



# NEWSLETTER

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## - January Meeting -

The first 1978 meeting will be held January 4th, Wednesday evening at the California School, 3232 California Street, Costa Mesa CA. The new incoming officers for 1978 are planning to offer an interesting series of Wednesday night meetings during the coming year. This month is the awards for the 1977 Sweepstakes. There will also be a film or two on the subject of flying presented by our newly elected President, Gordon Ritschke.

## - January Contest -

The first meet of the year will be held Sunday, January 8th, at the club field. This is located at the Estancia High School, in Costa Mesa CA. The events are to be three rounds to make 20 minutes, with no flight to exceed 8 minutes in length. Scoring will be 200 points for each of three landings, and 2 points per second for duration.

## - February Contest -

The events will be one round of speed, one round of distance and one of duration, per standard FAI rules. Date is February 5th, 1978.

The March date is Sunday the 5th, with events to be announced.

There was no contest in December to report scores on, but there was a little competition going on out at the field last month, as reported on in the presidents column on page two. This was the big fly off between all of 1977's club contest winners, and turned out to be quite a show for the spectators.

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The Steering committee met in December, and got several items of business taken care of. The number one item of business was the inevitable raising of the dues structure for 1978. The Juniors get a break with their fees remaining at \$2.50. The Seniors membership will be raised to \$8.00 per year, up from last year's \$6.00. Also up from last year is the contest entry fee for non members. Last year's \$1.00 will become \$2.00 in January. Members will still pay \$1.00.

There will be ten contest dates to be counted towards the year end Sweepstakes. This allows for one month to hold the SC<sup>2</sup> meet, and December to use for the banquet, or for a makeup date.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 'Who Won' contest reported below showed that the pilots of this club have latent talents that allowed them to put on a show of soaring skill upon demand that was a pleasure to watch. This contest was scheduled months ago and two of the four contestants made their one hour flights without waiting for that perfect day. Our soaring site, Estancia High School, Costa Mesa CA, provided this kind of lift on one of our poorer winter days with lingering coastal fog and temperatures in the low sixties. We may be accused of flying to high at Estancia, but not of a lack of good thermals.



The Harbor Soaring Society's 'Who Won' flyoff contest for the club contest first place winners only was held on December 4th, 1977. The challenge tasks were three one hour precision flights with 100 points for each landing for a total of 11,100 points possible. Open flight order was permitted but the contest stopped at 2:00 pm exactly and unofficial flights were permitted if declared before launch. The contest started at 9:30 AM but the California coastal weather was foggy and the 850 foot length of the electric winch lines could not be fully used until after 10:30 AM due to the poor visibility. The first five official flights from 10:30 to 11:45 ranged from 5 minutes to 18 minutes. From 11:45 to 1:00 PM three major duration flights were made as follows: 38 minutes, 60 minutes and 60 minutes. These three flights were in the air at the same time but were not flown in formation by any means. One was working the lift SSW of the field 2 to 3 blocks from the field, another was NW over the metal sheds, and the third was over the school east of the field. There was some overlap between the last two flights over the sheds, and the area North of the field over Placentia St. The

wind was zero to 5 knots from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM and was not a factor in that the gliders were able to soar anywhere they wanted, without needing to constantly crab into the wind. After 1:00 PM the remaining 4 flights ranged from 6 minutes to 18 minutes. The following list shows the final standings.

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|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Scott Miller ----- | 5653 pts |
| 2. Phil Harris -----  | 4613     |
| 3. Kirk Hanson -----  | 3767     |
| 4. Jim White -----    | 2022     |

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## Steering Committee Report (cont.)

The other big news for the coming year is the grand prize donated by Lee Renaud and Cox Hobbies. It is to be a new Sanwa Radio outfit. The rules concerning just what will be counted towards earning this top prize will be discussed in more detail at the Wednesday night club meeting, but briefly, you must be a paid member, must attend meeting, and do well in contests to place well in the sweepstakes. To give our other local club members a fair chance, these requirements will begin February 1st, to allow for the lag in newsletter communication to their club meetings.

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## - Treasurers Report -

Beginning Balance -----	\$346.20
Expenses -----	(\$203.93)
Ending balance -----	\$160.27

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Final SC<sup>2</sup> results: HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY TAKES FIRST PLACE IN CLUB TEAM COMPETITION!!!

Scott Miller -----	First Overall
Kirk Hanson -----	6th
Phil Harris -----	11th
Jim White -----	17th
Frank Chasteler ---	21st

( winning team members from H.S.S. )