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April at Fairview Park: Earth and cleanup day.

April 5th was Earth Day at Fairview Park as well as Cleanup Day.

Friends and members of HSS missed a golden opportunity to show the City of Costa Mesa that we really do care about the one and a half million dollar flying site they let us use. I feel we could have put up a variety of planes on display and even donate one hundred dollars to Costa Mesa and to Estancia High School Science Department. And where am I coming from with this? We provide no service or education to the community, only a liability. So, I feel we could become more than just a liability, much like the Rail Road that provided free rides every third week end we could provide an educational service. So what do you think the flyers of Fairview Park can do for the community?

Number one, you could come to the HSS meetings on the first Tuesday of every month and make a suggestion or you can write it down and give it to me at the field.

HSS does provide free flying lessons, but the community does not know that. Also, the AMA provides an "Adopt a School" program that some of you could do here in Costa Mesa and I am sure there are a lot of other things we could do other than just being a user. Your president, KH.

I would like to thank Fred Hesse and Mike Gaczowski for making up the brochure at the last minute for earth day. I also want to thank Phillip Caricof, Warren Greer and Mike Voegtli for helping out with the HSS earth day booth. Sorry if I have missed anyone.

Last month I went down to Mexico for a weekend of flying slope gliders. I think it was about eleven miles south of Roserita Beach, near the Half Way House bar and restaurant. Egor has a friend who has a house on the side of hill overlooking the ocean. Really nice view and only a short walk down to the beach. But, it is longer coming back up the hill, or so it seemed. We went to a flying spot straight up the hill from the Half Way House. The only thing wrong with that is, the Margaritas are so good there, they just keep calling to you, but on the other hand, it was a great place. The flying was really good. I am looking forward to going again someday. Thank you Larry Enger and Steve Hendry, and by the way Steve, tuna fish sandwich needs more than one teaspoon of mayonnaise.

What's going on with the club contest? The March contest was blown out when I was in Mexico. Thank you for wind? And for April, only four flyers showed up for the F3X contest. Could it have been because of Daylight savings?

Calendar:

May 4th will be an F3X man on man contest. Hope to see you there.

May 11th is set for a Speed 400 and Unlimited F5J style contest. Jim Hanson will be the CD.

May 25th and 26th will be the Inland Slope Rebels annual Power Slope get together at Cajon pass.

Community Picnic

The Costa Mesa Human Relations Committee presents its second Community Picnic on **Sunday, May 4, 2003, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at Fairview Park** (located at 2525 Placentia). Every resident of Costa Mesa is invited to attend to enjoy an afternoon of fun. Bring your own picnic lunch and blanket. Children's activities and entertainment will be provided.

Save the date!

Paws Around the Park

The City of Costa Mesa and the City's Fairview Park Friends Committee invite the public to the second annual "Paws Around the Park" fundraiser. The Event will be held at Fairview Park on Saturday, May 10, 2003, from 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will be used to install dog drinking fountains in the Park. The "Paws" Event will include: a dog costume contest, two dog walks, commemorative dog photos and certificates, food, booths sponsored by area merchants, and promotional items donated by area businesses for



all who participate. Dogs are encouraged to dress in all their finery for the "Paws Around the Park" contest. Prizes for the best costumes will be awarded. Shutterbugs are also encouraged to capture this fun-filled event, and enjoy a spring morning at Fairview Park.

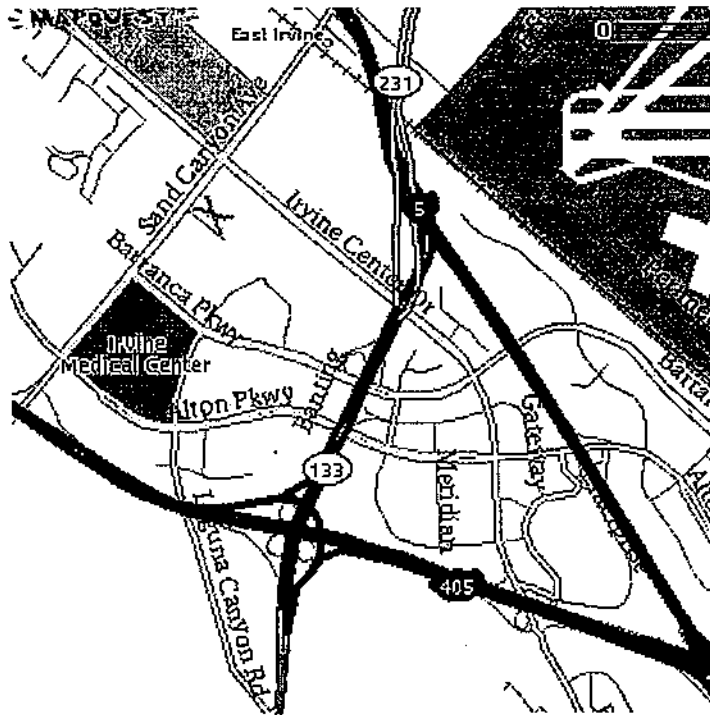
Fee registration for dogs and their owners is \$20 per dog, and can be forwarded by mail or in person, to the City Manager's Office, 5th Floor, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California 92628-1200. Checks should be made payable to "Costa Mesa Community Foundation," and marked "Fairview Park Improvements." The deadline for registration is 8:30 a.m. the day of the event. For further information, please call the Fairview Park Friends hotline at **(714) 754-5698**, or visit the Fairview Park Friends Website at www.cmfairviewpark.org for registration and information.

May 3 & 4, 2003 Searchers Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. 44th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry show. Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 West Crescent Avenue, Anaheim CA off the I-5 at Brookhurst.

June 21-22, 2003 North Orange County Gem & Mineral Society will host their annual show at the La Habra Community Center, 101 W. La Habra Blvd, La Habra CA. Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

IRVINE WATER DISTRICT

Located on Sand Canyon Ave. 1/2 mile East of 405 fwy. 1/2 mile West of 5 fwy.
South side of avanue.



COME TO
YOUR NEXT
MEETING
MAY 6, 2003
7:00 PM

Electric Corner

Welcome to the first installment of Electric Corner. With the recent good news from our City Council meetings and support from our Costa Mesa Council Members, we have been given a very special privilege to enjoy our electric models at Fairview Park along side the sailplane pilots. We have made the promise to be a good neighbor to local residents and be cohesive to other park activities. We must always remember that to be allowed to fly in the space that we do is a very rare opportunity considering the lack of flying space here in Southern California and especially Orange County. Open land like this is priceless and the fact that Costa Mesa wants to prevent more peach stucco homes stacked all over it's vast expanse like the rest of Orange County is reason to be very happy!! The club is the lobbying institution for the modelers to continue communication to and from our City Council with regards to the development of the park in it's quest to provide a safe, natural, clean park for local residents to enjoy for years to come. It is important to note that the Harbor Soaring Society is not exclusive to sailplanes and enjoys a diverse group of people who participate in many disciplines of aeromodeling. Many of the sailplane pilots are indeed electric enthusiasts and take part in many of the club's activities. With the growth spurt of electric activity at the field in the last couple of years, it is essential that we keep focused on our goals to fly responsibly and serve as good role models to new people who join in on the fun. Many pilots who are specifically geared towards electric flight are joining our club and that is a welcomed sight. There is no better way to provide a line of communication to the modelers who use Fairview Park than through an organized club such as HSS. A club can provide information, resources for instruction, and a basis for proper field etiquette at a field as sensitive as ours. We have the task to police ourselves when it comes to flying in the proper areas, flying safely, and limiting the impact we have on our beautiful park (i.e. noise, trash, and other park users). We will address these issues for many months to come and it all starts here and now before it is too late. For now I want to leave you with a few things to start practicing as we head into many more discussions on electric flight:

- Fly with a spotter whenever possible. Having another set of eyes to help you land and warn you of any obstacles or approaching pedestrians can be the difference between a safe approach or a broken airplane after you have to ditch it to avoid something.
- Learn how to balance your propellers properly to maximize efficiency and prevent any excessive noise. You are only robbing yourself of power when your prop is rattling and vibrating your airframe, not to mention the nuisance it causes when that sound travels. This goes to noisy gearboxes as well. Keeping your gearbox greased and meshed properly prolongs the life of the equipment and prevents any excessive noise. Remember that sound carries a long ways at altitude and we want to be as unnoticeable to residents as possible.
- Taking from the note above, we want to keep as much of the electric flying to the east of the parking lot and school whenever possible. Many pilots like to launch directly in front of the parking lot and use the area out front, sometimes encroaching on the airspace near the homes. This is a very bad idea and common sense tells us that this is not a good thing for our concerns with keeping a quiet flying field for the immediate residents. (I use to be one of those residents and yes the sound does carry when the plane is close to the houses!) If you have a noisier-than-average model (flying wings, ducted fans, etc), keep it even further away from the houses as best you can.
- Just like on our highways, pedestrians have the right away. Many casual strollers of the park may be unfamiliar with our activity and don't understand the intricacies to the operation of a model airplane so always be patient and polite. As an example: wait an extra 30 seconds for a jogger or family out for a stroll to pass through your expected take off route. Buzzing over their head to get up in the air quick is not a responsible move and waiting another 30 seconds isn't going to make any difference to the flight of your model.
- Be considerate of the winch line areas when they are up and operational. Watch and listen for pilots launching their models and pay attention to the towline as it goes up and down. There is generally only a small window in the day for the sailplane pilots to have good weather to fly and the rest of the day is wide open for other pilots. We have successfully shared the field together for over 10 years and will continue to do so for many more.
- Be a good ambassador for our field and remember to say hello to other park users as they enjoy Fairview Park. It's a beautiful spot and great to be out enjoying it no matter what you are doing.

Until next time,

Have fun and come home with the same number of pieces!

Troy Peterson

2003 Contest Announcements & Results

Historical Winch Competition Summary (since 1974) 11/02/02

Historical HLG Competition Summary (since 2000) 03/03/03

Individual Year End Standings - Winch

Team Year End Standings - Winch

Year End Standings - HLG

Date	City	(SC) ² Contest	Link to Club	Launch Method	Map	Dir.
Sun, Mar 30	Poway	YES	Torrey Pine Gulls #1 TPG CANCELLED - High Winds	Winch	MAP	DIR
Sun, April 27	Covina	YES	Silent Wings Soaring Society- SWSA	Winch	MAP	DIR
May 17-18	Visalia	NO	CVRC Bent Wing Contest **	Winch	MAP	DIR
Sun, May 18	Long Beach	YES YES	El Dorado Silent Fliers-EDSF	Winch Hand	Map1 Map2	DIR
Sun, June 7-8	Poway	NO	International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) - TPG****	Hand	MAP	DIR
Sun, June 29		YES	Torrey Pine Gulls #2-TPG	Winch		
Sun, Aug. 24	Thousand Oaks	YES YES	Thousand Oaks Soaring Society- TOSS	Winch Hand	MAP1 MAP2	DIR
Sun, Sept. 28	Perris	YES	Inland Soaring Society-ISS	Winch	MAP	DIR
Oct. 4-5	Visalia	NO	CVRC Fall Soaring Festival **	Winch	MAP	DIR
Sun, Oct. 26	Costa Mesa	YES YES	Harbor Soaring Society-HSS	Winch Hand	MAP	DIR

* Caution — Map Location Approximate

It is important to do a "reality check" when comparing the MAP with directions given by Yahoo Maps. If there is a conflict, use the map, or map1.

** Not an (SC)² Contest. This contest does not count toward year end standings and may not be flown according to (SC)² rules.

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MODERN DAY FAIRY TALES
The check's in the mail
No salesman will call
One size fits all
If elected, I promise..
Some assembly required
You may have already won



Classes - Speed 400 and Unlimited

SUNDAY MAY 11, 2003

9:00am till 2:00pm

FAIRVIEW PARK

COSTA MESA, CA

Contest format will be the same as F3J with the exception planes will be powered by electric motors. Contest format 4 / 10 minutes rounds man on man with precision landing. Only non powered flight time will count toward competitors score. Sign up 7:15am - 8:45am. Entry fee \$10.00 per event. For complete rules, and map contact Jim Hanson, or visit or web site (1hss.org):

CD Jim Hanson 949 646-3603

April 2003 Harbor Soaring Society minutes

Note: secretaries comments in ().

Hello everyone.

(The April meeting went well. 12 in attendance. You should have been there).

Officers in attendance, Karl, Warren, Chris.

Called meeting to order 7:30 pm.

Be sure to check all posted contest and club-function dates to confirm that they correspond with the correct numerical day.

We have a bank account at Downey Savings. The signatories on the account are from circa 1992 or 1993. A motion was brought forth by Ross Thomas to change the signatories on the account to reflect current board members Karl Hawley and Chris Adamczyk. The motion was seconded by club-member Mike Vongli. The board then voted 3 in favor of updating the signatures on the savings account, 0 opposing. Club members voted 9 in favor, 0 opposing. The motion passed unanimously in favor of updating the signatories of the Downey Savings bank account to Karl Hawley and Chris Adamczyk.

The city has approved the HSS flying site and sent the Fairview Park site plans to the state.

For any of those that can prepare a three-fold brochure, please let us know. The brochures would be in the kiosk at the park, local libraries, city hall, etc. Roger McGregor stated that he has a new program to build them. Please, give us a hand.

Fred Hesse made a presentation to the club, his ideas and ongoing work with local schools. As this program had not received previous board approval, the board asked Mr. Hesse to cease his activity and not to seek or solicit further involvement with other schools until the board could meet to formally ascertain the benefits and legalities of his proposed program. Chris Adamczyk will author a cover letter and then Karl Hawley will fax Mr. Hesse's proposal to the AMA for review by their legal department.

Old minutes that are still current.

April 5th is the kick-off for Earth Day sponsored by the Friends of Fairview Park. Please come on out to the park and be a good neighbor. A trash clean-up will be held and people will be walking dogs. Exercising proper etiquette and coexisting with others in the park is what HSS is all about.

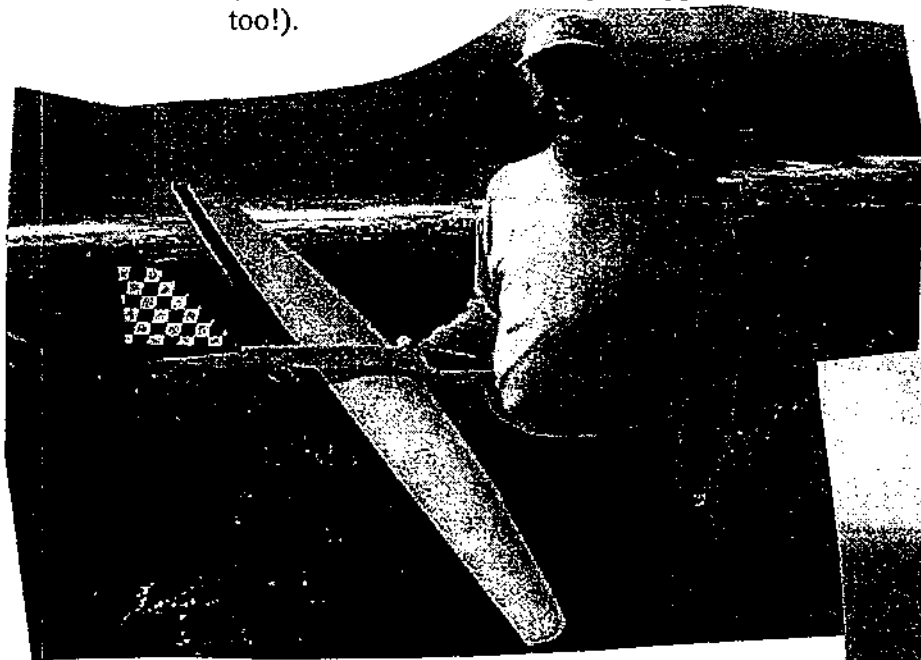
May 11th is Jim Hanson's F5J contest. Jim posted flyers at the Mid-Winter electrics in San Diego. So hopefully, some competition from around the southland will be in attendance. This contest is one motor run only. (Bring out your hot electric motored gliders and let's have some fun). Jim also has a Speed 400 competition coming up; keep posted by checking the website.

May 10th is the annual Paws Around the Park sponsored by the Friends of Fairview Park. So come on out with your pooch and get to know the park a little better. Funds raised are for a new dog drinking fountain.

A member mentioned a great point, one we often forget, or are even just not aware of. Fairview Park is owned by the city of Costa Mesa. The city has given us a great gift in our flying site. Therefore, view the flying rules and general etiquette in light of this great gift.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 pm.

(Come on out to the meetings. Suggest how HSS can be better in the future. It's your club too!).





- May 7th Tuesday 7:30 PM HSS Meeting @ Irvine Water Dist.
- June 1st HSS contest. TBA, Need A CD
- June 3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM HSS Meeting @ Irvine Water Dist.
- June 7th & 8th International Hand Launch Glider Festival (IHLGF) TPG
- July 13th, HSS contest. TBA, Need A CD
- August 13th, HSS contest. TBA, Need A CD
- September 14th, HSS contest. TBA, Need A CD
- October 12th, HSS contest. Visalia.

- November 2nd, HSS contest. TBA, Need A CD
- December 9th, no contest. HSS award banquet dinner.