



Harbor Soaring Society

Charter #128 Costa Mesa, California

AMA's Oldest Radio Controlled Soaring Club

Silver Leader Club Since 2009

Gold Leader Club Since 2011



HSS is now incorporated as a non-profit Public Charity under IRS section 501(c)(3)

HSS is the oldest AMA chartered R/C Soaring Club in the USA. Founded in 1964.

December 2025

HSS IS NOW 61 YEARS OLD!

Volume 95

HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

Fairview Park flying field is open!

RC gliders can fly 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 8am-2pm, weather permitting.
Hand launched & rubber powered free flight models are allowed any day.

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Coming Events December 2025

- Costa Mesa city council meeting Tue Dec 2 will make a decision on the new Fairview Park Master Plan. Please email, Zoom, or attend in person
- Our next meeting will be our **Christmas Party**, December 9, 7:00 – 9:00
- Fairview Park flying days! Dec 6 & 20, weather permitting.



Meeting Location

We hold our meetings at First Team Real Estate, 10072 Adams (at Brookhurst), Huntington Beach, in the Stater Bros shopping center. I will arrive with pizzas & Coors Light; I ask for \$5 for pizza and \$5 for beer. There's lots of room, so c'mon down!

Club Officer Elections

Our slate of officers was voted in at our Nov 11 meeting.

President	Mat Garcia	Vice President	Dan Vozenilek
Secretary-Treasurer	Joni Whitsitt	Director	Mike Costello
Safety Officers	Kevin Koch & Dan Noon	Jr Flight Instructor	Nick Vozenilek

Greg Stone Wins!

Greg Stone is your new AMA President! Thanks to all of you (us) who voted for him. Greg won by 45 votes!

2025 OCMA Events

Event: **OCMA Annual Toy Drive**

Date: December 6 - Saturday Hand delivered 2026 renewals and applications will be accepted BBQ

T-Shirts

Erv Szego has made inquiries about getting new T-shirts made up with the club logo on the back. We need to get commitments for at least 50; cost will be \$12. The logo will be in three colors on the back of the shirt. Please let Mat or Mike know how many you'd like!

Christmas Party

Save the date: Tuesday, Dec 9, 6:00 at Pasta Connection, 1969 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa. Same as last year.

KitCutters

Good news! After exchanging emails, KitCutters will be able to make laser-cut Wanderer short kits available in the near future! As a club, we have put many hours on numerous Wanderers. The kits will include all the formed parts: ribs, bulkheads, etc but you'll need to source the sheet & strip stock. The kits will be priced at \$108. Check their website: <https://kitcutters.com/> for more information. I think we should make up a list of members who want a kit, and I'll see if I can work out a deal for a bulk buy.



Fairview Park Master Plan Update

Results from 11/18/2025 City Council Meeting

It was amazing to see so many people come together to fight for the future of Fairview Park! 155 people wrote in!!! That sort of response goes to show where the community is at on this issue. It's heartbreaking, though, to see HSS continue to be targeted and bullied by a small group of individuals and organizations. You can watch the meeting at the link below.

Here's an update from Tuesday's Costa Mesa City Council meeting:

- 196 written public comments were submitted.
- 155 of those comments OPPOSED the draft Fairview Park Master Plan Update!
- 29 comments were in favor of the plan.
- The remainder were indeterminable.

Thank you to everyone who wrote in! Your voices made a difference. These numbers were actually discussed by the Councilmembers at the meeting.

Unfortunately, the meeting ran late (11:40 pm), and the Council decided to pause the discussion. They'll consider everything further and make a motion to vote on the matter at the next Council meeting on Dec. 2, 2025.

What does this mean? The Council hasn't voted yet, so they're still weighing their decision. That means we have a window to sway their opinion! Please don't hesitate to reach out to a Councilmember. Whether it's sending an email, having a conversation, or encouraging others to speak up, your voice still matters. Email instructions are in the sections below.

We need continued support if we want to preserve Fairview Park and stop significant changes that would eliminate:

- Concerts in the Park
- Bike access and paths
- The flying field
- The dirt mounds
- Dog walking
- Walking trails
- The trains

The flying field issue is being used as a Trojan horse to push for changes that go against the intent of Measure AA. Check out HSS' (Harbor Soaring Society - HSS) recent Facebook posts for more background information.



For more details:

- LA Times article about the meeting: <https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2025-11-19/costa-mesa-officials-stall-on-plans-for-model-plane-field-at-park>
- Video of 11/18/2025 City Council Meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21A38lQ_Mzw
- Measure AA which passed in 2016 protects development at Fairview Park without a vote of the people: https://ocvote.gov/fileadmin/user_upload/elections/gen2016/measures/8517.pdf

**THANK YOU everyone that supported the
call to action!**



Here's how you can continue helping:

1. If you have not shared your opinion with the City Council, or if you want to share something new, send an email today and encourage others to do the same!

Please email before noon on Tuesday, December 2 (the next City Council Meeting), so your comment is included in the public record. If you sent an email in the past, please update it and send it for this meeting. It is critically important. And share this message!

Send your message to:

1. citycouncil@costamesaca.gov
2. cityclerk@costamesaca.gov

Subject: I do NOT support the Draft Fairview Park Master Plan
Message (you can copy and personalize):

Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmembers,

I do not support the current Draft Fairview Park Master Plan. Please make major changes so the community can continue long-standing uses at Fairview Park. The Plan should explicitly preserve the model glider field in its current location, Concerts in the Park, bicycle and dog-walking trail access, the dirt mounds, and the Goat Hill Junction Railroad — and direct staff to work with the resource agencies on an approach that allows these uses to continue safely and compliantly.

I also do not support any new fencing that reduces public access. Any revision should honor the community intent of Measure AA and protect the existing open, shared character of the park.

If the Draft Master Plan cannot be revised to reflect the community's uses and expectations, then the City Council should consider canceling the Master Plan Update and retaining the existing 2008 Fairview Park Master Plan.

Fairview Park should remain a shared space that protects sensitive wildlife and continues to provide room for people, families, and community activities.

Please include this comment in the public record for the December 2, 2025 City Council meeting.

Thank you,
[Your Name]
[Optional City or Neighborhood or ZIP]
[Optional Phone]

2. Attend the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM



Location: Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive

The City Council will discuss the Draft Master Plan Update. It's the only agenda item. You can speak for up to three minutes in person or on Zoom.

Even 10 to 15 voices with the same respectful message make a strong impact. More voices equal bigger impact. Please show up or call in!

3. Share this message with your friends and neighbors.

You do not have to be a Costa Mesa resident to comment—anyone who uses or cares about Fairview Park can participate.

Questions or background information:

Contact HSS

info@1hss.org

949-264-2624

Key message:

Fairview Park should stay a shared space that protects wildlife and keeps room for people, families, and community activities.

Please ensure we maintain professionalism and respect at all times in our speeches and emails.

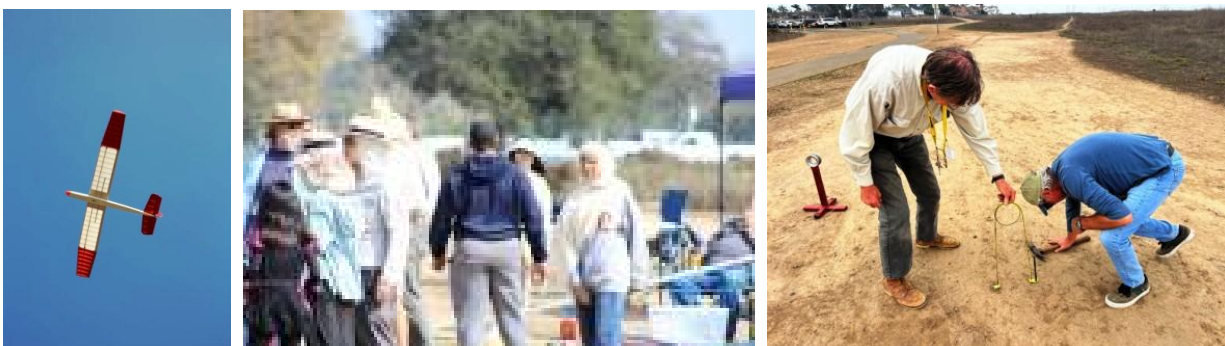
Resources:

1. Video excerpt of the October 30, 2025 Parks and Community Services (PACS) Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPWRUKMw1yQ>
2. Fairview Park Master Plan Revision
Website: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/community/fairview-park/fairview-park-master-plan>
3. Draft 2025 Fairview Park Master Plan
PDF: <https://www.costamesaca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/61230/638951024124900000>
4. Agenda for the Tuesday, November 18, 2025, City Council Meeting: <https://costamesa.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=1344836&GUID=E13F419B-D6E6-4CE7-A183-1E309583F23C>
5. Goathill Rodeo Blog Article covering the Draft Master Plan Update: <https://goathillrodeo.com/2025/10/20/what-does-the-draft-master-plan-mean-for-the-future-of-fairview-park/>



November Flying Days

We enjoyed flying at Fairview Park on Nov 1 and 15. The weather both days was the new standard: somewhat windy, with a crosswind component early, gradually shifting to right down the runway later in the day. We had numerous students flying, and we enticed several passers-by into giving it a go. Great flying! Please come join us.





The TRUST Test and FAA Registration

TRUST is The Recreational UAS Safety Test. It provides education and testing for recreational flyers on important safety and regulatory information. If you fly your drone recreationally under the [Exception for Recreational Flyers](#) you must pass the test before you fly. To take the test, go to <http://trust.modelaircraft.org>. This is the AMA Site. Take the test (Don't worry, it is fail proof) then obtain your "Completion Certificate."

All recreational flyers must pass this aeronautical knowledge and safety test and provide proof of test passage (the TRUST completion certificate) to the FAA or law enforcement upon request.

Go to <http://faadronezone.faa.gov> and create an account for your FAA Registration. Apply for "I fly under The Exception For Recreational Flyers". They will issue you an FAA registration number that must be affixed to the outside of all of your radio control model aircraft. The charge is \$3 for three years, for all of your R/C aircraft.

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HSS Membership

Our 2026 HSS membership enrollment season is running full speed. Note that annual membership dues is now reduced to \$15. The latest membership application is included in the last pages of this newsletter. This can be mailed to our post office box shown on the last page, or given to a club officer. Alternately, HSS and AMA membership applications can be obtained from any club officer, or available on our club web site at www.harborsoaringsociety.org. Applicants must be members of the AMA prior to joining HSS. AMA Membership applications can also be obtained at the AMA web site www.modelaircraft.org, download document No. 902 from the publications page. Or you can apply on line. If you renew your AMA membership online, be sure to print the receipt that they provide as proof that you joined. And, don't forget your City of Costa Mesa Flying Permit.

HSS Club Decals

We now have decals / vinyl stickers with the HSS logo available. There are 3" diameter and would look great on your planes or in the back window of your car. Come to the meeting to get one or several. These cost the club \$1.20 each, so please donate to the treasury if you want more than one.

Social Media Links

Here's how to find HSS on various social media. Check them out!

HSS FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/harborsoaringsociety>

HSS Website: <https://www.harborsoaringsociety.org/> (New Vendor Page)

HSS YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@HSS-RC-Glider-Club>



HSS Planned Activities and Events

Thanks to John Rittenhouse for the preparation of the following Calendar of Events.

Some of the activities have not been cancelled yet, but are subject to cancellation at a moment's notice.

Repeating activities include:

- Monthly General Meetings - 7 to 9 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. These are now in person.
- Monthly Steering Committee Meetings - 6 to 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. These are now in person. Additional meetings to be planned as required.
- Flying field maintenance on an as-needed basis.
- Quarterly meetings with the Orange County Parks Department. .

Annual Events:

- 2.10.2023 Wix, website management payment due.
- 3.23.2024 Wix, harborsoaringsociety.org domain name re-registration payment due.
- 7.2023 Network Solutions, website domain name re-registration payment due.
- March AMA charter and "Gold Leader Club" renewal.
- March Club must purchase "Certificate of Liability Insurance" from AMA.
- April Imaginology - This is a public service event held at the Orange County Fairgrounds. HSS provides booths containing static displays of model aircraft, build and fly paper gliders, and model flight simulators.
- June Lions Club Fish Fry. HSS has a booth at this annual event
- July Concerts at the Park - Three evenings on Tuesday nights in July at Fairview Park. Music is sponsored by the City of Costa Mesa. HSS supports this public service event with a pop-up sunshade, and static display of model aircraft.
- July Bent Wing Glider Competition. This event is open to all club members and guests.*
- August National Model Aviation Day. Open house, demonstrations, free flying lessons, and acquiring donations for charity.*
- August Dollar Foam Design/Build/Fly competition. Tentative schedule. Aircraft are original designs, electric powered RC models made from a single sheet of paper backed 1/4" foam. Performance criteria to be determined.
- September Electric Fun Fly Competition. Tentative schedule. Multiple events are planned for club members and guests.
- September Club Secretary shall submit annual 501(c)(3) report to IRS (include \$25 payment).
- October Pumpkin Festival/Scarecrow Competition. This is a public service activity for HSS. It is planned by the city, to be held at the Lions Park
- October Nominations made for new club officers.
- November New club officer election. General Meeting.
- December Christmas party and new club officer installation. Location to be determined.
- TBD Letter of Agreement with John Wayne control tower. Renew every two years.



Next Meeting

Our normal schedule is to meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 PM at the First Team Real Estate office located at 10072 Adams Ave (at Brookhurst), Huntington Beach, in the Stater Bros shopping center. Phone is 714-875-7994. Bring your favorite plane for show-and-tell. Bring your family and friends. There may be a raffle. The new location map is shown at right. The monthly HSS Steering Committee meeting is held from 6 to 7 PM just prior to the General Meeting.



Free Plane Rap Copies

Rob Askegaard has free near new color copies of HSS Plane Rap newsletters from 2005 through 2017 that he would like to give away. Contact Rob at the monthly meetings or 714-873-7710. rmaskgrd@gmail.com.

Invitation To Members For Contributions To The Plane Rap Newsletter

Your editor would love to hear from club members. If there is anything you would like to share with the rest of us, I would like you to send it to me. I will add it to the next newsletter. My favorite things to publish are items sent in by members!! These can be anything like reviews of your plane or equipment, links to good videos, links to articles, and things you have built or created. Bad spelling and/or grammar gladly accepted. Anything from a picture with a caption to a full blown build/review article is good. Letters-to-the-Editor are always welcome as well. Tell us what you think. Please help make the newsletter and website more interesting with your submissions. Embarrassing pictures/videos are the best. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mike Costello - Plane Rap Editor - mikeftre@gmail.com.

Photos of Your Planes

John Rittenhouse has become the club photographer, with Mike Costello as a backup. This is your newsletter, so if you want to see your models featured, or photos of something that interests you, please send to the newsletter editor.

Karl Hawley

We recently learned that a long time member, Karl Hawley, "flew west." Our condolences to his friends & family.



New Glider from HobbyClub

Coming soon: V. Planes Slingsby T-45 Swallow kit

Wingspan : 1800mm

Fuselage : 1160mm

Flying weight : 1060g

Suggested Equipment:

Servos: 9g

Prop. : 9" folding

Motor: 2212 1400kv

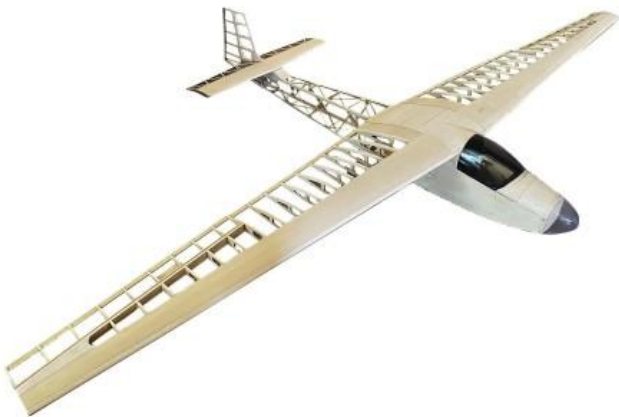
ESC: 30A

Batteries: 3S 2200mah

Will offer a complete Power Pack (less battery)

Best regards and Happy Thanksgiving,
Alberto

www.hobbyclub.com





MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024

Harbor Soaring Society

AMA Chartered Club #128 - AMA's Oldest Chartered Soaring Club

P.O. Box 1673 Costa Mesa, CA 92628

Revised October 3, 2022



I understand that by applying for membership in the Harbor Soaring Society I must be a current member of the AMA (Proof of status required, may be photocopy of membership card or AMA receipt of fees paid). In addition, I will take the AMA TRUST test and show my Completion Certificate. When I acquire or already have acquired any Unmanned Radio-Controlled Aircraft, I will apply for an FAA Registration Number and affix that number to all my aircraft.

Name _____ AMA # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Email _____

AMA TRUST Completion Certificate Date _____

FAA Registration Number _____ Date of Registration _____

- ☐ New Applicants (Without Name Tag) (19 years and older): \$15.00
- ☐ Adult Member (Renewal Without Name Tag) (19 years and older): \$15.00
- ☐ Junior Member (Without Name Tag) (19 years and under): \$0.00
- ☐ Family Member (Without Name Tag) (At Same Address): \$5.00.
- ☐ Supporting Member Is non-flying member, includes newsletter. No voting, no AMA, no City permit. \$0.00.
- ☐ Optional or Extra HSS Name Tag: \$15.00
- ☐ I hereby give my permission to publish my [Name], [Address], [Phone], [Email Address] in the monthly Newsletter. **Strike out those not to be published.** Note that the Newsletter is published on the club website (<http://www.harborsoaringsociety.org>).
- ☐ I request Email delivery of the monthly Newsletter in place of U.S. Mail delivery of hardcopy
- ☐ I request a printed copy of the monthly Newsletter by U.S. Mail. Printing and Mailing: \$20.00/year

Only glider aircraft are allowed to fly at Fairview Park. Check all your interests.

Duration Gliders _____	Slope Soaring Gliders _____	RES Gliders _____
Large Scale Gliders _____	Hand Launched Gliders _____	Electric Motor Gliders _____
Indoor Electric Planes _____	Electric Helicopters _____	Free Flight _____

In accordance with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act, this organization prohibits discrimination against anyone based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, individuals with disabilities or veterans. New applicants making application between November 1st and December 31st will pay the annual rate indicated above and such dues will make the new member paid in full for the following year. Applications for adult members submitted between July 1st and October 31st will pay a reduced rate of \$15.00 (name tags extra). A signature is required from all Harbor Soaring Society members, agreeing to comply with the current AMA Safety Code, the current HSS and Costa Mesa City General Field Rules, and FAA rules and regulations applicable to the flying of RC model Aircraft.

The undersigned attests that: I will operate my model using only radio frequencies for the control of fixed wing or multi-rotor aircraft, and/or data transmission, on equipment certified and approved for such use by the AMA, FAA or FCC as applicable. I understand that my failure to comply with the above restrictions will result in nullification of liability coverage for damages caused or claimed.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Total Dues Owed and Attached: \$ _____

SIGNATURE OF CLUB OFFICER RECEIVING APPLICATION: _____



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Junior Flight Instructor	Nick Vozenilek	949-231-8904	

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