



SOAR SPOTS

Newsletter of the Pasadena Soaring Society

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Quick Monthly PSS Schedule -

March 18th - PSS Monthly Meeting
March 24th - PSS Monthly Contest

President's Message - by Richard Burns

It's springtime, and young men's hearts everywhere turn to thoughts of...soaring! So let's get them up (our planes, that is) and have some fun. We are well overdue. So dust off those wings, fill those sandbags, and head out to the Rose Bowl on March 24th for some friendly competition and camaraderie. This will be our first contest of the year, now that the City's super secret stealth fence is down. A complete contest schedule can be found somewhere in this newsletter. One comment about the "fence". Don't ask! I don't have a logical answer for you.

The Board of Director's held a meeting and decided to go ahead with the Rose Bowl Soaring Festival this year despite the fact that we can only have the field for the event on May 25th and 26th (Memorial Day weekend). The fact that it will be held on the holiday weekend may hurt attendance a little, but, not having it would probably hurt more in the long run. Please make every effort to reserve that weekend to help with the two-day. It is crucial that we pull together and put on a good contest, especially this year. I know it looks like a little more gets piled on us year after year by the City, but, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The groundbreaking ceremony for the Galaxy Soccer Team's new stadium took place earlier this month. This season is their last at the Rose Bowl! We are looking forward to returning to a full club contest schedule next year with the Galaxy's departure. When the time comes, I think we should throw a party!

Please fill out your entry form for the two-day now. Al Zimmerman would greatly appreciate it. He spends a lot of time trying to set up the rounds so there won't be any frequency conflicts. The later you wait, the harder it is for him. Too many frequency conflicts create a slow contest day, and no one wants that. To help motivate everyone to submit their entries early, we will have a two-tier entry fee this year. Get those forms in by May 01st and save some dough.

If you want to get weekly emails regarding Friday fun-flying and other last minute club business, please send me your email address. I have old email addresses for quite a few of our members. That means **you** Gary Winberg, Tony Stark, and John Rodgers (just to name a few).

By the way my email address is rndburns@msn.com

And now for a long overdue and previously promised article of importance to all...

Contest Director -

Article II of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Pasadena Soaring Society states the purposes for which our Club exists. Section 3 of that same Article simply states, "To sponsor and promote model sailplane contests." Our ongoing effort to carry out this directive consumes the majority of our time and finances. Our history has and will continue to be written by how well we perform this endeavor.

It is with this in mind, along with the promotion of continued membership development, that the Board of Directors under the supervision of the First Vice President sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the monthly Contest Director.

Pre-Contest Day Duties

- Format
 - Define the number, type, and length of flying tasks to be performed
 - Define the type of landing task to be performed
 - Define the scoring criteria for the flying and landing tasks
- Notification
 - Notify the First Vice President of the format
 - Notify the Newsletter Editor of the format for publication prior to the event
 - Contact equipment personnel for adequate winch, retrieval, landing equipment
 - Contact the First Vice President to obtain scoring materials and awards

Contest Day Duties

- Sign up / field setup
 - Enter contestants and collect entry fees
 - Establish a transmitter impound area
 - Ensure field equipment is properly set up
- Pilot's Meeting
 - Discuss the published format for the contest
 - Discuss flight order (open or call up)
 - Discuss rules and flight safety issues
- Contest
 - Oversee the safe operation of the event
 - Ensure the proper tabulation of the scorecards
 - Preside over any flight controversies
 - Hand out awards

Post-Contest Duties

- Reports
 - Give scorecards and scoring materials to the First Vice President
 - Give entry fees to the Treasurer
 - Write a contest report for the newsletter

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:

Al Zimmerman
Pasadena Soaring Society
1328 Branta Drive
Glendale, CA 91208

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....

The plan this year is to have a meeting every other month. January, March, May, July, August, October, and December. Board meetings will be held on the opposite months.

Contest Schedule for 2002 -

March 24th
May 25th and 26th - PSS 21st Annual Two Day Contest
July 23rd
August 18th
September 22nd
October 27th - PSS SCSC
November 17th
November 24th
December 15th

Two-Day Entry Form is on the next page

- fill it out and send it in soon



21ST ANNUAL
ROSE BOWL SOARING FESTIVAL AND TRADE SHOW
MAY 25th and 26th, 2002
2ND EVENT OF THE WESTERN STATES SOARING TRIAD
SPONSORED BY THE PASADENA SOARING SOCIETY
THIS IS AN AMA AA SANCTIONED EVENT. ALL AMA RULES APPLY.

LOCATION: PASADENA'S BROOKSIDE PARK - ROSE BOWL SOARING FIELD

CLASSES: THREE CLASSES THIS YEAR. UNLIMITED - TWO-METER - 3 FUNCTIONS (R.E.S.) PLUS SENIORS 62 AND OVER - AND AMA JUNIORS UNDER 18

TIME: PILOTS MEETING 8:30am EACH DAY - FIRST FLIGHT 9:00am EACH DAY

FLIGHTS: THREE ROUNDS OF PRECISION DURATION (3, 5, and 8 MINUTES)
FOUR FLIGHT ADD-EM-UP FOR 26 MINUTES NOTHING OVER 8 MINUTES

TROPHIES: PSS CONTINUES ITS LONG TRADITION OF PRESENTING ABSOLUTELY THE BEST TROPHIES OF ANY MAJOR SOARING EVENT. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

UNLIMITED CLASS SENIOR DIVISION (62 yrs +)	TWO-METER CLASS JUNIOR DIVISION	R.E.S. CLASS TEAM
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RAFFLE: FANTASTIC !!! FOLLOWING THE LAST ROUND ON SUNDAY

TRADE SHOW: MANUFACTURERS WILL DISPLAY WHATS NEW IN THE HOBBY BOTH DAYS

RV PARKING: FREE OVERNIGHT PARKING ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. NO HOOK UPS AVAILABLE.

INFORMATION:

CONTEST DIRECTOR RICHARD BURNS (626) 857-0024	TRADE SHOW JOHN RODGERS (818) 790-3345	SCORING AL ZIMMERMAN (818) 244-5506
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ENTRY FEE: ENTRIES ON OR BEFORE MAY 1ST, 2002 : \$35.00 FOR 1ST ENTRY, \$15.00 EXTRA TO FLY TWO CLASSES
ALL ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER MAY 1ST: \$45.00 FOR 1ST ENTRY, \$20.00 EXTRA TO FLY TWO CLASSES

Submit your Entry Form early for best frequency availability. No entries will be accepted at the field this year. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. List of local accommodations will be supplied with confirmation form.

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES MAY 15TH ALL ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER MAY 15TH SHALL BE RETURNED

MAIL ENTRY TO: PASADENA SOARING SOCIETY
AL ZIMMERMAN
1328 BRANTA DRIVE
GLENDALE, CA 91208

ENTRY FORM: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PASADENA SOARING SOCIETY".

NAME: _____ AGE 62+ _____	T-Shirts @\$14.00 ea.
STREET: _____ RV PARK _____	M _____ \$ _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____ 18 or under _____	L _____ \$ _____
PHONE NUMBER: () _____	XL _____ \$ _____
AMA NUMBER: _____ TEAM DESIGNATION: _____	XXL _____ \$ _____
FREQUENCY CHOICES: UNLIMITED 1ST _____ 2ND _____ 3RD _____	ENTRY FEE \$ _____
TWO-METER 1ST _____ 2ND _____ 3RD _____	TOTAL \$ _____
3- FUNCTION 1ST _____ 2ND _____ 3RD _____	

FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED BY MAY 1ST, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO SPACE PILOTS AND THEIR PARTICIPATING TIMERS.

TIMERS NAME _____ FREQUENCY _____