



2006 Region 9 Soaring Contest

Bulletin 1

Sailplane Racers:

This is the first of three e-mail bulletins you will receive at monthly intervals until a couple of weeks before the contest. The purpose of these bulletins is to remind you to check your registration status, provide new announcements, solicit feedback, and to give the organizers the feeling that they're really important and well liked ☺.

Jumping right in:

- **Registrations and Deposits: Important!** The Preferential Entry Deadline (PED) is just two weeks away. Please double-check your information at the contest web page (<http://www.asa-soaring.org/2006region9.asp>) to verify we have your SSA registration and deposit status correct.
- The current registration limit of 40 is still in place but will be increased to 45 or 50 pending the acquisition of additional tow planes. (We currently have commitments for five. So if you have an idle tow plane and pilot ...)
- The Air Force Academy will probably register soon with a dozen pilots and five gliders, so if we don't get another tow plane, PED+1 is going to be fun! They have three Discus 2s and two Duo Disci, all fresh from spin testing at Edwards. We are big supporters of the AFA soaring program, so we will do what we can to accommodate them. They will also be a tremendous asset in coordinating (read: negotiating) with Luke AFB, which is trying to add Special Use Airspace very close to Turf.

Less exciting but equally important announcements:

- A few of you have asked about water availability. We will have at least two "filling stations" on the north side of field (next to the tie-down area) and one on the south side. It will be tough to bring every glider to the water, so we ask you to use utility tanks, if you have them, to move water from the hoses to your gliders.
- Our apologies for not being able to negotiate package hotel rates. We got the same answer from every place until we gave up: "Are you kiddin'? That's a holiday weekend in thar!"
- Expect to receive your pilot kits electronically with the last bulletin. (We'll have some hardcopies at the reception desk for those of you who want the 20th Century kind.) Another thing we're going to do differently is advance registration. Details will be in the second bulletin, but please be prepared to snail-mail us photocopies of your insurance, FAA license, SSA card, and the all important signed waiver.

Look for Bulletin 2 in mid-April. We'll have a social schedule to announce so you can sign up in advance.

For the Arizona Soaring Association,

Ted & Pam