

Off Tow Newsletter

Puget Sound Soaring Association, Inc.

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Upcoming Events:

Flying, we hope! The late winter weather has been a problem, but really, we are looking for every chance to fly, so keep an eye and an ear out for the next opportunity.

Otherwise, we are thinking about our schedule of trips which can get us out and away for some exciting soaring adventures. Tripmaster Supreme, Wayne Ginther, has sent out his preliminary schedule which outlines who is interested in what and when those trips are tentatively planned. A couple of those trips, Wenatchee and Alvord are pretty much set, with Montague sketched in for the week preceding the Alvord (first week of July). Other trip opportunities will be organized over the summer month as time and interest dictates, especially to Ephrata. Wayne has asked that someone who is set on joining the Willamette group at the Alvord step forward as a trip captain for the PSSA group, since some of our equipment will be going in that direction. If you have decided definitely on making any of the trips outlined by Wayne, give him a call or e-mail him so he can update his list.

Recent Events:

Expos:

At Puyallup...



and MOF



We caught these guys in a slack moment. Really, they were working.

There was a very positive feeling about our participation in both the Northwest Aviation Trade Show and the Museum of Flight Glider Expo this year. We made many valuable contacts with pilots active in aviation and the interested general /-* list of names (127) we now have from people entering chances at a free glider ride will help us in making contacts with more potential members. Remember, that will be the goal of many of the activities that we ask you to participate in this season, as new membership is the key to our continued existence, clear and simple. Thanks to all who volunteered their time to help at the two expos - you made a difference.

Table Top Soaring:

The weatherman being rather uncooperative, we haven't been in the air much yet. Perhaps that's why we had such a good turnout this last Tuesday evening for our monthly Table Soaring, held this time at the Red

Robin in Federal Way. The plan is to move the location around to accommodate as many members as possible, so look for the next announcement of a location near you.



Hail! Hail! The Gang's (Almost) All Here.

There was some chat about skiing, but most conversation came around to equipment and plans to put it to use in the coming season. Steve Hill brought video of action at his field, while others talked about cross country plans for the area around Bergseth as well as new ships on the market. All in all a great gathering.

Reports From Members:

We're happy to pass along a contribution of recent new member Charlie Long. We think it's fun to have an historical perspective on our sport. We've included Charlie's piece as a separate attached PDF file to lighten the load in downloading this newsletter. Thanks, Charlie.

Operations:

Field Manager assignments:

Sat. Apr. 02 - Dave Kremers

Sun. Apr. 03 - Justin Long
Sat. Apr. 09 - Mark McIntyre
Sun. Apr. 10 - Marlene Nelson
Sat. Apr. 16 - Kenji Ominato
Sun. Apr. 17 - Stefan Perrin
Sat. Apr. 23 - Kim Sears
Sun. Apr. 24 - Dariush Zand
Sat. Apr. 30 - John Anderson
Sun. May 01 - Curt Bryan

Note: If for any reason you should be unable to complete your assignment or need to exchange with another member, be sure to advise Stefan Perrin of the change at stefanp@nventure.com.

Newsletter contributions:

As always, your input to this newsletter is very important. Please let us know if you have new information, valuable experiences, constructive comments, even gripes which will help to make this a better club offering the safest and most cost effective soaring opportunity in the area. Send items to Dave Kremers (dkremers@earthlink.net)