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AMA Charter #128
The Western Soaring Capital
<http://www.1hss.org>



Message from the President **IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING**

Public meetings to update the public on the master plan for Fairview Park are scheduled for Thursday, July 11th at 7:00 P.M. at the Neighborhood Community Center in Costa Mesa off West 19th St. Ron Molendyk is the new Fairview Park Plan Administrator (714) 754-5300

In July H.S.S. is hosting three contests. SC2 handlaunch 13 and RES 6-14 and Open SC2 July 28th. All club members should be there to help out. Thank you. The AMA paper is done and I reserved the park for the 3 days at \$25.00 per day. Each contest costs \$15.00 to the AMA.

Tom Copp will be C.D. for the June 3rd contest. It will be man on man, 4-10 minute rounds or more. Bring your winches and batteries if you have them. Call Tom Copp (949) 645-7032 for information.

James Hanson is our new full time CD and Frank Chastler will be his back-up, thanks to both of us.

Costa Mesa Recreation Review **Summer 2002 Concert in the Park**

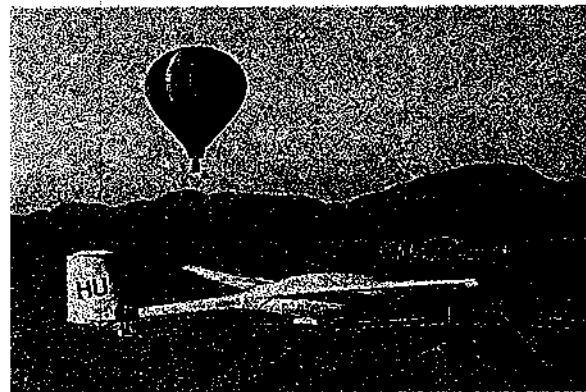
The concert series will be presented on Tuesday evenings July 9 through August 13th, 6:15 – 7:45 P.M. at Fairview Park 2525 Placentia Ave.

Will and Geri Conrad will not be doing the newsletter after this issue. I would like to say thank very much for doing a great job, but we all must move on. So, we need a newsletter editor NOW, call Karl for the job. I will do it for July, so mail your news and ads to Karl Hawley 296 16th Pl. Costa Mesa, Ca 92627.

Casey Adamczyk won Jr.'s at Visalia RES two day contest on May 18th and 19th, way to go Casey!!

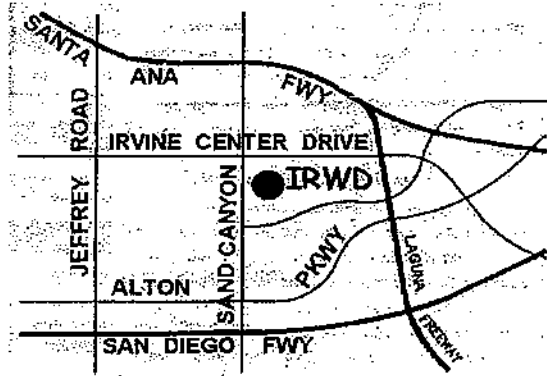
I will be looking for all of you at the filed and the public meetings and the club meeting.

KARL HAWLEY

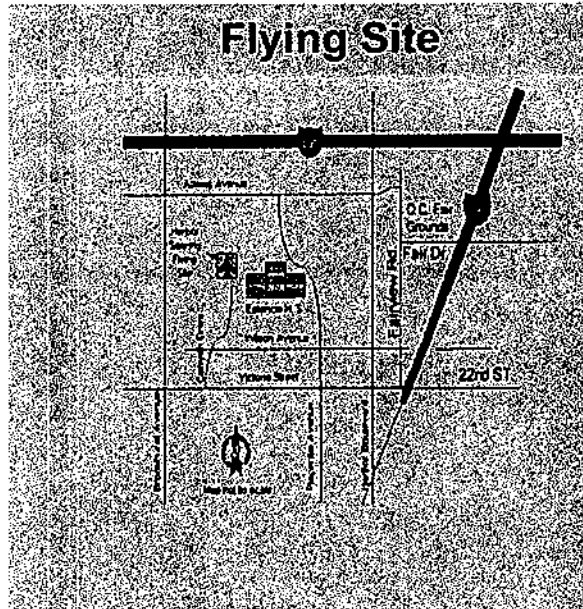


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Meeting Location: Irvine Water District located at 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. 1/2 mile West of 5 fwy., south side of street. (note: Board Meetings are Held 30 Minutes Before Club Meetings)



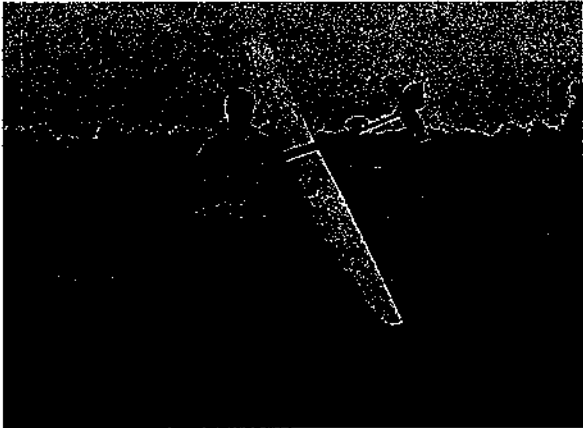
Note: The Irvine Rough Water District neither supports nor endorses the cause or policies of Organizations which use the District's meeting rooms and are made available for public reference.



Now is the time to re-new your club membership
Don't put it off, do it now!
Support your organization

**CLUB ACTIVITIES
2002 SCHEDULE**

June 1st 2002 Intl Hand Launch
Glider Festival TPG
June 4th HSS Meeting 7:30
June 23rd SC2 HLG Contest
June 30th SC2 SWSA
(Dates subject to change)



JUNE MEETING
Dave Sanders the scale glider guru will be our featured speaker this month, don't miss it!
Same time, same place. Support your club, please attend our meetings.
Yani

Slope Flying in Baja

You can find weathered rocks, wildlife, waves and a cliffs among a trove of Spanish heritage right here in Southern California but the real excitement comes when you venture into Mexico proper. Bob Barry, Steve Hendry, Tom Vincent, and myself have formed a sub culture within the Harbor Soaring Society. We consider ourselves developing connoisseurs of fine wines, or just plain wino's to many of you. We are not alone; our VP is an honorary member. We heard of a couple of good wineries in Baja and wanted to pay a visit.

Never make a trip to Mexico without making room in the car for a slope ship or two. There are many great places to explore looking for lift. Our latest adventure started on March 22 when Steve Hendry and myself drove south and hooked up with our host Don First and Bob Barry this side of the border. We headed into Tijuana and toured a winery there followed by lunch with a Tijuana police captain who is a good friend of Bob and Don. We then headed south toward Campo Lopez where Don has a residence overlooking the ocean. Nice, very nice. It pays to have good friends.

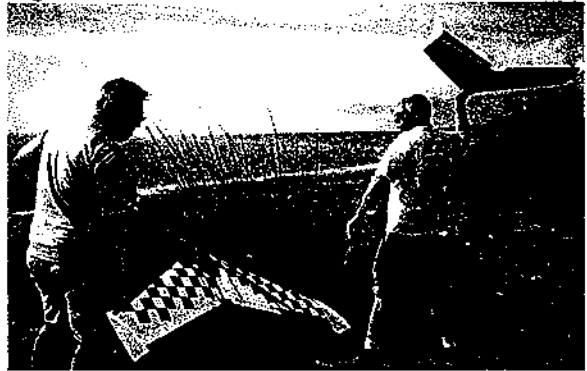
We stopped at the Halfway House, so named because it is halfway between Tijuana and Ensenada. Hendry loves it; this place is right up there on top of his favorite places. Historical significance aside, the Halfway house is the headquarters for the Labor Day hang gliding competition and numerous pictures on the wall prove it. About three quarters of a mile inland are thousand foot cliffs overlooking the Pacific. The hang glider pilots jump off of these cliffs and eventually land on the beach below the Halfway house. Now it doesn't take a Caltech graduate to figure out that if this is great for the hang gliders then it must me great for slope gliders too. Before making the trip to the top of these cliffs one should immerse themselves in the culture and the outstanding margaritas served by Felix, the proprietor of the Halfway house and a wonderful host.

The following morning we headed to Ensenada and toured a winery there and checked out a couple of more historical spots before heading north again. We did a quick charge job on the gliders and headed up the mountain. The first half of the trip is fairly easy but the second half requires a high profile vehicle. My Explorer makes the trip just fine. On top the view is outstanding and with the onshore breeze coming

straight in the lift is better than good. Our friend Don could care less about airplanes but enjoys taking in the spectacular view and serving cold beer to the fliers. Bob Barry was busy with his camera trying for the perfect shot with imperfect pilots and questionable skills. It really is an enjoyable experience.

Our weekend was over so the worst part of the trip starts which is getting back over the border. Steve and I stopped to shop for concrete yard art to keep the wives happy. We did darn good, getting everything they asked for. We then got in the mostly stopped lines heading for the border. Almost 3 hours later we were talking with a border inspector while a couple of overzealous National Guardsmen looked through the car. They spotted the Boomerang and Zagi and thought they were so neat they didn't even check the cooler full of tequila and brandy.

It was a good trip and one we will do again. I wouldn't make the trip just to fly airplanes but we'll be going again soon. Perhaps some fishing thrown in with the flying or just kicking back and flying. The Halfway House and the slope we fly at are in Cantamar, which is about 10 miles south of Rosarita Beach. If any club member would like to make the trip we can give detailed directions. If you want to make it with a group of us then let one of us know an we will get a trip organized and set a date.



FUTURE CONTEST SCHEDULE

- May 5th Sun HSS Contest Fairview Park TBA, Need A CD
- May 7th Tuesday 7:30 PM HSS Meeting @ Irvine Water Dist.
- May 19th (SC)² Torrey Pine Gulls-TPG
- May 25th and 26th - PSS 21st Annual Two Day Contest.
- June 1st 2002 International Hand Launch Glider Festival TPG
- June 2nd Sun HSS Contest Fairview Park TBA, Need A CD
- June 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM HSS Meeting @ Irvine Water Dist.
- June 30th (SC)² Silent Wings Soaring Society-SWSA

Check out Karl Hawleys new toy ! Karl has been spotted at the field testing his new binocular attached helmet over the past few weeks. Rumor has it that Karl is trying to get the edge on Ross Thomas in Bent Wing competition. The binoculars are attached to the helmet to allow easy transition from launch to long range vision. They are the focus free type which allow hands off use at any range.

Les Kenyon

**H.S.S. MAY CONTEST RESULTS 2002****OPEN**

1. Al Cron	2521.5
2. Steve Hendry	2231.0
3. Tom Watson	2060.0
4. Ross Thomas	1821.5

R.E.S

1. Ross Thomas	2778.0
2. John Barr	2724.0
3. Karl Harley	2679.5
4. Casey Adamczyk	2443.0
5. John Krug	1083.25



SILENT WINGS SOARING ASSOCIATION

(SC)² Thermal Duration Contest, June 30, 2002

Las Palmas Middle School, 641 N. Lark Ellen Ave, Covina

Sign Up: 8:15 AM

A Smoke Free

Pilots Meeting: 8:45 AM

Facility

Contest: 9:00 AM

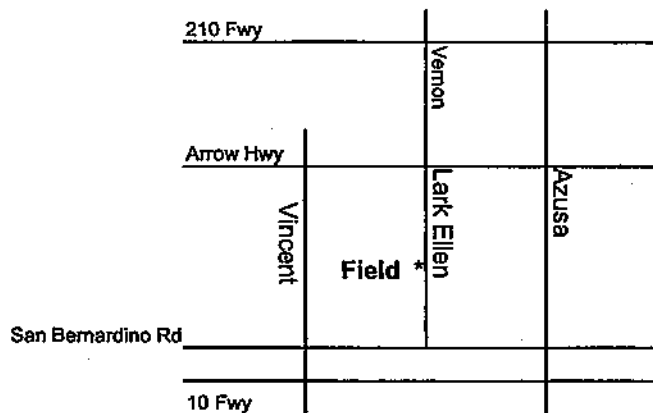
Three rounds precision duration: 6, 10, and 8 minutes,
runway landings, 960/50 points.

12 volt winches with retrievers, approximately 525 feet to
turn around. Mowed grass. A portable toilet will be available.

Trophies: 1st-3rd for all classes. Entry fee \$8.

Valid AMA membership card required. Landings must be
below berm for flight points. All (SC)² and AMA rules apply.

Contest Director: Frank Corsaro, 909-984-4978 (Alt. Pete
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web site, www.swsa.8k.com (Map detail, field photos and more)



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