



NEWSLETTER

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TO OUR BLUFF SLOPE SOARING FRIENDS, GREETINGS: I would like to introduce the man who will be talking to you on the Bluff and circulating this Newsletter among you. His name is Scott Miller. He is our 1976 Club Championship Sweepstakes Overall Winner. In January 1977, he brought home first place honors in standard Class (100 inch max span gliders) from the regional glider meet in Kingman, Ariz. I include this introduction here with the thought that there is a powerful competitive challenge in participating in organized glider contests and if you want to know what it is all about just ask Scotty. I would like to point out that Scotty did all this within less than two years after he began competition flying and if you want to know what kind of practice flying and equipment it takes just ask him. -Matt Ontko



Happy January Winner, Kirk Hanson

-JANUARY CONTEST RESULTS-

Attendance at the January club meet was definitely above average with eighteen entrants. I trust everyone had an enjoyable time and will bring a friend along to enjoy the February contest.

Just a brief highlight of the January contest shows First, Second, and Third place all within *four points* of a perfect score! And it took almost all of that *perfect* score for one of our club champs to take home the number one trophy. Kirk Hanson's 1000 points out of 1000 possible put Gordon Ritschke's 998 performance into second place even though Gordon posted a *perfect* 100 point precision landing in the first round.

-Mel Hitchcock

The complete contest standings are listed here for your convenience and L.S.F. records.

Sunday, January 9th, 1977

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| 1. | Kirk Hanson----- | 1000 points |
| 2. | Gordon Ritschke----- | 998 |
| 3. | Scott Miller----- | 996 |
| 4. | John Brown----- | 993 |
| 5. | Ralph Ray----- | 989 |
| 6. | Jim Wiseman----- | 988 |
| 7. | Phil Harris----- | 987 |
| 8. | Frank Chastler----- | 985 |
| 9. | Dave Oberman----- | 974 |
| 10. | Bob Chastler----- | 971 |
| 11. | Ben Clerx----- | 969 |
| 12. | Bob Berbin----- | 948 |
| 13. | Neal Taub----- | 900 |
| 14. | Don Endicott----- | 889 |
| 15. | Gene Monroe----- | 842 |
| 16. | Jim White----- | 816 |
| 17. | Matt Ontko----- | 622 |
| 18. | Harrold Curry----- | -0- (crash) |

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Gentlemen, Dues are DUE. The reason we need dues paid promptly is to allow budget planning for the coming year, especially how much money we can allocate for Trophies. And trophies are going to be a major part of our budget for we are going to buy fifty trophies this year: 3 for each of 10 monthly contests= 30, plus 10 for the club Sweepstakes Champs, and 10 for the SC² intramural meet. The SC² trophies are not a part of the club budget but we have to have about \$100 on hand in reserve to buy these trophies before the contest. Last year we ended up about even or slightly ahead on the SC² financing.

We elected a Contest Coordinator for the 1977 year or rather, a team, Scott Miller and Dave Oberman. The Contest Coordinators are to obtain volunteers for the Contest Director for each contest. This arrangement will allow anyone in the club who wishes to run a contest or to try a new idea for a contest to do so. You may try your idea on for size with the Steering Committee or to get help to iron out the bugs or to get help with the running of the contest. For example, scoring systems can be hard to develop, may require streamlining to reduce the score-keeping work, or may require touchup to be fair to all sizes and types of gliders. We do ask your contest to be presented to the Steering Committee or the Contest Coordinators well in advance so that we may publish a description of your contest in the club Newsletter before your contest is held. The idea here is to allow all of the club members and visiting pilots from other clubs who receive our Newsletter to understand the rules of your contest before the contest is held.

An experimental contest that does not count for the 1977 Sweepstakes Awards was approved by floor vote at the January



meeting and was started at the 9 Jan 1977 club contest. You become eligible for this contest only by winning a club contest, also, you must be a club member to participate. The experimental part of this contest is that the trophy presentation is on a monthly rotational basis. This idea was written up and described in one of the slick Model magazines. The trophy rotates as follows: The Winner of the January contest received the trophy but must bring it back to the next contest, February in this case, and present the trophy to the winner of the February contest, who in turn presents it to the March contest winner and so on for the 10 club contests. There will be a flyoff contest after the 10 club contests to determine who receives the trophy permanently. This flyoff is only for the pilots who have held the trophy during the contest year. We would like to see if the club members would prefer this trophy presentation system rather than the 10 smaller one shot trophies for the 10 contests permitted by a limited budget, and we would like to present a really tough challenge for the winning first place pilots. Jim White and I have decided to donate the trophy for this event due to the double experimental basis of this contest. Jim and I are in no hurry to announce the type of flyoff contest, we are open to anyone for ideas for this contest, and furthermore, considering the quality of pilots that qualify for this contest, the flyoff contest should properly be made difficult to accomplish. Jim and I combined the first of our names to call this trophy the "WHO WON ?" contest.

-Matt Ontko

Free Ads for members!!!

Just call the editor, Mel Hitchcock at 554-3932 for swap shop ads to be placed in the next available issue of the Harbor Soaring Society Newsletter.

-FEBRUARY MEETING-

The Meeting for the month of February will be on February 2nd, at the California School 3232 California St. Costa Mesa. Meet'ins at 7:30 Wed.- don't be late!

The February contest will be held on Sunday, Feb. 6th, at 9:30 sharp at the club field, Estancia High School, near Wilson on Placentia in Costa Mesa. The contest will consist of three rounds of ten minute duration, man on man style. Flight groups will be chosen by random drawing. Scoring will be your time in seconds divided by your group winner's time in seconds times a constant of nine hundred plus standard one hundred point precision landing score. This is a real exciting type of contest as your flight is not just against the clock but directly against another pilot. See you Sunday at the field.

-Kirk Hanson

-1976 YEARLY STANDINGS-

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1. Scott Miller-----	9	---	7178
2. Tom Jones-----	8	---	7105
3. Dave Oberman-----	9	---	6752
4. Phil Harris-----	10	---	6474
5. Neal Taub-----	9	---	6134
6. Allen McNay-----	8	---	6103
7. Jim Wiseman-----	7	---	5979
8. Jim White-----	8	---	5830
9. Bob Chastler-----	8	---	5554
10. Frank Chastler---	10	---	5535
11. Leo Lake-----	8	---	5361
12. Matt Ontko-----	7	---	4872
13. Gordon Ritschke---	8	---	4580
14. Kirk Hanson-----	5	---	3633
15. Jim Russell-----	5	---	2530
16. Dave McNay-----	5	---	2424
17. Bob Thacker-----	3	---	2030
18. Don Endicott-----	3	---	1748
19. Joe Collins-----	2	---	1232
20. Mel Hitchcock-----	1	---	606
21. Carl Walls-----	1	---	570
22. Eric Hersom-----	1	---	499
23. Wally Hersom-----	1	---	494
24. John Donelson-----	1	---	341

-MESSAGE FROM LAST YEAR'S C.D.-

I think special congratulations should go to Scott Miller and Neal Taub, relatively new members, whose fine flying skills have come so rapidly through participation in Harbor Soaring Society events.

I would like to thank Tom Jones who did much of the contest directing work and everyone else who participated in the Harbor Soaring Society contests in 1976.

-Jim Wiseman

The March contest will be by Ben Clerx and will be three rounds of precision. Starts at 9:30 Sunday, March 6th. Estancia field.

-TREASURES REPORT - JAN-

Previous Balance -----	\$149.42	233.41
Income -----	20.20	95.60
1977 Membership -----	112.50	
Expenses -----	[48.71]	92.54
Ending Balance -----	\$233.41	233.87
Savings Account -----	\$301.82	

Contribute, Contribute, CONTRIBUTE!!!

Please send small articles, and/or pictures to the Editor- Mel Hitchcock 554-3932

-FOR SALE OR TRADE-

One J.P. Javelin kit. New- not started \$30
Don Endicott 892-9557

Saloma 100" span sailplane \$50
ASW - 17 sailplane \$75 . Ready to fly.
Kirk Hanson 968-2620

Want to start a Ham license class? Contact
Don Endicott WB6TFF. 892-9557

Some near new radios (Orbit) for sale.
Ralph Ray 642-8584

Happiness is...after a whole day of soaring, carrying your airplane out to the car with one hand...

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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. _____

Mail to: Harbor Soaring Society
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Fees: Senior(18 & over)----- \$6.00
Junior(17 & under)----- \$2.50
Special Junior(Family member\$1.00)