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## APRIL CLUB MEETING

The April club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 pm at the Consolidated Water District Office, 1965 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa. The club contest will be held on April 10 at Harbor's field. Come to the meeting for details.

## MAY CLUB MEETING

The May club meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 pm at the Consolidated Water District Office, 1965 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa.

## 1988 Contest Schedule

Date	Type	Place
3/6	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
3/13	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
3/26	SULA CLUB-TWO METER	Cal State, Dominges Hills
4/9	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
4/10	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
4/24	NCC (SC <sup>2</sup> )	San Marcos
4/31-5/1	PSS Rose Bowl Soaring Festival	Rose Bowl, Pasadena
5/15	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
5/15	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
5/22	SULA CLUB-TWO METER	Cal State, Dominges Hills
5/28-5/29	Vintage Sailplane Regatta (Full Scale)	Hemet-Ryan Airport
5/29	SULA (SC <sup>2</sup> )	Cal State, Dominges Hills
6/12	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
6/18-6/19	Astro Champs Electric Contest	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
6/19	PSS (SC <sup>2</sup> )	Rose Bowl, Pasadena
6/25	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
7/10	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
7/24	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
7/30	SULA CLUB-TWO METER	Cal State, Dominges Hills
8/7	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
8/28	TOSS (SC <sup>2</sup> )	Thousand Oaks
9/4	SULA CLUB-TWO METER	Cal State, Dominges Hills
9/10	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
9/11	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
9/25	HSS (SC <sup>2</sup> )	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
10/9	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
10/16	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
10/30	PSA (SC <sup>2</sup> )	Anaheim
11/6	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa
11/12	SULA CLUB-TWO METER	Cal State, Dominges Hills
11/19	SULA CLUB-UNLIMITED	Cal State, Dominges Hills
11/27	ISS (SC <sup>2</sup> )	Riverside
12/11	HSS CLUB	Mack Freed Field, Costa Mesa

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### March, 1988 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by president George Joy, at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 2, 1988 at our usual meeting place in Costa Mesa. The meeting minutes of the February, 1988 meeting were approved with one minor modification and voted into the record by the members in attendance. The modification changed the word minimum to maximum in the sentence that set out the number of contests that would count for the end of year standings. As amended the sentence should read "A maximum of eight contests will be flown to count towards the end of year standings." The treasurer's report was provided by Chris Hurley. He announced that notice has been received from Harbor Bank that our checking account will be subject to service fees effective March 7, 1988. He will try to find a local bank that will not charge any service fees. The report was voted and approved.

#### New Faces:

Dennis Webster and Al Zibell were introduced to the club.

#### Old Business:

Felix Vivas announced that he is working with the AMA to get the F3E contest held at HSS. He attended a meeting at the IMS Show where he met with representatives of the AMA.

George Joy reopened discussion on the motion that was passed in the February meeting concerning the requirement that the last three contests of the year be the 3-5-7 format. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Will Conrad to table further action on the matter until the next meeting and to publish a number of alternative proposals in the next newsletter. The motion was passed.

Will Conrad provided a report on the meeting with the city and the hang glider group. He announced that the city has already granted permission for the hang glider group to use the area near the bottom of the slope in the vicinity of the slope flying site to strictly to practice take offs and landings. No actual soaring would be done by the hang glider pilots. It was also disclosed that Mr. Dan Skadal, who represented the hang gliders, is the proprietor of a hang glider shop, providing, sales, service and training. He will be operating the school that will be using the site. Will also indicated that the city has reserved the right to retract the permission for the hang glider group to use the site after having giving 30 days notice. Preparation of the hang gliding site will include the construction of a take off platform and the clearance of approximately 200 feet of bamboo at the base of the slope. After much discussion about safety, hang glider assembly location and use of the slope for actual soaring, etc., it was reiterated that the city has already granted permission and that the hang

glider group is trying to get our club as well as the slope flying group to cooperate and work with them.

Dieter Lamprecht announced that John Lupperger would act as CD for the March contest as Pete Richardson would not be able to attend. John indicated that the first round would be a two minute precision using the bell curve, the second round would be a ten minute man on man and the third round would be a three minute precision. All rounds would be scored 900/100 and landings would be pie shaped as was used in the February contest.

George Joy announced that the SC2 meeting was held at Frank Chastler's house. Frank was re-elected president. HSS will host the September 25 contest. TOSS has joined SC2 and a total of seven contests will be held.

Dick Pantzer announced that he was looking for a motor to complete the new club winch.

John Lupperger reported on the upcoming Astro Flight contest to be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at our field. He will be publishing a list of jobs that need to be done to ensure a successful contest and will be looking for volunteers. Timers and landing judges will also be needed. Trophies will be supplied by Bob Boucher.

#### New Business:

Felix Vivas indicated that he would be willing to purchase tapes for a video library for the club. He asked the club members to give him suggestions as to the tapes that they would be interested in. He also announced that he has the latest Giest charger, Giest carbon props and Giest speed controller and will bring them to the field for those who are interested.

Chris Hurley brought up the need to maintain a supply of winch equipment. Parachutes, winch line and retriever line are needed. The need for an inventory of all club equipment was also discussed. Dick Pantzer announced that he had an old moped owned by the club that he could do some repairs on and sell.

Will Conrad announced that he has been advised by the school district that the school had to be named as an additional insured on the insurance policy. George Joy would see that it was done.

Morey Smith made a motion that the club extend honorary memberships to Barbara, Tim and Bob Renaud in the name of Lee Renaud. A number of members gave testimonials to the support that Airtronics has given both the club and the sport. The notification of the honorary memberships would be presented by a committee of those club members who would like to participate. The committee would present a letter and a plaque to the Renauds. The motion was carried.

The meeting was then closed and turned over to Felix Vivas who showed a video tape made at the field.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are again, another month gone by and the club is growing. I would like to welcome those of you who have joined our ranks this year. If anyone needs any assistance with any part of our hobby, please don't hesitate to ask. We have some of the best flyers and teachers available anywhere.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Al Cron for his help mailing out the newsletter every month. I had the experience of seeing, first hand, what is involved in getting it in the mail last month and it takes a lot of time and commitment. Thanks again Al. Also thanks to Bob Sliff for printing out the mailing labels every month that sure simplifies things.

On Valentines day Feb. 14th I attended the annual meeting for (SC)2 along with Will Conrad, At the home of Frank Chasteler in Costa Mesa. In this newsletter you will find the new contest schedule and Guidelines for the coming year. I would like to welcome the Thousand Oaks Soaring Society (T.O.S.S.) to the group. Were glad to have them, and I'm looking forward to flying with them.

Our membership has grown to approx. 70 members as of this writing, and thats exciting, but I'm a little disapointed as to the number of ballots that have been returned regarding the By-Law proposals. As of this writing the total is only 26. That is not enough votes to accept or reject any proposal even if any were unanimous. According to the By-Laws there must be at lease 50% vote of the entire membership. Please send your Ballots in, if I don't recieve enough the end of this month I will consider that none of the proposals are acceptable and reprint the By-Laws as they now stand.

As some of you know, our editor, Pete Richardson, had an accident in his van, and fortunately was not badly hurt, but the van was put temporarily out of service, therefore Pete was unably to conduct the monthly contest. Thanks to John Lupperger for accepting the challenge on short notice. The contest got a slightly late start, but was well run and finished fairly early, Thanks John! (I may be prejudice)

I think that covers it for this month. Hope to see you at the meeting and at the field. HAPPYING FLYING!!!





## Should we have no Classes?

By Joel Guisenberry

Let me start out by saying I truly enjoy flying with the Harbor guys. It is a fun club (despite some of the politics) and the contests are quite enjoyable and challenging, however I do have a complaint. I do not like the current Class system. It is almost like having no Class system at all. Think about it. We have pseudo-classes during the year but we only give out awards at year end to the top ten scorers in the club regardless of their class. Is this fair ?? Say you have a guy who is the top scoring Sportsman for the year, but he is #25 in the club overall. I think this guy should get recognition for doing the best that he could in his class. But here at Harbor the guy had better watch out ! If he is good enough to win three times in Sportsman, then he obviously NOT a Sportsman. Right ?? WRONG ! I think he should remain a Sportsman for the entire year. Let me present a couple of true examples to support my views.

First of all, there was this beginning sailplane pilot. He wanted to start flying competition, so he joined a club. He started out in the Sportsman class since he was brand new to the sport. He won most of the contests that year and ultimately won the Year-end Sportsman Award for being the top Sportsman of the year. He did not win overall, but he was a happy man since he proved he was the best in his classification. And, he did not blow away everyone in Sportsman at the contests. Some of his wins were by a very small margin, often having a competitive battle with the second place finisher. He occasionally outflew or outscored pilots in the higher classes. The following year, he moved up to the Advanced class (it was a forced move). He won 10 out of the 12 contests in advanced. Again, he did not beat all of the Expert pilots and did not blow away the pilots in advanced. He worked hard, honed his flying skills and again proved that he was the best in his class.

A second example is a bit closer to home. I flew with Inland Soaring Society in 1983 in the Sportsman Class. I worked very hard to do well. I placed a few times and actually won a contest. I ultimately won Third place in Sportsman. Due to other demands on my time, I had to stop flying for a while. Then I started flying with Harbor in January 1987. I had not flown competitively for 3 years and had only flown a sailplane (or any R/C plane for that matter) in those 3 years. So when I joined I started as a Sportsman. I had not flown in so long that I thought I would not do well. I happened to win the 1st Place Sportsman in the 1st 3 contests. But I did not blow away all off the Advanced fliers in the process. In fact Contest 2 and 3 I won only because I had exceptional 3rd rounds and the Sportsman flyer I was competing against did not fare so well. But, according to HSS rules, I was bumped up to Advanced. I do not feel that I was ready for Advanced since I did not do very well for the remainder of the year. In fact it was so disheartening, it was not fun to come to the contests anymore. So I sat out the last few contests of the year.

Why did I tell these 2 stories ?? Well I just wanted to point out that YES sometimes a person will win all of the contests. But if he is a developing pilot, don't bump him up to the next class just because he does better than the others in his class after only 3 or 4 contests. Harbor says they want to encourage beginners, but if he happens to win Sportsman 3 times we bump him into a class far above his still green skills. Don't say it can't happen. The

make-up January contest had 2 Sportsmen in it. One is 1/3 of the way to Advanced. But his score was not even in contention with the Advanced fliers.

One other thing on classes that is disturbing is the awarding of trophies at the contest. I personally would rather get a 1st Place Advanced instead of a 3rd Place Expert. You may say, "But, an Expert trophy is better than an Advanced trophy!". But to me, showing that I was the best in my CLASS at the contest is of much more value than saying I beat all but 2 of the Experts. And how does the 3rd Expert feel. He was 3rd place in his class, but someone from lower skill class is taking his trophy. I say give the proper credit where credit is due.

I propose that Harbor Soaring Society adopts a 3 class system in which you stay in your class for the entire calendar year. I also propose that each class have at least 3 Year end awards.

I feel that by doing this, it will make the flying much more enjoyable and will encourage participation by Sportsman flyers. And, if some people are worried about getting ripped out of a trophy, at year end, have 3 places in each class and the top 10 fliers regardless of class. Yes some people might get more than one trophy, but if they do, they deserve it. Take our own club for example. At year end, Chris Hurlav was last out of the people that flew 9 contests, BUT he was the first Sportsman. Don't you think he should get some recognition of this fact. How about Ross Thomas who flew well in 1987 and did not win a year end award but should have been recognized by the club as the 1st place Advanced pilot ???

The only other alternative as I see it is to eliminate classes all together and give 10 awards at each contest and the Top 10 at Year end, since in my eye that is what we already have.

Don't get me wrong, I like trophies and awards as much as the next guy, but a club should not find ways to keep people from attaining awards while finding ways to make sure certain other people do get awards. If some people are worried about who does and does not get trophies, let's just go out and fly for fun and award everyone a trophy. This way, no one can feel left out or cheated. We can be a club with many class(es), or a club with no class(es). The choice is yours.





**7TH ANNUAL  
ROSE BOWL  
SOARING FESTIVAL**

**DATE :** APRIL 30TH & MAY 1, 1988  
**PLACE:** PASADENA ROSE BOWL SECO & ROSEMONT AVE.  
**CONTEST DIRECTOR:** GARY ROBERTS  
**TIME:** SATURDAY 7:00 AM CHECK IN (MUST SHOW AMA CARD)

8:00 AM PILOTS MEETING  
8:30 AM FIRST LAUNCH  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM PILOTS MEETING  
8:30 AM FIRST LAUNCH

**TASKS:** SATURDAY 4 ROUNDS TO MAKE 20 MINUTES  
NO FLIGHT OVER 8 MINUTES  
SUNDAY ROUND 5 - 4 MINUTE PRESSION  
ROUND 6 - 6 MINUTE PRESSION

**LANDINGS:** POSSIBLE 100 POINTS

LANDINGS WILL BE EXPLAINED AT THE PILOTS MEETING

**CLASS / AWARDS** OPEN -- 15 AWARDS 2 METER -- 5 AWARDS  
TEAM AWARD -- TOP FOUR FLYERS IN OPEN CLASS  
WITHIN WINNING CLUB

**RAFFLE:** TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT

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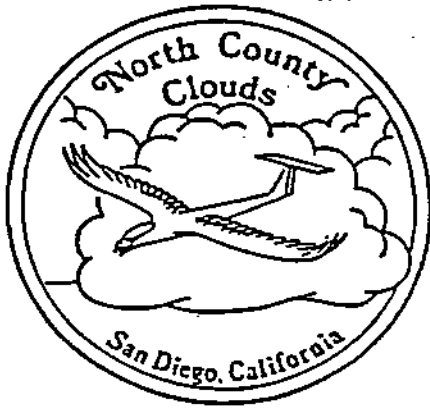
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# NORTH COUNTY CLOUDS

## CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT



WHERE: Northwest corner of Via Vera Cruz and Linda Vista Dr.,  
San Marcos.  
When; April 24, 1988 at 9:00 A.M. Sign-up begins at 8:00 A.M.

EVENT: SC2 Class A Open Unlimited Thermal Sanctioned Contest.

- Round 1: Three-minute Precision [REDACTED] 900 flight points scored on Bell Curve. 100 point landing on a 25' tape. Open launch order.
- Round 2: Seven-minute Precision Duration, 900 flight points. Man-on-man scoring. Called flight order. 100 point landings on a 25' tape.
- Round 3: Five-minute Precision Duration. 900 flight points. Man-on-man scoring. Called flight order. 100 point landings on a 25' tape.

NOTE: AMA RC Sailplane Rule 5.d., page 87 is waived. Up to 2 pilots per sailplane are permitted.

DETAILS: Current AMA License Required. AMA number(s) required on sailplane entered. Authorized frequency number(s) and/or flags required on transmitter. Registration fee is \$6.00. Expert plaques thru 5th place and Sportsman plaques thru 3rd place. 12 volt winches. 700 foot winch lines. Dead grass landing surface. C.D.: KEITH FINKENBINER, 7050 El Fuerte St., Carlsbad, CA 92008. (619) 931-0630 (Evenings). President and Assistant C.D.: HUGH WAGNER, (619) 727-1671. Park in field north of the entrance road.

