



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

January 26th - PSS Annual Banquet

President's Message - by Richard Burns

Dues, News, and Blues! In a nutshell, that's this month's message. Dues, Dues, Dues! Please renew your annual club membership now in order to keep getting these exciting articles that keep you up to date on all that is (or isn't) happening in your club. Send your check to the Club Treasurer, Al Zimmerman and don't forget to include your email address so I can keep you updated on last minute Friday fun flying schedules at the Bowl.

Now for the news. The Banquet Committee is happy to announce it has secured a location for the 2001 awards dinner. Come on out for a truly fun evening filled with food, friends, and belly dancers on:

**January 26th, 2002
6:00 PM**

**Burger Continental
535 South Lake Avenue
Pasadena**

**Menu
Choice of:
Beef Kabobs
Chicken Kabobs
Veggi Kabobs**

Dinners are \$10:00 per person and include a salad, rice pilaf, stuffed grape leaves, and dessert.

Sodas are included, Alcohol is extra.

Please RSVP me at (626) 857-0024 by 01-23-02 with the number in your party and your choice of entree.

In other news, we are changing the award categories for our monthly contests. Beginning this year we will award trophies in the following classes:

Open Class - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
Rudder, Elevator, Spoiler Class - 1st and 2nd
2 Meter Class - 1st

In order to try and increase the membership attendance at club meetings and contests, we are instituting, "The Big Giveaway". For each club meeting you attend, you will receive 2 tickets. For each club contest you attend, you will receive 1 ticket. Additional tickets can not be purchased. They can only be obtained by current club members who attend a club contest or club meeting. At the end of the year there will be a drawing for a prize valued at over \$600.00. Oh yea, the tickets are FREE!

Now for the blues! We still don't have any contest dates for 2002. The permit committee has their hands tied until the contract committee can finalize a contract with the City. The delay has been caused by a change in City negotiating personnel. An agreement was reached with the outgoing personnel, but not signed. The new ones are busy getting up to speed on the issue and I hope to have news by the banquet. The fence is still going up around the field but it has been delayed until after world cup soccer is over. It now looks like the field will be closed for reseeding in February and March. I'm still being told that we will be allowed to fly club contests during those months. We won't be allowed to fun fly though. See you at the banquet!

Renew your dues -

Just another reminder. It is that time of the year when you gotta come up with some more money to support the Pasadena Soaring Society. Twenty dollars will keep you in good standing. Send a check to Al Zimmerman (818-244-5506) or bring one to a club function. Don't miss out. By the way, Al's address is noted below and also on the PSS website under Membership Form:

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1328 Branta Drive
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PSS Meetings -

Our regular monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month in the Kaiser Permanente Offices at 393 East Walnut, Pasadena, CA. Starting time is 7:30PM. These meetings are held in Conference Room 7L which is on the seventh floor at the east end of the building. 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. You will then have to park and find your way to the front door and sign in. Ride the elevator to the seventh floor and go east. Each meeting is new and unique and an entertaining experience. Participate....

And now on the following pages something eloquent that should of been happening for the past several years from our new (and probably best) PSS Club Secretary -

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
PASADENA SOARING SOCIETY
DECEMBER 17, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by the new president, Richard Burns.

First order of discussion was the club finances. While stable, money to continue club operations was discussed.

Contest report was given by the 1st V.P. John Rogers. Results are found in this newsletter. There will be a January contest but no date has been secure with the city as of this meeting. The city will again be putting a fence around the field after the 1st of the year but PSS will have access to the field under City supervision while the fence is in place. The club is hoping to have at least 15 contest dates in 2002.

Discussion was held on whether or not to have a club Year End Dinner this year. It was decided that we would in fact have a dinner even though we had a limited number of contests this year. This year trophies would be awarded based on 6 contests plus SC2 and the Two Day which will count for one. For the 2002 contest year trophies will be awarded on the number of contests flown less two, if more than 8 contests are flown for the year.

It was also decided that we will have a new class of the coming year, RES class. This class is classified as any aircraft with 3 functions limited to Rudder, Elevator and Spoiler. Computer radios will be allowed. Wing must be open bay construction, and can be "D Box" or full sheeted but no bagged style wings.

Trophies awarded for each contest for 2002 will be as follows:

Open Class - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

RES- 1st and 2nd

2 Meter- 1st.

Start times will be moved back to 9:00AM unless there is an event on the field the day before such as a UCLA game. Watch the newsletter for dates and start time.

Contest fees will remain at \$5.00 for one class and \$2.00 for each additional class flown. Pilots could if they choose, fly all three classes in one contest. (Lots of luck)

An article will appear in this month's newsletter on how to CD a club contest. This will be the 1st in a series of articles on how to do all the different tasks within the club. Read them and you'll probably find that running a club event just isn't a big thing after all.

Next discussion was on if we were going to host another 2-day contest next year. All agreed that it's a must thing to do for the hobby. Additional discussion was held on using an outside group to do the food service with the provision that they, in exchange for the monies earned from that service, would provide all the landing judges for the 2-day event. Richard Burns was to explore the idea with several groups and report back to the membership.

Next General meeting will be in February, with a board meeting held in January. Remember Board meetings are open to the general membership but do not vote on matters covered.

E-mail or call Alex Eremenko with your transmitter frequencies. He is compiling them and will publish the list in the February newsletter. The list will also be published on the web site.

"The Big Giveaway" Next year, for each meeting you attend you will receive 2 tickets, attend a club contest and you will receive 1 ticket. At the end of the year, all the tickets will go into one big drawing for a grand prize valued at \$600.00 to \$800.00. You must be present at the year end dinner to be eligible to win the big prize. You must be a paid member to receive any tickets, you do not have to fly in any contests, just show up at the field and get one free. Who knows, if you come down enough you just might start flying and having some fun.

The winners of this months Multiplex servos were Alex Eremenko and Richard Burns.

Meeting was closed at 9:00PM
Respectfully Mike Ratner, Sec.

PSS Monthly Contest for December 16, 2001

Open Class

Place	Name	Event	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	TROPHY
1	JOE NAVE	MASTER	PSS	199	319	500	1018	1000.0	1st Master
2	RICHARD BURNS	MASTER	PSS	199	297	500	996	978.4	2nd Master
3	DAVID BUTKOVICH	MASTER	TOSS	189	319	478	986	968.6	3rd Master
4	KEITH KINDRICK	MASTER	PSS	200	297	483	980	962.7	
5	GREG NIKOLA	EXPERT	PSS	179	299	480	958	941.1	1st Expert
6	MIKE RATNER	EXPERT	PSS	176	300	479	955	938.1	2nd Expert
7	DAVID FARLESS	EXPERT	PSS	179	294	472	945	928.3	
8	FRANK LEPLA	EXPERT	PSS	179	235	480	894	878.2	
9	PHILLIP HALLFORD	MASTER		199	320	370	889	873.3	
10	JOHN RODGERS	MASTER	PSS	187	203	478	868	852.7	
11	ALEXANDER EREMENKO	EXPERT	PSS	190	168	499	857	841.8	
12	TONI STARK	MASTER	PSS	198	153	480	831	816.3	

2-Meter Class

Place	Name	Club	RND1	RND2	RND3	TOTAL	NORMALIZED	TROPHY
1	GREG NORSWORTHY	PSS	200	309	497	1006	1000.0	1st 2-Meter
2	ALEXANDER EREMENKO	PSS	200	310	477	987	981.1	
3	JOE NAVE	PSS	198	192	499	889	883.7	
4	DAVE SCHWENINGER	PSS	103	186	155	444	441.4	
5	PHILLIP HALLFORD	PSS	189	165	0	354	351.9	