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Charter # 128

HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY  
Serving the Thermal, Slope, &  
Electric Soaring Community

HSS July Meeting

Date: 5 July, 7:30 pm

Location: Hobby Shack, FV

Guest Speaker: Unknown

Door Prize: Unknown

JULY EVENTS

HSS Monthly	July 9
Slope Race	July 22
Classic/2M	July 23



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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## Presidents Message

Can you believe it's already July. I must be getting older. The years sure are flying by and I concur with the saying, "The older you get the faster it goes," or is it bigger it grows. Oh well, I hope everyone is enjoying this years flying. After the wet winter we've had a couple nice months of weather. There seems to be an increase in the number of people out on the weekends and a good turnout at last weeks LSF day. We've had a good turnout at the meetings this year too. Up to between 30-40 versus just 10-20 of a year ago. We've got room for about 50 so tell a friend. Remember when you come to the meeting, park on the North side of the building so Hobby Shack will have enough room for their customers.

Unfortunately, lack of interest and participation caused another cancellation of the novice contest two weeks ago. This is a real bummer. I'm convinced this is one of the best ways to initiate novice/sportsman into contests. It's easy to forget that contest can be very intimidating for a newbe so lets get out there and support the novice contest. If we have to cancel the next one we may wind up canceling the rest for the year.

Nothing new with the city but I'll keep you posted. Some of the members are pushing for grass in the landing area. This would need city approval and water but we have the money so if you want it, push for it.

I'd like to thank all those who have helped during the first half of the year. A special thanks to Mike Aguirre for working with the beginners over the last month and to the cleaning crew who gave the extra effort to mow and pick up trash at the field. The field sure looks better when the "chores" are done.

Harbor's SC2 is coming up in two months. We will need about 15 volunteers to help run the contest. Ross Thomas will be organizing the effort with the help of Mike Aguirre so contact them to see how YOU can help.

Now that you're caught up on your HSS current events, go out there and get caught up in a boomer!!

## Secretary's Report

HSS Meeting 6/95

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm. Minutes accepted as published.

Guests: Ed Clark & Matt Forquer

Pete Young was presented a plaque for his outstanding job as newsletter editor. He'll be missed. Randy BE'loff will fill Pete's position. Randy has a background writing for full scale aircraft magazines - an asset sue to keep the HSS newsletter tops.

Treasurer's report accepted as read.

VP: no report

Contest Coordinator: Awards presented from last HSS contest

Gen. Director: no report

Newsletter Editor: Pete gets three cheers for a job well done. He transfers to Kirkland AFB, Albuquerque.

## OLD BUSINESS

Recap on environmental concerns (see last issue of HSS newsletter). In short: the pond is still off limits.

Secretary's Report continued:

#### NEW BUSINESS

Slope racing dates were discussed. See future newsletters & flyer in this issue for event dates.

Club picnic will be held in conjunction with the July monthly contest.

Business closed at 8:07 pm.

Nick Buzolich donated a Spirit kit for the raffle - won by Ed Clark. Thanks Nick.

Joe Ballasch of Leisure Electronics of Downey gave an excellent talk on electrics. Joe gave a rundown on the products he sells such as motors, controllers, and prop reduction units (along with demonstrations). He also gave great advice on what equipment one would need for certain applications, how to set the motor timing and what developments to expect in the future.

Thanks Joe.

#### Newsletter Editor's Word:

Pete will be a hard act to follow. The transition to a new editor is not always an easy one, so if you get this late, you have my most humble apology. There were some miscommunications, but that all looks like it has been straightened out. I should have my publishing software back up and running for the August newsletter, so just bear with me and I think we will have a top quality newsletter.

This is a common editor's plea, but I'll make it anyway.

This is your newsletter, so if you do something, discover a new plane, piece of equipment, flying site, or anything of interest to your fellow HSS members, get it to me.

Together we make a strong newsletter, separate, it sinks.

FYI:

Cross flying at Estancia flying site!

Ed Resetar, slope wizard, has been seen with his new MAKO at the thermal site, and Ross Thomas, thermaler extraordinaire, has been seen at the slope with one of his 2M Gnomes.

Come on out and see what the other guys are flying. You just may find out will enjoy it.

## HSS Scale Report

### HSS Members at Vintage Sailplane Association Meet

Memorial Day is the day for the annual West Regional gathering of the VSA at Hemet Ryan Airport. As in years past space was made for model sailplane demos and static displays. HSS members Dennis Brandt, Larry Tuohino, and Randy BeLoff made the trip. This year's full-size theme was "Classical Glas", i.e. focusing on fiberglass sailplanes more than 20 years old (pre-carbon fibre), but plenty of "woodys" and steel-tube planes were there. For scale nuts this meet is next to heaven!

Planes and pilots were available for inspection were SGS 1-24, all three remaining Finnish Sisus, Diamante, TG-4, Ka-8B, HP-18(?), Libelle 205, BG-12, Cirrus and mucho many more. This is in addition to the latest wonder toys like ASW 24s, Grobs, etc. Especially interesting was the evening BBQ speaker who discussed "collectable sailplanes" and speculated on how long the first generation of glas ships would remain safely flyable- basically no one knows!

Highlight of the trip for this writer was next day getting a ride for himself and his wife in the TG-4 for the price of the tow. The owner of this award winning restoration of the WW2 trainer is Dave Fronius, and a more enthusiastic promoter of soaring one could not hope to meet. This was the first time for me to soar a full-size in a gaggle of other gliders- what an experience! By including the spouse, I've almost got her talked into lessons...but only if "for both of us", she says...now lessons will be twice as expensive!

This meet also gives rise to an idea. The concept of a contest (or club meeting) based on R/C gliders (scale or otherwise) which were *built* more than 20 years ago (not just designed) might make a basis for a interesting model contest/meeting. Several members are rumored to have some really odd birds gathering dust (Editor's note: some members are themselves "dusty odd birds"). Much has changed since Jetco Thermic 50s and Babcock escapements. Prizes (or bragging rights) for both flying and static display. Finally a contest I can win(?) with an 23 year old ASW-17....Hey, keep it fun!

L. Tuohino 6/19/95.

#### FYI Version

After going to the Vintage Sailplane Association's Memorial Day meet in Hemet, Larry Tuohino thinks HSS should have a meet for models actually built over 20 years ago. No wonder since he is currently flying a 23 year old ASW-17...! Maybe a good theme for a club meeting.

# HSS June Monthly Contest

	Name	Score	Normalized	Award
1	Dave Nemecek	2863	1000	1st Expert
2	Eric Thornton	2750	960	2nd Expert
3	Duane Lane	2666	931	3rd Expert
4	Ed Resetar	2656	927	1st Advanced
5	Keith McClellan	2616	914	2nd Advanced
6	John Bikle	2559	894	
7	Eric Marcussen	2549	890	3rd Advanced
8	Pat Stoker	2485	868	
9	Jim Markel	2467	862	
10	Will Conrad	2427	848	
11	Bill Duncan	2329	813	
12	George Azvedo	2364	825	1st Sportsman
13	Dan Lair	2362	825	
14	Al Cron	2305	805	
15	Bob Pope	2229	778	
16	Roger Seville	1125	393	2nd Sportsman

ANNUAL 4th of JULY SLOPE FUN FLY at Bluff Park, Long Beach

Time: 8:30 am - 0 dark:30 (Stay for the Queen Mary Fireworks Display)

What: A fun slope event for the family. Bring a picnic lunch and spend the day in the sun.

The 7th Bluff Park Fun Fly at Long Beach's Bluff Park on Ocean Blvd., will include a few events to add interest, but not so many as to distract from the "FUN" of the Fun-Fly.

Events will include a light lift slope race, a "You Build It" contest, where you build a slope ship of your own design from raw materials you bring, or from cardboard boxes and tape, and finally a "Last-one-up" (Night flying) contest.

For more info, call CD Bob Reynolds, at (310) 633-5654.

FYI:

It's nice to see other HSS members smiling faces (other than Clerx-Lackey-Agguire that is) in a national magazine.

Check out Pete Young's Soaring column in RC REPORT's August issue to see who else makes the news!

# HSS Activity Calendar

## July 1995

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23 Classic/2M	24	25	26	27	28	29
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27 SC2 (SWSA)	28	29	30	31		

HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY

# **SLOPE RACE FUN FLY**

Saturday July 22, 1995  
1pm to Sunset

HSS invites local slope soarers to join us for a afternoon of fun and racing along HSS's Estancia (or Back Bay cliffs). Single \$7.50 entry fee for all events. AMA membership required. HSS discounted memberships (\$10.00!) will be offered. Pilots meeting at 1:00PM.

- Unlimited Closed Circuit Distance/Speed
- 60" Slope Pylon Race
- Rudder/Elevator Only Pylon Fun Race

Further info contact:  
Ed or Keith

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# **ELECTRIC SOAR FUN FLY II**

Saturday August 12, 1995  
9 to noon

HSS invites local electric soaring enthusiasts to join us again for a morning of fun chasing HSS's famous Estancia thermals. No big competition (OK an "All-up-last-down") but an exchange of techniques and ideas for the future!!! BBQ at noon. AMA membership required. HSS discounted memberships (\$10.00!) will be offered.

Further info contact:  
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