



# Orange County Soaring Association



# Zero Sink

The official newsletter of the Orange County Soaring Association

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The Orange County Soaring Association is a non-profit organization that was established in 1959 to promote and teach soaring and provide soaring activities for association members and their families.

Our general meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of each month at Hemet-Ryan Airport in Hemet, Ca. In addition to reviewing club business, our general meetings include social activities and programs covering a variety of topics related to the sport of soaring.

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Club operations are conducted at Hemet-Ryan Airport. Call (951) 658-6577 for directions to the airport, or go to our web page at <http://www.ocsoaring.org>

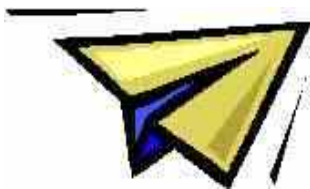
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## Hey! Ho! Let's Go to the OCSA Holiday Awards Party!

Yes, it's that time again, to both reminisce and look forward at the annual OCSA Awards Party. Same place as last year at Keno's, and there's no better value for the buck as far as food and entertainment is concerned. We have much to remember and be thankful for in this 47th year of our club's existence.



Saturday Dec 2nd, the doors open at 6pm. We will begin with our usual highly competitive paper airplane contest with awards for both distance and duration. Members should also bring a gift for the raffle. This annual fund raiser is always fun and, of course, benefits the club kitty. For those who imbibe, a full bar is available on the premises.

Right now before the banquet, members should send pictures to Jerry Snedden to be included a "Year-in-Pictures" review. Likewise, if you have a trophy from prior year's awards gathering dust on your living room mantel bring it to the Hemet clubhouse or give it to an OCSA Board member now!

As usual, OCSA needs to provide an accurate count to the restaurant, so RSVP to Larry Tuohino ([larswan@aol.com](mailto:larswan@aol.com)) and send your checks for \$24 per person in ASAP. See the flyer in this issue of Zero Sink for further information.

# Happy Holidays

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**Flight Instruction**

**Please contact the Flight Instructors well in advance by phone or email so they know they are needed on their scheduled days. They are under no obligation to appear at the airport unless notified.**

**The preliminary instructor schedule is listed in the calendar in each issue of Zero Sink. Always check the OCSA web site for the latest schedule.**

**Equipment Flight Hours****January-October 2006**

PW-5	38:46
Blanik N510CS	59:24
Blanik N82756	1:30

**Flight Operations**

Club operations are conducted at Hemet-Ryan Airport in Hemet, CA with the following aircraft:

Grob 103	N158SS
Blanik L-13	N510CS
Blanik L-13	N87256
PW-5	N982PD

**Membership Startup Cost**

Flight Group initiation	\$300.00
Flight Group monthly dues	\$45.00
OCSA membership	\$20.00
SSA membership	\$64.00
Administration fee	\$20.00
No-fault insurance pool	\$20.00
Total	\$469.00

\*Student and family dues are less.

**Dues**

Monthly dues and any past-due amounts are payable on the first of each month. Send checks to:

OCSA  
C/O Nicolas Ounanian  
17024 La Vida Court  
Fontana, CA 92337

Discount: Pay for 11 months up front, and get 1 month free.

## Land out Again? Take The Bus!

With more pilots flying crewless, it's a good idea to know your options in the form of public transportation. Pilots flying the Owens Valley who land out near Hwy 395, can now catch a bus that will return them either north or south. The service is called "CREST" and offers direct transportation from Reno to Ridgecrest. CREST then connects with other regional transit systems into the Mojave, Palmdale, and Bakersfield areas. The service has been running for five years but few sailplane pilots seem know about it. Inyo Mono Transit (IMT) offers additional buses routes more often though over shorter distances over the same area.

The CREST bus runs just three times a week, so depending on when and where you land out you may have to spend the night somewhere. Shorter routes run by IMT run more often but with more changes. Over this 4th of July, Paul "OS" Savaria timed it perfectly and hopped the bus and reported, "It worked great, I landed out in Lone Pine, had refreshment, boarded the bus, slept all the way to Bishop, and paid only four bucks! You would have paid more for gas to come get me!"

Pilots should program the CREST number 800-922-1930 into their cell phones. CREST also has a paper schedule that's easy to tuck in the cockpit. Next time you drive 395 looking at the landout alternatives, you may just want to add the bus stops to your list! More info is available at the Inyo County website [www.inyocounty.us/transit/transit.htm](http://www.inyocounty.us/transit/transit.htm)

**A spectacular night of Awards, Raffles, Paper Airplane Contest, Installation of New Officers, Year-in-Pictures, Jokes and General Merriment at the...**

### OCSA Holiday Banquet Saturday December 2, 6:00 pm

Keno's Restaurant 714-777-9511

5750 E. LaPalma, Anaheim Hills

Exit 91 Fwy at Imperial north, right at La Palma

Dinner \$24.00

A delicious buffet with non-alcoholic beverages, plus drinks

**It's a BIG PLACE with great food and full bar so all Friends, Alumni Members and Kids are Welcome! Bring a Gift to Raffle.**

Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Regular Address \_\_\_\_\_

# for Dinner @ \$22 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (kids can order off menu)

**RSVP by Nov 30<sup>th</sup> to LarSwan@aol.com**

Mail Reservation/Check to: OCSA, PO Box 5475, Buena Park, CA 90622

## News of the Crews

### New Members

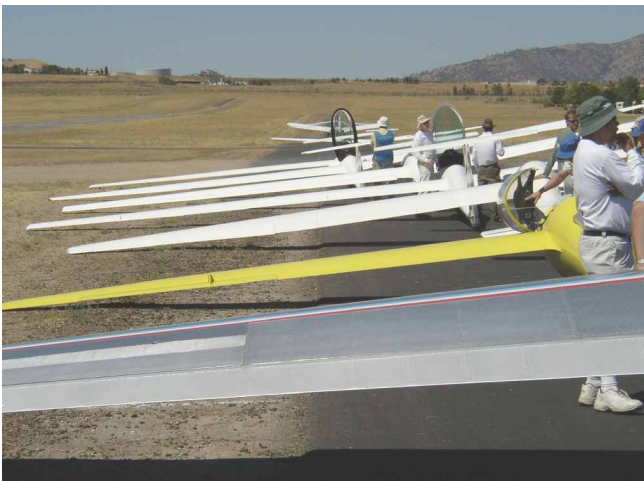
- Sam Bissell



- Andrew Fuller

### Tehachapi Campout a Huge Success

The trip to Mountain Valley Airport over the Labor Day weekend saw tremendous soaring conditions, great fun, learning opportunities, and some awesome flights. All three days had excellent lift with wonderful clouds to mark the way to the Sierra Nevada mountains. Some members got "signed off" for their first solo flights away from home turf... Some made their first cross-country journeys... Some earned parts of their Silver badges... Some headed north and landed out! Find all the details on the Reports page of the OCSA web site.



### Waypoints

- Jerry Clark: Silver 50km & 5 hour, Gold altitude
- Dan Rihn: 300km, Gold distance, Diamond out-and-return
- Pat Russette: personal best distance 755 km
- Jerry Snedden: 1<sup>st</sup> contest (Dust Devil Dash)
- Marc Weniger: proud owner of a Phoebus C
- Roger Worden: 1<sup>st</sup> cross-country (50km), personal best altitude 15,100'

### Related News...

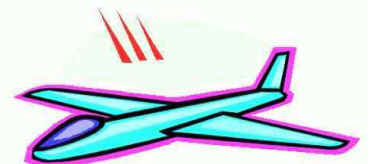
Marc Weniger is looking for a partner to share in his Phoebus. Contact Marc if you're interested.

### Peter Foley Rejoins OCSA Instructors

Please welcome Peter Foley (and his new pup) back to the OCSA instructor lineup! It's great to have Peter back in the air with our student pilots. Sometimes Sunday is better than Saturday for Peter - and maybe for you, too! So please contact him early in the week to plan for the weekend.

### SSA to Display at AMA Convention

SSA Region 12 will again have a booth at the Academy of Model Aeronautics show in Ontario, Ca on January 12-14. We need volunteers who are "bilingual" in soaring and model aviation to man the booth over the three-day show. We are also seeking a unique full-size display sailplane to attract attention. The show attracts thousands of aviation enthusiasts of all kinds, including many aviation-minded youth. So if you want to help, either in the booth or by displaying your sailplane, contact Region 12 Governor Larry Tuohino at [Larswan@aol.com](mailto:Larswan@aol.com) or 714-319-9988. **Promote Soaring!**



## Safety Thoughts

### Flying High

While I was flying high, 15 to 16,000' over Labor Day weekend, Dan Rihn called me on the radio after I had given a position report and asked if I had my oxygen on. I replied that I did. Then I checked the pressure gauge and the flow meter and noted that both were normal (1000 psi and flow at 18,000' setting). Then I checked my O2 saturation with my pulse oximeter and noted that I was down to 78%. I either wasn't breathing enough or I was breathing through my mouth instead of my nose. I immediately started taking slow deep breaths, inhaling and exhaling deliberately and after a couple of minutes my level was up to 88%.

Two things went right for me: a friend noted that my speech sounded abnormal over the radio and told me of his concern, and I had a pulse oximeter to monitor the situation and measure the effect of the corrective action.

So remember to breathe, through your nose, and carry a monitoring device with you when flying. I have noted on other occasions that my O2 level has been below 88% and have taken corrective action as noted above; this was the first time it had gone below 80% and it was the highest I had ever flown.

### Tire Pressure

Our OCSA maintenance officer has noted that some of us are not doing proper preflight checks on the club aircraft. Specifically he noted that we are not checking and correcting tire pressure. The greater safety issue with this besides the potential for damaging the tire and/or the aircraft is that this may be a symptom of other deficiencies in our preflight checks. If we are skipping one thing it is usually an indication that we might be missing other things. Please make sure we are actually checking **all** of the items on the preflight check list. If you don't know what one of the items means or where to look to verify it, then ask somebody. An example might be the aileron connections at the wing root on the Blaniks, or the aileron and spoiler connections in the Grob 103. Does everyone who is flying these ships know where to look to verify every item on the check lists?

### **A thought passed on by an OCSA club member:**

A pilot who believes he never makes a mistake will never ever get to correct the mistakes he makes. A person who openly admits he can make a mistake is a safe pilot who is always looking for ways to overcome his fallibility. He also shows considerable courage if he shares his mistake with others.

Fly Safe and Fly Far

Jerry Clark



<i>December 2006</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tony Terrigno Christmas Party
3	4	5	6	7 Board meeting	8	9 Peter Foley
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Tony Terrigno
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Mary Rust
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30 Mary Rust

<i>January 2007</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Board meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 AMA convention	13 AMA convention
14 AMA convention	15	16	17	18	19	20 General meeting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

<i>February 2007</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Board meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 General meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

**OCSA & Regional Activities**

**Go Fly Zone**

**March**

- 1 Board meeting
- 17 General meeting

**April**

- 5 Board meeting
- 21 General meeting

**May**

- 3 Board meeting
- 19 General meeting

**June**

- 7 Board meeting
- 23 General meeting

**July**

- 5 Board meeting
- 21 General meeting





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