



LASS UPDRAFTS

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From the editor. They say confession is good for the soul, so I hope that I'll feel better after making the following confession. As of the beginning of year 2002, I will no longer be editor of this newsletter!! This is my last effort to enlighten you about the activities of our great LASS club. I leave this task which I've pursued for nigh unto 10 years with a sense of nostalgia and at the same time relief. If the truth be known I haven't been performing as well lately on a bimonthly schedule as I did earlier on a monthly routine. Doesn't make sense, does it? Call it burn-out if you wish, but I just don't feel motivated as much any more. Even my flying participation has evidenced a decline. Certainly there were family obligations during this past year that required my undivided attention, but even though that has gradually faded into oblivion the old gusto has not returned. Can't be that I'm getting older, can it?

I would like to say that I truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the club for the last decade and I take this opportunity to thank those who aided and abetted my efforts to put out an informative and meaningful newsletter. Sure it was an effort to draw some of you into submitting written material, but I'm told this is 'an old saw' among editors in general. And a special thank you is definitely in order for the editor and supporting membership of BASS from whom I mercilessly "stole" any and all forms of written material. I always consoled myself with the thought that I increased the size of their audience and they fully understood. Thanks, BASS guys!!

Now I certainly do not leave this office by placing LASS in a deficit position, because, as I mentioned in the Sept/Oct newsletter, we are moving into the era of electronic media with the establishment of our own Web site. Hence,

future publishing will be under the capable guidance of a new editor/Webmaster, Steve Palumbo. All communications can be forwarded to Steve (626-7434) who will see that such information is placed on our Web site; you need only enter the following Web address to obtain up-to-date LASS club information:

<http://lancareasoaring.org>

Lets all work together with Steve to best serve the needs of our local glider guiders.

Note: I have agreed to continue as membership chairman for the foreseeable future (Webmaster please take note!)



September club meeting. The September 20th club meeting was held indoors at the Heritage Room of the Mountville Business Center with nine members in attendance. Pres. Bob Waters called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

The minutes, read by Sec. John Eshbach, were approved. The Treas. Paul Ahnert reported a balance of \$1463.25 all bills to date paid.

Under old business it was reported that Bruce Musser obtained a bag to house the retriever pole. Additionally, the annual picnic was discussed: site, Breezy View; fly at 3 pm, eat at 4 pm. Club will provide rolls, meats and drinks; members bring extras as covered dish.

Pres. Bob will provide AMA with a copy of our frequency agreement with the Manheim Flying Tigers.

As of 2002, Steve Palumbo will take over as newsletter editor and Webmaster. Current editor, Carl Foltz, will publish one last newsletter at the end of October covering the remainder of 2001.

A motion to register a Web site name (domain, at a cost of \$70.00 for two years) was made and approved. The name will be 'lancareasoaring.org'

Concerning the Cumberland fun fly, Bruce Musser has three rooms reserved for two nights.

Slope clearing has been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 3rd. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

September contest. On Sept 15th LASS held its monthly contest with only six flyers participating.

Results were as follows:

1 st	John Eshbach	1000	points
2 nd	Dave Harris	999	
3 rd	Bob Waters	877.2	
4 th	Kurt Sourbeer	833.2	
5 th	Gary Atkinson	814.8	
6 th	Bud Sherwood	762.1	

October club meeting. The monthly club meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm on the 18th Oct. at the Heritage Room of the Mountville Community Center by Pres. Bob Waters. There were six members present.

Under old business Pres Waters revealed that the frequency agreement with Manheim Flying Tigers was formalized with AMA since the last meeting.

The dates for the Cumberland fun fly are listed as Oct. 26, 27 & 28th.

The slope cleanup is scheduled for Nov. 3rd. The submitted field payment check has cleared, indicating that year 2001 rental is paid in full.

Under new business, the Treas. reported a balance of \$1520.25.

Membership chairman, Carl Foltz, reported that year 2002 dues are now being accepted and to date one member has paid.

It was pointed out that we are no longer using the chicken ranch field (most of the sod has been pulled) and we are back to the Greystone Road/Rte 72 field known as "Carpenters" field where we last flew prior to obtaining the Chicken Ranch site. **Caution:** do not fly at the Chicken Ranch; you might be shot down by fellow LASS members flying at Carpenters field!!

It was reported that the annual picnic was well attended even though the location was changed from Breezy View to a site obtained by Bud Sherwood at Willow Valley (where he lives.) Although no flying was allowed, still the twenty seven attendees shared a great time of fellowship; and the site was beautiful and well equipped. Our hats off to Bud for his active participation in selecting this location.

Nominations were opened to secure a list of candidates for the 2002 official LASS year in the election of a President, Secretary and Board member. Since only one office, Bob Waters again for president, was addressed at the meeting it was tabled until the November meeting allowing time for obtaining other viable candidates (*viable*, meaning you're alive and don't say no!)

Carl Foltz tendered his resignation as editor of the LASS UPDRAFTS (after ten years in the office), but agreed to continue as membership chairman. It was observed that his name has been omitted from the Web site as chairman of that committee!

Steve Palumbo agreed to take over as editor/Webmaster of LASS UPDRAFTS.

The meeting adjourned 8:15pm.



October contest. The results of the October 20th contest are as follows:

- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

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Dues are now being accepted for the 2002 flying season. Send your check for \$30.00, payable to LASS, to Carl R Foltz, 142 Froelich Ave., Mountville, PA 17554. Include a copy of your 2002 AMA card, proof of membership in AMA.

Think seriously about lending your talents to LASS by considering taking an elective office in LASS in 2002. Give your name to Bob, John, Paul, Carl, or Steve before the November club meeting. After all it is your club; why not take a hand in its operation this year.

Since Steve Palumbo is assuming the editor/Webmaster position he will need our help in making the Website a user friendly device for communicating members' information, contest scheduling, contest results, sale items, and other pertinent information including pictures and interesting stories involving LASS personnel and/or activities. Let's all pitch in and make his job easier. Call him at 626-7434 or email at palumbo@dejazzd.com

Coming events.

- Nov 15th Club meeting, Heritage Room
Mountville Business Center, 6pm
- Nov 17th November contest, 3 min. precision
CD John Eshbach 1:00pm
Ast. CD Paul Ahnert
Carpenter's field
- Dec 20th Club meeting, Heritage Room
Mountville Business Center 6pm