



# 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.

July 2025

HSS IS NOW 61 YEARS OLD!

Volume 90

## HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

### Fairview Park flying field is open!

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

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#### Coming Events

July 2025

- **NEW MEETING LOCATION!! FIRST TEAM REAL ESTATE OFFICE**
- Fairview Park flying days will be **July 12** & 19.  
**NOTE:** No flying July 5 due to the holiday
- Club Meeting July 8



### 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 Costco pizzas & Coors Light; I ask for \$5 for pizza and \$5 for beer. There's lots of room, so c'mon down!

### 2025 OCMA Events

Event: **AMA Pattern**

Date: July 12-13

Event: **OCMA Fall Swap Meet**

Date: October 4 - Saturday

Event: **Scale Competition Workshop or 1 Day Scale event**, theme to be determined

Date: October 18 - Saturday

Event: **OCMA Annual Toy Drive**

Date: December 6 - Saturday

Hand delivered 2026 renewals and applications will be accepted

BBQ

### Lions Club Fish Fry

We had a booth at the Lions Club Fish Fry again this year, June 27-28-29. We spent long days talking to people, helping with FPG9 gliders, and keeping the flight sims going. We had a raffle for an AMA Beta free flight rubber-powered model, and we signed up several new members! This event is the last weekend in June every year, so make plans to help out next year! Thank you to everyone who helped this year: Mat Garcia, Mike Costello, Sid Hood, John Rittenhouse, Henry Smith 3 & 4, Kevin Koch, and Jesse Calleros.





### 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 two colors on the back of the shirt. Please let Mat or Mike know how many you'd like!

### June Flying Days

June 7 was probably the best flying day this year: great weather and the wind was light & from exactly down the runway. Hi start launches brought the chute right at the pit area. There was lift to be found for nice flights. I am writing this on Sat June 21, after returning home from not flying, and it was not a repeat of the 7<sup>th</sup>: cool, gusty, and mostly crosswind. John R got numerous flights on a Wanderer and Erv put up his Supra only one time. More "hanger flying" than air time. John advised that conditions improved later and that people were flying right up to the 2:00 cutoff.

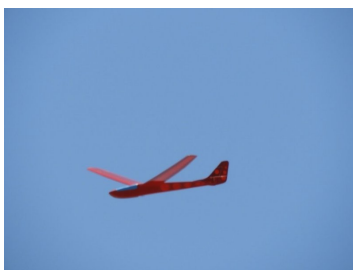
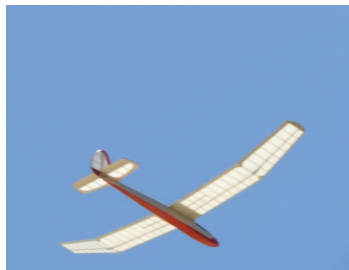






### Bluff Park Slope Flying

On Wed June 18, John Rittenhouse & Mike Costello joined Dean Peiten for an afternoon of flying in slope lift at Long Beach's Bluff Park, along Ocean Blvd. Dean flies there often; John and I haven't done so for a very long time, like 40 years for me! It's very different to just stay up and fly for a half hour with no search for thermals or hi start parachutes! Landings at Bluff Park are on grass or sand at the base of the bluff. I misjudged the location of my Windfree and a magnetic palm tree reached out & snatched it out of the sky – on the inland side of Ocean Blvd. Glad it didn't come to rest on the street!



Mark's Models trio: Windward, Windfree, Wanderer

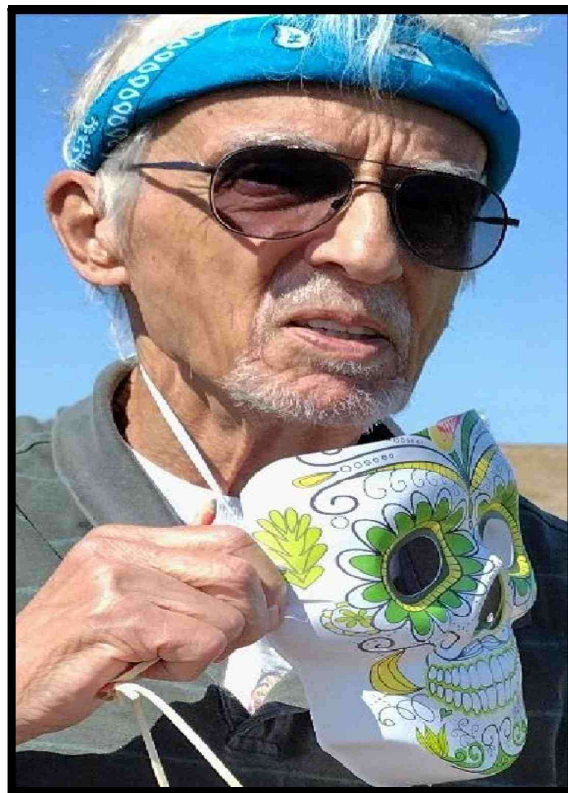






### **Emerald "Charlie" Herrington**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our long time member Emerald Herrington, known to most as Charlie or Chuck. He was an avid free flyer, designing and building numerous models. We'll miss you!



### Planes for Sale

- Our member Craig Goldenson has decided it's time to reduce his inventory. I know he has lots of planes! Contact him 562-230-9216
- Hey guys, got several foamies for sale including the Phoenix 2000, Husky, Maule, FOX 2m, Super Cub, ASW 28, Phoenix 2400, and more. All have been flown. \$60 to \$75 each. Got too many models. Questions call Curt Nehring at 949-525-3038
- Hello. Hoping y'all can help me. My father passed away and he has quite a collection of RC planes and all the things. He was a member of the AMA. It's in a storage unit in Orange and I don't want to pay the fees for storing it anymore. Plus there are some at my house. Please let me know if you're interested or know anyone who'd be. I could show you the collection. Thank you. Feel free to call me at 951-285-1336 Jeanne

### Sources

We frequently get asked where to buy parts. You can refer this question to our sources page:

<https://www.harborsoaringsociety.org/model-parts-and-kits>

In addition to these sources, the Ace Hardware store on Adams in Huntington Beach has K&S tubing & music wire, as well as other model-size hardware items. This is thanks to Mike Greenshields, formerly of Hobby People / Shack fame, as he is now doing purchasing for Ace. Thanks Mike!

Ace Hardware  
9045 Adams Ave (at Magnolia)  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
714-962-1850

### 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/> or [www.1hss.org](http://www.1hss.org)

New Vendor page: <https://www.harborsoaringsociety.org/model-parts-and-kits>

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





### **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 2025 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](http://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](http://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.



**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 wife, 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](mailto: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, or 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](mailto: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.







## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

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: \_\_\_\_\_



## HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY OFFICERS FOR 2022

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**Facebook at** [www.facebook.com/harborsoaringsociety](http://www.facebook.com/harborsoaringsociety) **and E-mail at** [harborsoaringsociety@gmail.com](mailto:harborsoaringsociety@gmail.com)

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**SEE DETAILS INSIDE**

