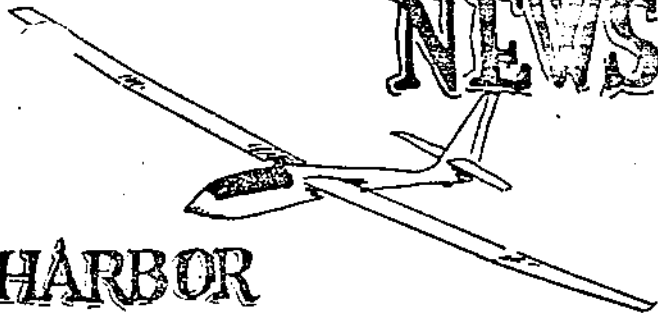


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FEBRUARY MEETING

The Harbor Soaring Society will meet on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Mesa Consolidated District Office at 1965 Placentia Street in Costa Mesa.

This meeting should prove to be interesting and informative as Larry Jolly, from Airtronics, will give a presentation of the latest sailplane developed by Lee Renaud - The "Sagitta". He will cover design, construction technique, and flight performance. It should give a unique look, from the inside, into the development and production of a new design. This program is eagerly anticipated since Lee is one of the most successful and prolific designers in the business.

The January contest was cancelled due to rain. Weather permitting, the next contest will be held at Estancia High School on February 8th. It will begin at 9:00 AM. The tasks will be presented at the forthcoming meeting. Tom Chasteler will be the C.D.

Membership dues are now payable. Send to the club's P.O. box or bring to the Feb. meeting so that you can be included on the current club roster. Per a change in the by-laws (voted on at the last meeting) the current renewal rate will no longer be in effect after February 4th, 1981.

So that the operations of the Society would be CRYSTAL CLEAR for 1981, Dale Black and Jim White were added to the Board of Directors at the January club meeting.

The following is the text of a letter received from Bill Mitchell,

one of our members who moved to Washington state last year.
It is being printed at his request.

January 5, 1981

Dear Morry,

I received my copy of the H.S.S. Newsletter and was sorry to hear of the declining interest in the club & its' activities. I'd like to perhaps have this be an open letter to the club membership & try to express my feelings on how important the Club is to old & new members alike.

By now, you know that Carl Blake won a spot on the U.S. Soaring Team & that Carl is from Woodinville, Washington, the town that I now reside in. I met Carl at the local flying field about a week ago & watched him fly his FMF-F3B ship in practice - - needless to say, Carl has a lot of in-born ability when it comes to flying gliders. But, let me tell you, it's a long way from Carl to the next most skilled flyer in the area, and unfortunately there's no organized club to help the newcomers to our sport. I think back, to when I first started, & if it hadn't been for you guys: Gordie, Morry, Dale, Phil, Frank, Dan, Leo, Pete & those too numerous to mention, I doubt that I would have been able to enjoy this great hobby of ours today. I see guys here everytime I fly, that are new & need the help a club offers, but they don't have a club here to turn to. So, they go to the field & the inevitable happens -- one flight & their plane is gone & so is their interest. This is not going to perpetuate our sport!

You guys have within your (our) club, some of the nicest people I know, & certainly the most talented. It would be a shame to see all this lost & the benefits it has for each of you & the new members -- you will never know how important it is 'til you don't have it & then it is too late. Take it from me, I miss the club & its activities. There's a real need for this here & I'm looking into it. But it's a lot easier to continue it, than to start (or restart) it.

Well, I've rambled on long enough -- hope you can read this. I think you're on the right track in your "Reflections - Past & Future", Morry - - I just hope you & the other officers get the support you need to continue. I, for one, would like to show my support by enclosing my application for membership renewal. At least I'm with you in spirit, if not in body. And you'll never know when I'll be in the area & have an urge to fly!

Best of luck to you all. I catch your pictures in all the trade magazines - - keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Bill Mitchell

Thanks Bill - - for your thoughts & concern. We're looking forward to flying with you again soon.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY, 1981

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____
AMA NUMBER _____ (required for membership) F.C.C. _____

FEES: Renewal by Feb. 4

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| SENIOR (18 & over) ----- | \$7.00 | - - - | \$5.00 |
| JUNIOR (17 & under) ----- | \$4.00 | - - - | \$2.50 |
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