.0	990.0	3941.0	997.0	2nd Master	
3	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	985.0	899.0	977.0	943.0	3904.0	988.0	3rd Master	
4	FRANK LEPPLA	EXPERT	PSS	988.0	960.0	932.0	992.0	3874.0	980.0	1st Expert	
5	ALEXANDER EREMenko	MASTER	PSS	979.0	796.0	977.0	971.0	3723.0	942.0		
6	ART CHEMIELEWSKI	EXPERT	PSS	970.0	804.0	871.0	996.0	3641.0	922.0	2nd Expert	
7	TONI STARK	MASTER	PSS	985.0	900.0	753.0	980.0	3528.0	893.0		
8	GREG NIKOLA	EXPERT	PSS	971.0	991.0	513.0	958.0	3433.0	869.0		
9	DAVID FARLESS	EXPERT	PSS	969.0	492.0	549.0	161.0	2171.0	550.0		
		2-METER									
1	JOE NAVE		PSS	957.0	975.0	991.0	896.0	3818.0	1000.0	1st	
2	ALEXANDER EREMenko		PSS	978.0	869.0	444.0	988.0	2281.0	597.0		

Some more dates for contests this year - plan ahead

September 16 - PSS Monthly

October 21 - PSS Monthly

November 25 - PSS Monthly

September 23 - HSS SCSC

October 28 - ISS SCSC

December 16 - PSS Monthly

October 6,7 - Visalia Two-Day

November 4 - PSS Monthly