



# NEWSLETTER

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## -APRIL MEETING-

The monthly meeting of the Harbor Soaring Society will be held at our usual place, the California School, 3232 California Street in Costa Mesa. The April meeting date is Wednesday the 6th, at 7:30 P.M.

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## -APRIL CONTEST-

Don't be confused about the April contest date! This is one of the months we skip the weekend following our meeting, and hold the contest on the *next sunday*. This makes the date April 17th. Don't want you to get up at the ridiculous early hour of 9:30 A.M. for nothing! Now that we all know *which* sunday the contest is let me tell you *what* the contest is. Scott Miller, otherwise known as 'Magic Fingers Miller', has set up a three round ten minute precision contest for the flying part, and to add a little fun, he he, a *slightly* modified landing circle, or rather *half* circle. You see, the half of the circle on the up-wind side scores zero points. The other half is our normal twenty-five foot radius circle, with zero to one hundred point scoring. Looks like an over shoot of even one silly millimeter sorta reduces ones score a smidge! (OK, if you give me a hard time about my neat little words like smidge, I promise I'll cut it out...Ed.) See you Sunday, and remember to bring your "precise" contest flyer!

## -MARCH CONTEST RESULTS-

Sunday, March 6th, 1977

1. Scott Miller ----- 2900 pts.
2. Dave Oberman ----- 2872
3. Jim White ----- 2802
4. Ben Clerx ----- 2723
5. Phil Harris ----- 2640
6. Bob Chasteler ----- 2546
7. Ralph Ray ----- 2524
8. Wally Hersom ----- 2386
9. Gary Peterson ----- 2228
10. Frank Chasteler ----- 2182
11. Mel Hitchcock ----- 2144
12. Gordon Ritschke ----- 2104
13. Eric Hersom ----- 2010
14. Don Endicott ----- 1930
15. Jim Russell ----- 977
16. Kirk Hanson ----- 740
17. Ernest Payne ----- 647
18. Rolly Hiscott ----- -0-
19. James Hiscott ----- -0-

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The contest dates for the year, through Nov., for both Harbor Soaring Society and SC<sup>2</sup> :

HSS Contest *	SC <sup>2</sup> Contests and location
April 17th *	24th @ SULA, Dominguez College
May 15th *	22nd @ PSA, Magnolia High
June 5th *	19th @ SFVVSF, San Fernando
July 24th -----	@ HSS, Estancia High
August - no contests-	Nats @ March AFB
Sept 11th *	25th @ TPG, Torrey Pines
Oct 9th *	30th @ Hemet Modelmasters
Nov 13th *	20th @ PSS, Pasadena Rose Bowl
Dec ? *	11th @ MARKS, San Bernardino.

## -PRESIDENT'S CORNER-

The Southern California Soaring Clubs (SC<sup>2</sup>) held its scheduling meeting for 1977 this month.

Rick Norwood, last years coordinator, will continue this task in 1977.



In addition Rick is business manager for the glider events at the AMA Nationals to be held at March Air Force Base, Riverside CA starting August 7, 1977. The AMA Glider Nats Contest Director, Ray Marvin, is from Denver Colorado. The SC<sup>2</sup> entry fee per pilot will be \$3.50 in 1977. This is \$2.50 for the host club and \$1.00 to the SC<sup>2</sup> trophy fund. Tow charges, if any, will be extra. Last years expenditures were as follows: \$280.00 for trophies, \$150.00 for dinner raffle, \$30.00 for free chow at dinner, \$50.00 for winch lines, \$30.00 for field box, \$35.00 for score board, plus printing and mailing. A new idea for '77 is a club team for each club at each contest with recognition of club team standings and some kind of trophy which will probably be a pennant, baseball league style, first, second and third for 1977. The cloth pennants flown from the club tent. Each club shall provide a five man team. No pilot may fly for more than one club at any one contest. I would suggest that the HSS team be selected from our quarterly sweepstakes standings.

The top man, as team leader, and the next four available as our team. Proof of membership (club card) is required upon demand of the contest director.

There will be no SC<sup>2</sup> scale contest this year. Eight contests will be held this year. Six of these contests will count for final standings. One class of gliders only, ten place trophies, and all meets will be AMA sanctioned. All winches must produce at least fifteen pounds static pull, as measured on a spring scale, or be replaced. Bad weather policy is to be stated before contest starts.

In order to provide realistic practise for the Nationals, the SC<sup>2</sup> contests will follow these general guidelines: Precision events, two minutes max. No duration event over seven minutes. Man on man is desirable. Rick Norwood will apply these guidelines to the Nats, to the extent possible with compromise to nationwide wishes. Two new clubs have joined the SC<sup>2</sup> this year, one in Hemet, and

one in Cochella Valley. We ought to visit these desert clubs since there flight conditions will be closer to that of the Nats than our cool, costal onshore winds and manicured grass runways.

The provisional data on the Nats is as follows: Three classes of gliders, two channel only- one hundred inch span max Standard Class. Unlimited channel one hundred inch max span class, and Open Class- FAI max and minimum size weight and wing loading. Unlimited controlled functions would be allowed in Open Class. It is believed that thermal sensors, and or other telemetry is allowed, but is to be counted as one "channel" of the allowed two in Standard Class. Watch for further discussion about this in the AMA news.

So to recap: No Scale, no qualifying round, man on man format, nine rounds, seven minute max duration, with three rounds per day on Wednesday thru Friday. Saturday is for flying wing gliders and electric. Entry fee is fifteen dollars to register, and ten dollars for each event. The glider site is well removed from the power and U-control areas at March AFB. The glider site is a privately owned dry lake (alkali flats?) well east of March AFB, and is NOT available for practise at this time.

... Matt Ontko

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Orange Coast Hobbies, 10526 Garden Grove Blvd, in Garden Grove - 534-0420, has offered to give a ten percent discount to any member of the Harbor Soaring Society, on model supplies and equipment. This is a very nice gesture that is certainly appreciated these days, so we all should show our thanks to Orange Coast with our business support. Thank You at Orange Coast Hobbies.

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Thank you for those of you who took the interest and courtesy to respond to the mail-in ballot that was printed in last months Newsletter. The decision was made unanimously by those present and on ballots to rejoin the Mile Square Association. Membership cards should be available at the April meeting.

...Ed.

## -HARBOR CLUB STANDINGS FOR FIRST QUARTER-

1. Scott Miller -----	2982 pts
2. Ben Clerx -----	2708
3. Frank Chasteler -----	2628
4. Phil Harris -----	2611
5. Jim White -----	2581
6. Ralph Pay -----	2573
7. Gordon Ritschke -----	2560
8. Don Endicott -----	2273
9. Kirk Hanson -----	2255
10. Dave Oberman -----	1964
11. Bob Chasteler -----	1849
12. Neal Taube -----	1724
13. Matt Ontko -----	1272
14. Mel Hitchcock -----	1180
15. Ernest Payne -----	1024
16. John Donelson -----	930
17. Dave Acker -----	882
18. Wally Herson -----	823
19. Gary Peterson -----	768
20. Eric Herson -----	693
21. Leo Lake -----	633
22. Jim Russell -----	603
23. Bob Thacker -----	302
24. Paul Reid -----	100
25. Rolly Hiscott -----	-0-
26. James Hiscott -----	-0-
27. Harrold Curry -----	-0-

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We are printing the complete club roster this month, and attaching a copy to each newsletter. As new members are added, I will try to include their names and address in the newsletter so you may keep your list up to date.

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If there is any interest, I am planning to publish a complete set of rules for the Profile Slope Racers that Torry Pines Gulls are running off their magnificent slope. Several of our club members have competed in these races and say that it's a lot of fun. By the way, last month Kirk Hanson even beat them at their own game!

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Join the National Soaring Society- the nationally recognized voice of R/C sail-planes . The NSS is chartered by the AMA.  
 Dues are Individual - \$10.00  
 Family - \$15.00  
 Junior - \$ 5.00

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The address of the National Soaring Society is : Dr. Larry Fogel, President  
 1591 Calle De Cinco  
 La Jolla, CA 92037

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## - NORTH/SOUTH CHALLENGE MEET -

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The Central Valley R/C Soaring Club will be hosting the North/South Challenge this year, on May 14-15, 1977, at Visalia, the Doe Avenue grounds. Events consist of five rounds of duration precision. Your Contest Director will be Dell Henry. Pre-registration is mandatory, and will only be accepted between March 18, 1977 and April 11, 1977. Entrants are limited to fifty North and fifty South only- no out of state. Entry fee is \$10.00 and must show name, AMA#, FCC#, LSF# (if any), Address, Club and first, second and third choice of frequencies. Reservations for Banquet is \$8.50 extra. Mail to:

Marshall R. Searcy  
 P.O. Box 1508  
 Porterville, CA. 93257

Full information sent with confirmation

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## FOR SALE...

I am selling a mint condition RS 5 Ch.  
 w/ 4 servos- \$150.00, or lets talk...  
 Hans Langer 673-9388

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Hurry, hurry folks... The good ones are going fast. Don't miss a chance at a good deal on that late model, low mileage used radio you've been wanting. Too many to list, call to see what we've got.

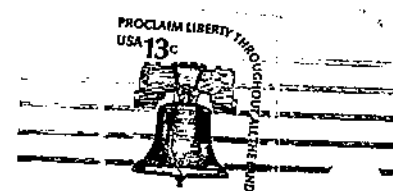
Honest Ralph's Used  
 Radio Lot... 642-8584

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Have you tried the slope lately?

...WOW

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Application for Membership in the HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY, 1977

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for Membership) F.C.C. \_\_\_\_\_

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Fees: Senior(18 & over)----- \$6.0  
Junior(17 & under)----- \$2.50  
Special Junior(Family member\$1.00)