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## JANUARY CLUB MEETING

The January club meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. at the Consolidated Water District office, 1965 Placentia Ave., Costa Mesa.

## FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 1987 at 7:30 P.M. at the Consolidated Water District office, 1965 Placentia Ave. Costa Mesa.

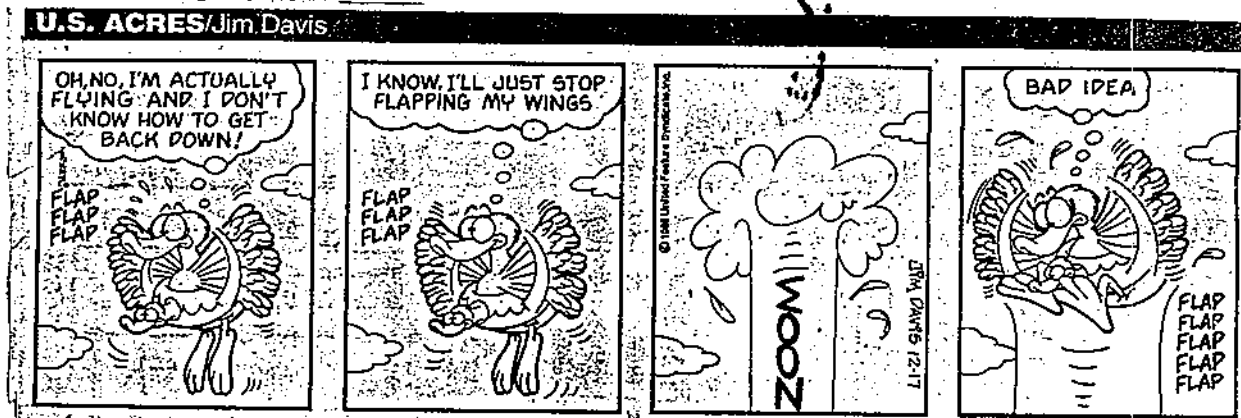
## UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 7 .... Harbor Soaring Society Club Meeting  
JANUARY 18 .... Harbor Soaring Thermal Contest

### Editor's Column

We have enjoyed our year as the Harbor Soaring Society Newsletter editors and greatly appreciate the assistance we received from all the members of H.S.S. We wish the H.S.S club members a happy new year and good flying.

Frank and Tony Martin



### Contest News

"The Harbor Soaring Society Open Invitational R/C Hand Launch Glider Contest", CD'ed by Mike Charles, was a resounding success. The weather before the contest was wet, thus the field was a little slippery.

Seventeen entrants plus numerous spectators were privileged to witness some excellent launches and flights. Joe Wurts from Valencia put on a tremendous demonstration of launching his "Flinger" about 20 feet higher than most. It seemed as though he had a bungee cord in his left arm. With five planes in the air at the same time, it was fortunate there were no mid-air collisions. - Excellent pilots.

There was a fly-off for first place between Joe Wurts and John Lupperger, which was a tremendous demonstration of hand launch flying. Joe Wurts was the eventual victor.

As a side light, Frank Colver showed us how a free flight plane with a 30 second electric motor run would fly. On the second flight it disappeared into the blue, the dethermalizer failing to work.

Trophies were awarded to the first five places by Mike Charles, who also contributed the trophies. The club realized a \$66.00 income from this contest. Thanks Mike.

This was a good contest! Let's try it annually.

Will Conrad

1986 Standings  
 Harbor Soaring Society  
 (Best 8 of 10 Contests)

		Points (Of Possible 8000)	Current Class	Contests Flown
1	Jack Durham	7956	M	10
2	Frank Chasteler	7801	M	8
3	Rich Garner	7731	E	10
4	Pete Richardson	7498	E	10
5	Jim Frye	7255	E	9
6	Dick Pantzar	7201	E	10
7	Tom Chasteler	7180	M	9
8	Gordon Ritschke	7024	E	10
9	Morrie Smith	6992	E	9
10	Al Cron	6947	A	9
11	Tony Martin	6944	E	8
12	Fred Biddle	6909	E	9
13	Herman Hall	6766	A	9
14	Will Conrad	6591	A	9
15	Tony Lee	6567	A	10
16	Phil Harris	6550	E	7
17	Bob Sliff	6419	E	7
18	Ross Thomas	6143	A	8
19	Bob Gerbin	5732	M	6
20	Gordon Poulsen	5681	E	7
21	John Amies	5342	A	7
22	Steve Dow	4987	A	7
23	Tom Pastore	4805	S	7
24	Bobby Gerbin	4353	E	5
25	Don Manning	4256	S	6
26	Jim Fretwell	4127	A	5
27	Frank Heacox	3633	E	4
28	George Joy	3423	A	4
29	Leonard Musgrave	3422	S	5
30	Bryan Joy	1629	S	2
31	Don Nigg	1407	A	2
32	Jim Anderson	1339	A	2
33	Alan Sarver	1335	S	2
34	Dave Nemecek	881	S	1

Code:    A - Advanced  
           E - Expert  
           M - Master  
           S - Sportsman

### Hand Launch Contest Results

1*	Joe Wurts	3000	Valencia
2*	John Lupperger	3000	Harbor Soaring Society
3	Mike Charles	2594	Harbor Soaring Society
4	Bill Forrey	2432	Harbor Soaring Society
5	Garth Warner	2369	Escondido
6	Tim Ferguson	2075	La Habra
7	Al Cron	1991	Harbor Soaring Society
8	Brian Chan	1899	San Diego
9	Gordon Poulsen	1797	Harbor Soaring Society
10	Norm Tillman	1755	Oceanside
11	Frank Colver	1609	Harbor Soaring Society
12	Will Conrad	1461	Harbor Soaring Society
13	Larry Enger	1417	Harbor Soaring Society
14	Keith Finkenbiner	1160	Carlsbad
15	Rod Knight	1127	La Habra
16	Jack Durham	1123	Harbor Soaring Society
17	Marty Colver	569	Harbor Soaring Society

\* Tie score, final placing determined by fly-off.

PROPOSAL FOR COMPETITION CLASS PROGRESSION WITHIN THE OPEN CLASS FOR THE HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY

PROPOSER, Bob Sliff, HSS Contest Coordinator

Introduction: It is apparent to many of our members that progression up through the classes from Sportsman to Expert can occur at too rapid a rate, so that a member may be moved up in class before he/she is ready. This, we have seen to occur primarily in the Sportsman class, where a contestant may be required to move up by virtue of wins in his class when there are either none or one or two flyers from his class in attendance. Thus, he may be moved to the Advanced class when he is not really skilled enough to compete with advanced flyers. This may also hold true in the Advanced class, going to Expert. Still, Sportsman and Advanced may differ more than I know. Thus I will offer two proposals for consideration, one for Sportsman and one for Advanced.

In addition, I personally feel that there needs to be some recognition for Sportsman and Advanced class flyers when they move up in class. Up to now, the trophies given at the field as well as a statement in the news letter is all that recognizes the achievement of class progression. Now, in one case, it has been suggested that progression be yearly, and thus best Sportsmen and Advanced flyers can be recognized at the end of the year awards program. But, this could allow lengthy trophy sand bagging, which I feel is not in our best interest. As a kind of compromise, I would like to see a reasonable progression time as well as more positive recognition of progression.

Therefore, I have tried to incorporate these ideas in the following.

PROPOSAL #1.

I propose that the Sportsman Class progression be as follows:

1. When a new flyer comes into the club, he/she will be assessed for skill, and if it is so decided, he/she will be given the opportunity to compete in the Sportsman class.
2. The new flyer will then remain in the Sportsman class until he/she earns enough points (see below) to move up to the Advanced class. The point accumulation will be ongoing until sufficient points and placings are accumulated. At this time, he/she will move up to the Advanced class.
3. In recognition of this achievement, the flyer will be awarded a certificate of graduation that we hope he/she will display with pride along with his contest awards. Furthermore, the graduation certificates shall be presented biannually at the January and July Club meetings.
4. Point accumulation will be based on two aspects. First, one must win a first or second place in the Sportsman (or higher) class. Second, upon winning, point accumulation will be based upon the number of flyers one places above at one point per flyer. Third, in order to move up, he/she must have come in first in Sportsman (or placed in a higher class) at least twice.
5. The number of points required to move up from Sportsman to Advanced shall be 30.

Note: The above does not preclude a flyer voluntarily moving up in class at any time. But, moving down is not permitted.

PROPOSAL #2

I propose that the Advanced Class progression be as follows:

1. When a flyer progresses to or is assigned upon skill assessment to the Advanced class he/she will compete in the class until he/she has earned the required number of points to progress to the Expert class. Point accumulation will be ongoing until sufficient points and placings are accumulated. At this time, he/she will move up to the Expert class.
2. In recognition of this achievement, the flyer will be awarded a certificate of graduation that we hope he/she will display with pride along with his/her contest awards. Furthermore, the graduation certificates shall be presented biannually at the January and July Club meetings.

3. To accumulate points, the flyer must win a first or second place in the Advanced (or higher) class. Second, upon winning, point accumulation will be based upon the number of Advanced (or higher) class contestants he/she finishes above. Third, he/she must have won first place (or placed in a higher class) at least twice.
4. The number of points required to move up to the Expert class shall be 130 points

Note: The above does not preclude a flyer from moving up in class at any time. But, moving down is not permitted.

PROPOSAL #3

I propose that the Masters class be made an honorary position. That is, the Masters trophy be deleted, and "Masters" flyers be allowed to compete for the Expert trophies.

A flyer will be recognized as a Master Flyer when he/she wins over all three times within one calendar year. Once a flyer gains recognition as a Master Flyer, he/she shall receive a certificate of recognition to be presented at one of the biannual (January and July) awards meetings.

My reason for proposing this is my feeling that the Expert first place trophy is really misnamed under the present format--it is really the Second place (or third or lower) trophy, and really doesn't signify a first in any proper sense.

Note: My reasons here are based purely on personal feeling, and may not give proper consideration to all aspects. Still, I wish to propose it so that the subject can be openly discussed.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE SERIES OF PROPOSALS, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

PROPOSAL #4  
I propose that contest fees for 1987 remain as they were in 1986, namely, that a \$2.00 entry fee be charged for each event, that is, for 2 Meter and for Open to all HSS members. Non HSS members wishing to compete in a HSS club contest shall pay \$4.00 per event if they wish to compete for a HSS trophy, or \$2.00 per event if they do not wish to compete for a trophy.

PROPOSAL #5

I propose that a 2 Meter class event be offered each month along with our normal Open class event. This event will be flown as a one class event, whereby there is no separation of pilots based upon flying proficiency. Details for this event are as follows:

1. A \$2.00 entry fee shall be charged to HSS members. (Non HSS members shall pay \$4.00 if flying for a trophy or \$2.00 if not wishing to compete for a trophy.) Trophies will be awarded to 3rd place.
2. Flight tasks will be the same as for the concurrently flown Open class event.
3. With open or called flight order, 2 Meter entries will fly along with the Open class entries. If Man-on-Man is the format, then 2 Meter entries must be flown against other 2 Meter entries.
4. Points will accumulate for end-of-year standing--the best point accumulation in a maximum of eight contest will determine the top finishers. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers at the end of the year at the annual awards presentation meeting.

PROPOSED CONTEST SCHEDULE FOR 1987, FOR HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY.  
CONTEST COORDINATOR, BOB SLIFF

The following is the proposed schedule for club soaring contests for the year. Each month is accounted for, with the realization that some may be lost due to inclement weather, or other reasons. In addition dates for HSS electric power soaring contests are also proposed. Two other dates, already tentatively approved, are listed.

1. January-----Sunday, the 18th, Soaring Contest Director---Bob Sliff
  2. February-----Sunday, the 8th, Soaring Contest Director-----
  3. March-----Sunday, the 15th, Electric Contest Director-----
  4. April-----Sunday, the 8th, Soaring Contest Director-----
  5. May-----Sunday, the 5th, Soaring Contest Director-----
  6. June-----Sunday, the 12th, Electric Contest Director-----
  7. July-----Saturday, the 10th, Soaring Contest Director-----
  8. August-----Saturday, the 16th, Annual Astro Flight Electric R/C  
Champs for Soaring and Old Timer  
Contest Directors-----
  9. September Sunday, the 7th, Soaring Contest Director-----
  10. October-----Sunday, the 14th, Electric Contest Director-----
  11. November-----Sunday, the 5th, Soaring Contest Director-----
  12. December-----Sunday, the 9th, Soaring Contest Director-----
- The above dates are my best guess, and are subject to modification approval/disapproval of the membership.
- Please note that SC2 dates are not included, as they are yet to be determined. When HSS establishes their date, then the contest scheduled above for that month will be deleted and whereby the HSS SC2 contest will replace it for monthly and year end awards.
- Furthermore, I wish to propose that year end trophies be based upon the 8. best contest scores, no matter how many contests occur. This should apply to both two meter and open classes.

HSS 1987 CONTEST #1, Sunday, 18 January 1987  
CONTEST DIRECTOR, BOB SLIFF  
OPEN CLASS AND 2 METER CLASS WILL BE FLOWN

1. Flying will be spread over three rounds.
2. Round one will be 3 minute max/min scoring 900/100
3. Round two will be 3 minute max/min scoring 900/100
4. Round three will be 3-5-7 minute--you decide. (The time that you land, in accordance with the scoring chart, will determine your flight and landing score.) That is, scoring will be 700/300 on a three minute flight, 800/200 on a five minute flight, and 900/100 on a 7 minute flight.
5. Landings will be scored using the club's 25' tapes.
6. We will operate as open flight order, provided flights are taken promptly when frequency and winch are available.
7. You may enter both the open class and 2 meter class events provided you pay entry fees for both. You may fly different models in both events if they fit the proper classification. (that is, open class is any size model, while 2 meter class is limited to models no larger than 2 meters in projected span.) You may also fly the same model in both classes if it qualifies under the 2 meter specification. (In this case, when you pick up your flight card, the card that you pick up will establish whether you are flying 2 meter or open class.)
8. Please note that while the open class will correspond to the HSS skill level classifications, (i.e., Sportsman, Advanced, Expert, and Master), the 2 meter class event will have (at least at this time) no such separation. Points accrued will be counted toward end of year awards in both classes.