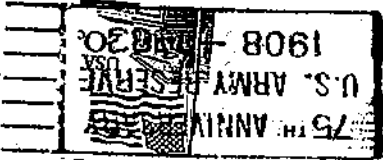


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FROM THE EDITOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May 1984 bring you and your loved ones all the joy and happiness you all richly deserve!!!

JANUARY CLUB MEETING

Our meeting for JANUARY will be on WEDNESDAY January 4th at 7:30 PM at The Costa Mesa Consolidated Water District Office, 1965 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa.

TREASURERS REPORT

This report covers the period of 11/27/83 to 12/31/83.

CHECKING BEGINNING BALANCE 11/27	\$237.54
INCOME SC2	\$216.49
INCOME DEC THERMAL CONTEST	UNKNOWN

SUB TOTAL AS OF 12/31/83	\$454.03
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EXPENSES:

LINE RETRIEVALS SC2	\$32.00
OUTHOUSE SC2	\$85.00
WINCH STAKES SC2	\$ 7.84
POST OFFICE BOX RENT	\$20.00
SC2 "FEES"	\$41.00
AMA SANCTION FEE SC2	\$10.00
TROPHIES	\$17.00
H.HALL EXPENSES	\$10.00

TOTAL EXPENSES AS OF 12/31/83	\$222.84
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CHECKING BALANCE	\$454.03
MINUS EXPENSES	- \$222.84

NEW CHECKING BALANCE	\$231.19
SAVINGS REMAINED AT	+\$211.83

TOTAL AVAILABLE CAPITOL	\$443.02
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SC2 FOR NOVEMBER

The SC2 for NOVEMBER was postponed to DECEMBER 4th due to unsuitable field conditions. The event was held and 41 flyers turned out to do battle. The results will be listed in the next newsletter.

There were some who would like to suggest that the event was postponed for other reasons than the stated ones. As I promised in the November newsletter I will discuss this issue as follows.

The following editorial is an open letter to Mr. John Brown, past president of P.S.A., in rebuttal to his comments in the November 83 issue of his club's newsletter "The Pacific Breeze" (which he co-edited at that time.) A copy of the page of the PSA newsletter in question is elsewhere in this newsletter.

The opinions and comments to follow are mine and not necessarily anyone else's.

Mr. Brown,

In your November issue of your newsletter you made reference to the Harbor Soaring Society's cancellation of the scheduled Nov. 20th SC2 contest.

The HSS club officers are well aware of the AMA rule books "regulations" concerning cancellation of a sanctioned contest. You stated that the field was "damp" at the time the contest was to begin, when in fact 90% of the winch "set up" area and all of the pit area that was not grassy, was a quagmire or would have been shortly after the contest began, due to the foot traffic through these areas. There is a depression approximately 50 yards beyond the winch area (toward the area where the turnarounds would have been placed) that was under at least 1/4 to 1/2" of water due to insufficient drainage in this area. The contestants or line retrievers would have had to walk through this miniature lake each time the lines were retrieved.

HSS has one club owned winch. This winch was in place, ready to be used. How can you imply that HSS, or any club would or could, force a member to subject his PERSONAL equipment to the type of abuse it most certainly would have been exposed to if it was set up in the mud that day?

You further state that at the "pilots" meeting a vote was taken and of the people counted as not wanted to fly "several" were not flyers. As you know, Mr. Brown, Craig Foxgord, SC2 President, stated that "AMA members are eligible to vote", so they did. A few of the "several non flyers" that voted to postpone (I was one of them) were owners of the equipment, and workers who donated their time and would have had to work in, and walk through the quagmire that would have been evident shortly after the contest began.

Of course, you are right, the rule book does RECOMMEND that 75% of the contestants vote in favor of cancellation, however, when 24 AMA members voted to cancel and 17 voted to hold the event, this would seem to be the opinion of the majority.

All the winches, tables, trophies, score boards and associated equipment and paperwork was at the field, in cars of the owners and club officers.

You state that, in your opinion, HSS was not prepared to hold the contest, and refused to hold it because of that reason and the "low turnout". If this is point of fact, Mr. Brown, why then did we go to the trouble of filling in the ruts cut in the landing area by the 4WD crowd, mowing additional landing area, mowing the entire field, planting new grass and paying for a portable john to be set on the field for the contest, cutting through the "red tape" to have a spot behind the "pit area" and associated fence, open to spectators, spending the money for 10 trophies plus 4 more for best team scores? We did this in the good faith that whether we would make a "profit" or not, (in a year when SC2 attendance was "off") we committed to the contest and therefore should conduct in a professional manner and provide the best possible atmosphere of SAFETY and convenience to the contestants and workers.

In conclusion Mr. Brown, consider this, a contestant has only to divert their attention from his/her aircraft for a few seconds while that contestant slips and falls due to poor footing on muddy ground and all the AMA rules in the world can't compensate for the potential of injury or at best a rekkited aircraft. COMMON SENSE MUST PREVAIL OVER AND ABOVE "RULES"!

T-SHIRTS

We have T-Shirts in stock. If you ordered one see D.PANTZAR, and if you haven't ordered yet, WHY NOT?????? THEIR ONLY \$11.00!!!!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 1984 AMA DUES BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER. IF YOU DO YOU WILL SAVE THE CLUB MONEY WHEN WE SEND IN OUR "CHARTER FEES" FOR 1984. Our mailing address Zip code is changed to 62628, please adjust your records accordingly.

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DUES FOR 1984

For anyone who may have not read the last issue of this newsletter, here is a repeat of the dues structure for 1984.

IF A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR 1983 RENEWS HIS/HER DUES BEFORE OR AT THE CLUB MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1984, AND HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A SENIOR MEMBER (17 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL) THE FEE WILL BE \$15.00.

IF A MEMBER THAT IS CLASSIFIED AS A SENIOR MEMBER, 17 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, DOES NOT RENEW HIS/HER DUES BEFORE OR AT THE FEBRUARY 1984 CLUB MEETING, THEY WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE ROSTER AND THEY WILL BE CHARGED THE SAME FEE AS A NEW SENIOR MEMBER WHEN OR IF THEY REAPPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP.

THE FEE FOR A NEW SENIOR MEMBER, 17 YEARS OLD OR OLDER, WILL BE \$18.00. THIS WILL COVER THE COST OF THE CLUB NAME BADGE, PATCH, AND DECAL.

JUNIOR MEMBERS, 16 YEARS OR YOUNGER AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION OR RENEWAL WILL PAY A FEE OF \$6.00.

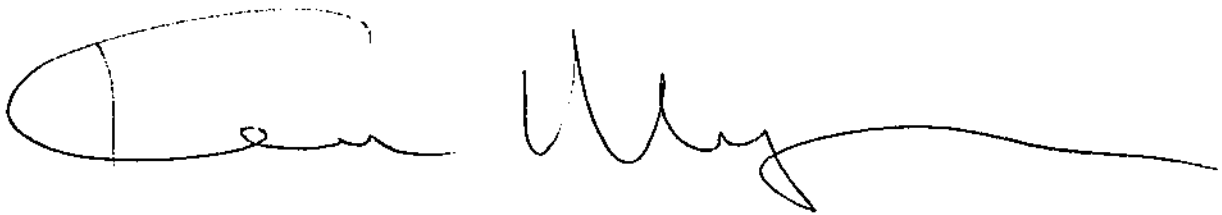
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: A SECOND (OR THIRD, ETC.) AMA MEMBER RESIDING AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY, MAY ALSO JOIN THE CLUB BY PAYING A MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$4.00 PER EACH ADDITIONAL APPLICANT.

Obviously you are encouraged to reapply for membership as soon as possible. Financially you can see the cost saving of early renewal. A membership application is included in this newsletter. You may mail the completed application to us at the address listed on the application. Checks or money orders should be made out to Harbor Soaring Society. DO NOT send cash through the mail!!

PARTLY PERSONAL

Good luck Marshall, I enjoyed every copy of the newsletter I was able to get!!!! GIVE EM HELL!!!!!!!!!!

**TILL NEXT TIME
GOOD - BY !!!!!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl My", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Pacific Breeze



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am really proud of you guys! At the SC² contest at San Marcos PSA had 18 of the 56 flyers. Of those 18 flyers 11 were in the top 25. That's great!!! I am really proud to know that we have such enthusiasm and teamwork in our club. Also I believe that we beat PSS at NCC. The top 4 PSA flyers were Larry Jolly, Ken Nelson, Howard Doering, and Bill Forrey. Their total normalized score was 3883.41. The top 4 PSS members were Rick Norwood, Keith Kindrick, Noel Milovic, and Craig Foxgord. Their total was 3874.73. For the non-math majors in our club, we BEAT PSS by 8.68 points. This is contrary to what was reported at the contest. We are working on getting the results straightened out. For those who are interested, a copy of the NCC-SC² results are enclosed in this newsletter.

The Harbor Soaring Society SC² contest that was scheduled for Nov. 20 was cancelled due to the local club not wanting to set up winches on the damp ground. The AMA rule book in the section "CRITERIA FOR CANCELLATION OF CONTESTS" states that a sanctioned contest may only be cancelled in the event of a "major catastrophe". It defines such a catastrophe as: Wind-40 MPH or over, Rain-heavy steady, Hailstorm, Blizzard, Hurricane, Tornado. Other-Earthquake, Flood, site under water or site availability withdrawn. None of these conditions existed at the time the contest was to start! At the pilot's meeting a vote was taken. 17 voted to fly, 24 voted not to fly. Of those who were counted as not wanting to fly, several were not fliers. Further, the rules book recommends that a MINIMUM of 75% of the CONTESTANTS vote in favor of cancellation before such action is taken. It is my belief that the local club cancelled the contest simply because they were not prepared and because of the low turnout. Enough said. The contest has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 4th. The events will remain the same. Thanks to all the PSA flyers who showed up. Please come back again on the rescheduled date.