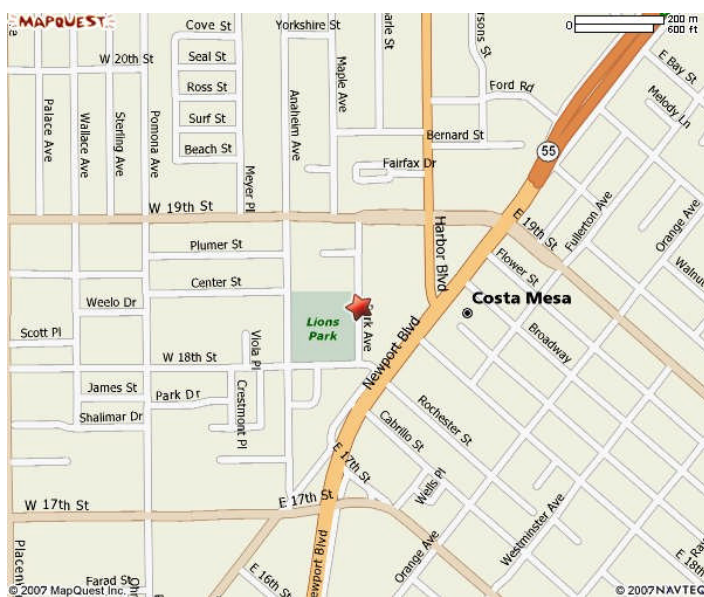




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This months meeting will be held at the Costa Mesa Community Center  
 1845 Park Ave.  
 Costa Mesa  
 Thursday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Harper Room.

### Minutes of the Harbor Soaring Society- October 2, 2008

Club officers present: Jim Hanson, President; Jerry Laux, Newsletter Editor; and John Anderson, General Director.

Business:

1. Jim Hanson reviewed the HSS board job duties and nominations for the 2009 election. The need for membership support to help with some of the tasks was also discussed.
2. Jim also noted the prospect of using the Coco's Restaurant in Costa Mesa as the location of the annual HSS banquet. John Anderson will also evaluate the site for Jim. The room itself is free and should seat 30-36 persons.



3. John Anderson showed the plaque honoring the scouts for the frequency board project. John is working with all parties to set a date for a small commemoration ceremony. A discussion followed regarding some details of the board including the type of pin to be used and issues with certain channels such as 53. These items will be permanently resolved later but meanwhile appropriate notes will be posted to clarify the matter.

4. John Anderson noted the need to address the container maintenance. A discussion followed regarding various "fixes" and their associated costs. It was agreed that the glider fliers should take a lead role in resolving the matter...ideally before the winter rains.

5. A further discussion addressed problems with the pit fencing. Various alternatives were offered. John Anderson is to explore the matter with the City. John is also exploring matching grant opportunities with AMA and the City.

Show and tell:

1. Henry Smith displayed his new quarter-scale Great Planes RV-4. His goal was to develop a quarter-scale plane under 10 pounds. In that he was only partially successful as the desired battery (8-cell/ 5000 mHa) would push the weight just above the target. The plane includes landing flaps linked to the elevator (set to provide a little "down" to reduce flap "float"). Henry noted the good structural design, clean laser-cut parts, and detailing - including considerable use of blind nuts/bolts instead of just wood screws into plywood. Henry awaits the arrival of his son in town before taking it up for its first flight.

2. Jim intended to demonstrate one of his indoor flight capable helicopter; but upon takeoff realized that the battery was not sufficiently charged. Discretion being the better part of valor the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by John Anderson, acting secretary

**THE GENERAL DIRECTION**

John Anderson, General Director

Hi everybody! As to the general direction...lets "Take-off to the right"...with "Safety First".

**1. Safety First.** That should be our primary theme for the forthcoming new year...and for every year...and for every flight. Expect that we will expand and intensify our collective efforts in that regard. Much more on this later. But for now thanks to all who have contributed to our safety efforts. Some of you are very creative in a positive way. Recently Norm Kutch, an experienced new HSS member, returning to active flying, offered some fine safety-related suggestions...including angling the runway and glider launch area slightly to achieve significantly improved flight separation and safety. Thank you Norm. We will evaluate your constructive ideas in detail - with an eye toward implementing them (possibly with the help of an AMA grant) as part of some anticipated near future work with the City.



Moreover, we encourage all flyers to offer and help implement applicable safety-related suggestions and practices.

**2. Good Scouts.** Eagle Scout candidate Brian Stanley and his team from Troop 711 have completed the frequency board project. The board was officially “inaugurated” on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> (please see accompanying photos). Jim Hanson, HSS president assisted Brian in mounting a brass plaque to the board. The plaque credits Brian for his fine effort. Jim then presented a letter of testimony to Brian. Frequency-controlled flying using the new board officially commenced immediately thereafter.

**3. Goodbye to a fine flyer.** As noted elsewhere in this issue; Del Kahan has passed away. He generously donated planes and equipment to HSS/Sea Scout-model aviation and individual flyers. On behalf of all his recipients and many friends ... Thanks and happy landings!

**4. Container -continued; continued; continued...** To contain or not contain? The forthcoming rainy season may make that decision for us...by turning the HSS container into a “has-bin“ (as Ted Broberg, our resident punster may quip). Seems like hi-time for the glider gang to hi-start this project? Can I help?

**5. Welcome aboard -and good luck!** As of this writing, we don’t know who will be the newly elected HSS Board Members; but we welcome you in advance and sincerely wish you the best of luck! Serving on the HSS Board is not a particularly easy or appreciated effort. But if you love to fly and sincerely serve to preserve the privilege for all to fly at Fairview - then you’ll do just fine. On behalf of all of us. Thanks!  
“Landing...left-to-right“.



Club President Jim Hanson and Boy Scout Brian Stanley mounting memorial plaque on the new frequency board





More Frequency Board photo ops

Letter of recognition to Brian Stanley

## Important Stuff

The annual Christmas party is coming up.

A place has not been decided upon yet. The choices look to be between Hometown Buffet in Santa Ana, or Coco's in Costa Mesa. If you want to be in on the decision making, come to the next meeting.

The ballots for the election of new officers will be tallied at the upcoming meeting. Make sure you have your's in by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Items of interest

**From Larry Tuohino. OCSA President**

**Best Soaring Simulator yet? <http://www.cumulus-soaring.com/condor.htm>**

**If you love P-51's and their pilots, go to <http://www.graveagles.org/video.htm>**

Hello Fellow Club Members:

This is a link to a web page I have created to place Club photos for you to view and enjoy. If you have any photos I can post please e-mail them to me @ [tog4rc@pachell.net](mailto:tog4rc@pachell.net).

For you who do not have internet access too bad. Get with the program!!

<http://picasaweb.google.com/rc.goat>

Jim Hanson  
You're Prez.



**Hello fellow Club Members:**

Karl Hawly is looking for anyone who is willing to speak, do a show and tell, or a how to demonstration, on any topics related to our hobby, at one of our club meetings. Any persons interested contact Karl Hawley at (949) 574-9379 or talk to him at the flying field.

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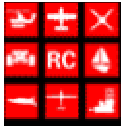
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