



# NEWSLETTER

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## - DECEMBER MEETING - Wed. Dec. 7th.

The last meeting of 1977 will be held at the California School, 3232 California Street, Costa Mesa CA. Our regular meeting area is room #9, through the winter months. The annual elections are to be held this month. Please come to the meeting anyway...

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There is no scheduled contest for the month of December, as is our usual custom. However this year, there will be a fly-off to decide the final resting place for the "Who Won" trophy. This to be held on Sunday, the fourth of December, at 9:30 at the Estancia field. This is an invitational meet for past year winners only. This should be a really great chance to watch some skillful "maneuvering" as these pilots are representative of the best around, and the flight tasks are *mean*! Matt Ontko has announced three one hour flights with precision landings for the tasks. All are welcome to observe the event.

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Kirk Hanson has finally finished his "mooched parts special" *direct drive* electric winch. He says it will work great, but he's still looking for someone else to try it out. I wonder why?

## - NOVEMBER CONTEST -

Neal Taub was the C.D. this month and chose to fly one round of two minute precision, and two flights to make fifteen minutes exactly.

1.	Scott Miller	2938	pts
2.	John Brown	2803	
3.	Jim Tomblin	2765	
4.	Neal Taub	2713	
5.	Rod Sweet	2699	
6.	Gordon Ritschke	2555	
7.	Jim White	2462	
8.	Phil Harris	2456	
9.	Ron Whittman	2448	
10.	Frank Chastler	2329	
11.	Ernist Payne	2290	
12.	Wally Hersom	2272	
13.	Steve Whittman	2261	
14.	Allen McNay	2215	
15.	Bob Longstreet	2099	
16.	Jim Wiseman	2086	
17.	Leo Lake	2073	
18.	Lee Renaud	2066	
19.	Art Linacke	2044	
20.	Bob Gerbin	2014	
21.	Tim Renaud	1967	
22.	Jim Adams	1621	
23.	David Oberman	1551	
24.	Matt Ontko	1535	
25.	Don Endicott	1506	
26.	Ralph Ray	1479	
27.	Mike Costello	1091	
28.	Bob Thacker	853	
29.	Bob Renaud	475	

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

As a closeout for this year's columns I am browsing through old Newsletters from the 1960's for items of interest for 1978.



October 1964. " The new flying site discovered by Tim Tunnell was tested by the steering committee. Looks OK and we will hold next months contest at the cliff west of Fairview Hospital". Note that this was before our present field at Estancia High School was even built. Also the steering committee was an active one and had a vital function to perform in this case.

May 1964. " Two suggestions for recruiting: set up posters about our club in the local hobby shops, and make duel control setups for our transmitters to hook interested visitors by giving them a little stick time".

December 1964. " It's time to hold elections again. It is hard to get people to run for office. We should support those who do accept an office for they are the ones who keep the club alive and working".

December 1977. The same December sentiments are still true today.

... Matt Ontko .

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- TREASURES REPORT -

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BEGINNING

Ending Balance -----	\$ 331.20
New Memberships -----	\$ 15.50
Other Income -----	\$ 29.00
Expenses -----	(\$ 11.50)
Ending Balance -----	\$ 364.20

20  
18  
20  
16  
203.93  
160.27

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At the last meeting, Kirk Hanson submitted his work on his appointment to the nomination committee. So far we have only one nominee for each office, with the exception of the Treasurer position. Wednesday night is your last chance to speak up and join the small minority who are man enough to accept their fair share of the work of running the Harbor Soaring Society.

The nomination list as it now stands is as follows:

President- Gordon Ritschke

Vice President- Jim White

Secretary- Gary Peterson

Treasurer- Frank Chasteler  
Bill Davidson

Contest Director- Phil Harris

General Director- Lee Renaud

Editor- Neil Taub

That's it for now. Lets add Your name by Wednesday...

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Rod Melburn spoke at the last meeting about latest word from the Costa Mesa Police Dept. concerning use of the area around the slope soaring site. There will be no more parking of any vehicle on or near the site. All Harbor Members are expected to abide by this rule, by simply parking at the grade school and walking the two hundred yards to the slope. It seems we also nearly lost the right to fly at the slope, though this appears to have been resolved for now.

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Even though the use of the slope seems to be assured for the present, Mr. Melburn has offered to start the ball rolling towards an eventual permanent right to use of the bluff area for modeling purposes. He will be authoring a formal request for the club to add it's endorsement to that will be submitted to the Costa Mesa Police and Parks Commissioners. Thanks Rod, for joining that small minority that shares the work load at the Harbor Soaring Society by contributing at what they do best.

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Frank Chasteler has been one of the many SC<sup>2</sup> contestants who have been wondering how the yearly standings are looking. Since it is apparent that not even the so called officials who run the SC<sup>2</sup> organization have bothered to get the contest results together, Frank has computed a strictly unofficial standing to date.

total score low score

1-	1. Miller*	4898	(876) 5898
2-	2. Pearson	4839	( 0 ) 5831
3-	3. Mladineo	4721	(657) 5721
4-	4. Tomblin	4689	( 0 ) 5587
5-	5. Hanson*	4658	(848) 5554
6-	6. Foxgord	4645	(845) 5539
8-	7. Norwood	4598	(843) 5455
15-	8. Koplán	4575	(651) 5226
10-	9. Cutbirth	4571	(819) 5416
9-	10. Edberg	4564	(812) 5440
12-	11. Reagon	4548	(774) 5373
13-	12. Williams	4546	(673) 5360
7-	13. Alman Jr.	4514	(808) 5503
17-	14. Short	4438	(695) 5381
11-	15. Harris*	4427	(802) 5381
14-	16. Brown	4427	(753) 5324
16-	17. White*	4360	( 0 ) 5205

\* denotes H.S.S. Member

Note that this is only a partial list of the top few flyers.

... Frank Chasteler

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Yea, Scott Miller. Go get 'em.

HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY SWEEPSTAKES

FINAL STANDINGS- 1977

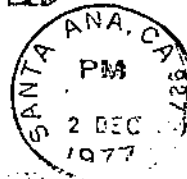
		top 7
1.	Scott Miller	6873 pts
2.	Phil Harris	6297
3.	Dave Oberman	6290
4.	Jim White	5931
5.	Frank Chasteler	5878
6.	Gordon Ritschke	5708
7.	Don Endicott	5431
8.	Neal Taub	5310
9.	Kirk Hanson	4970
10.	Ralph Ray	4904
11.	Leo Lake	4828
12.	Ben Clerx	4184
13.	Matt Ontko	4098
14.	Wally Hersom	3950
15.	Bob Thacker	3925
16.	Mel Hitchcock	3119
17.	Bob Chasteler	2581
18.	Earnest Payne	2300
19.	Eric Hersom	1750
20.	Tim Renaud	1609
21.	Gary Peterson	1573
22.	Lee Renaud	1482
23.	Bob Longstreet	1417
24.	Jim Russell	1151
25.	John Donelson	930
26.	Mike Costello	886
27.	David Acker	882
28.	Bill Davidson	646
29.	Bob Renaud	629
30.	Pete Richardson	524
31.	Damon White	270
32.	Paul Reid	100
33.	Harrold Curry	-0-
34.	Rolly Hiscott	-0-
35.	James Hiscott	-0-

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We had two very lucky sailplane pilots at last months contest. It seems the wind picked up just a bit during the day, and both Ralph Ray and Jim White ended up on top of the school roofs. These guys certainly know better... must have just been making any beginners watching wonder how long it takes to get so good that you can land anywhere you want like that. No damage though, must be that clean living!

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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.  
Junior(17 & under)----- \$2.50  
Special Junior(Family member) \$1.00