



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

Academy of Model Aeronautics

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

October 15th - PSS Monthly Meeting

October 21st - PSS Monthly Contest and Picnic (Permit cancelled by City)

President's Message - by Richard Burns

This newsletter is a little late. I just wanted to confirm that the remaining contest dates for Area H were going to be honored by the City before we proceeded with plans for our Club picnic. It has already been rescheduled once and I wanted to avoid a repeat of that last minute fiasco! Good thing I checked. You guessed it, We lost October 21st. There won't be an October contest let alone a picnic. We are going to try for November 4th but I haven't checked with any Club board members yet. Standby. We will get word to you ASAP.

Elections for next year's board are quickly approaching. If you are willing to step up to the plate and serve for a year, please let anyone on the board know. As mentioned before, I need a break. The future of this club is in the hands of the membership, not one or two individuals.

Also, it's time to negotiate a new contract with the City of Pasadena for use of the field. We need two or three people to represent the club in the face to face negotiations. It is customary for the person who will be president for the time the contract is in effect to sign the final document. I said it before, and I will say it again, "There is more to paying your club dues than writing a check." Let's not let this be our epitaph!

Visalia Report

It was that time of year again when several club members attended the Annual Fall Soaring Festival in Visalia, California. This is the first year at their new flying field and it is great. Plenty of parking for a change, a bit better lift, and with the usual well run contest. Our top guns did not do quite so well this year so the team ended up in fourth place but it was a close race. We had nine people flying in the open class. They were John Rodgers in 12th place, Keith Kindrick in 14th place, Alex Eremenko in 15th place, Daryl Perkins in 19th, Joe Wurts in 22nd place, Richard Burns in 31st place, Gary Roberts, Mike Ratner, and Karlton Spindle rounding out the group. Dave Farless flew in the RES class. Mark Lavoe and Joe Nave flew in the 2-Meter class. Detailed results are available on the www.rcsoaring.com website.

Some more dates for contests this year - plan ahead

October 28 - ISS SCSC

November 25 - PSS Monthly

November 4 - PSS Monthly

December 16 - PSS Monthly

September Contest - September 16th

The September Contest was 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 used the old 100 point tape. Results below:

PSS Monthly Contest - September 16, 2001

Open Class

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	RND4	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	TROPHY
1	ALEXANDER EREMenko	MASTER	PSS	989.0	978.0	979.9	996.5	3943.4	1000.0	1st Master
2	GREG NORswORTHY	MASTER	PSS	966.0	981.6	992.7	993.5	3933.8	997.6	2nd Master
3	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	983.0	995.0	842.7	992.5	3813.2	967.0	3rd Master
4	DAVID BUTKOVICH	MASTER	TOSS	969.0	955.7	895.7	957.0	3777.4	957.9	
5	JOHN RODGERS	MASTER	PSS	987.0	986.9	793.7	981.5	3749.1	950.7	
6	PHILLIP HALLFORD	MASTER		990.0	958.9	732.9	959.0	3640.7	923.3	
7	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	981.0	982.0	975.9	589.5	3528.4	894.8	
8	NOWELL SIEGEL	MASTER	PSS	921.0	982.0	979.6	355.5	3238.1	821.1	
9	BRUCE AVESON	EXPERT	SWSA	875.0	900.0	561.1	866.5	3202.6	812.2	1st Expert
10	DAVID FARLESS	EXPERT	PSS	895.0	934.9	300.0	380.5	2510.4	636.6	2nd Expert

2-Meter Class

1	GREG NORswORTHY	PSS	966.0	984.9	972.3	996.5	3919.6	1000.0
2	ALEXANDER EREMenko	PSS	987.0	991.9	926.1	309.5	3214.5	820.1
3	NOWELL SIEGEL	PSS	763.0	893.6	947.9	303.0	2907.4	741.8



PSS Tent being used by some members at Visalia, CA. Note the nice level grass and uncrowded conditions. Thanks to John Rodgers for hauling the tent 180 miles to make things a bit more comfortable for us. Also, to Alex for taking it down on Sunday and to those who set it up on Friday.

What a great bunch of guys!

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