



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.

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HSS IS NOW 62 YEARS OLD!

Volume 104

HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

Fairview Park flying field is open!

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

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Coming Events September 2026

- Flying days Sat August 5 & 19
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 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 pizzas & beverages; I ask for \$5 for pizza and \$5 for beer. There's lots of room, so c'mon down!

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



Embroidered HSS Patches

We now have beautiful fully embroidered patches available. These are 3.5" diameter and look really sharp! Cost is a whopping \$3 each.



Foam Airplane Contest

VP Dan Vozenilek has accepted the responsibility to come up with an activity we can do at our meetings; this evolved from John Anderson suggesting we resuscitate the foam board challenge design & fly contests we used to hold pre-covid. Be sure to bring your imagination & creativity to the meeting.

FUNCTIONAL FUN-for our meetings ???

Given our circumstances, over many long months, HSS has needed to firmly focus on its very survival. And in that regard, HSS has done an outstanding job. Thank you all!

But being 90, I still remember a bit of the good old days when we could just fly and have fun-at the field and at our meetings. Now, despite the ongoing stress, let's try to retain and expand the essential element of fun.

Story time, how-to, walkalong glider contests, photos, videos, memories of old friends, member profiles, jokes, special foods/drinks, guest speakers, kids night, STEM stuff, etc, etc. etc. Maybe even invite some special guests, speakers, EAA, CAP folks, maybe even a politician or two.?

Any little something to help us better bond, strengthen our resolve and create strong fellowship thermals to help our spirits soar. Maybe even explore an on-line component to help include members who cannot otherwise attend in person-like me in a few years!.



John Anderson's 90th

WOW! THANKS!

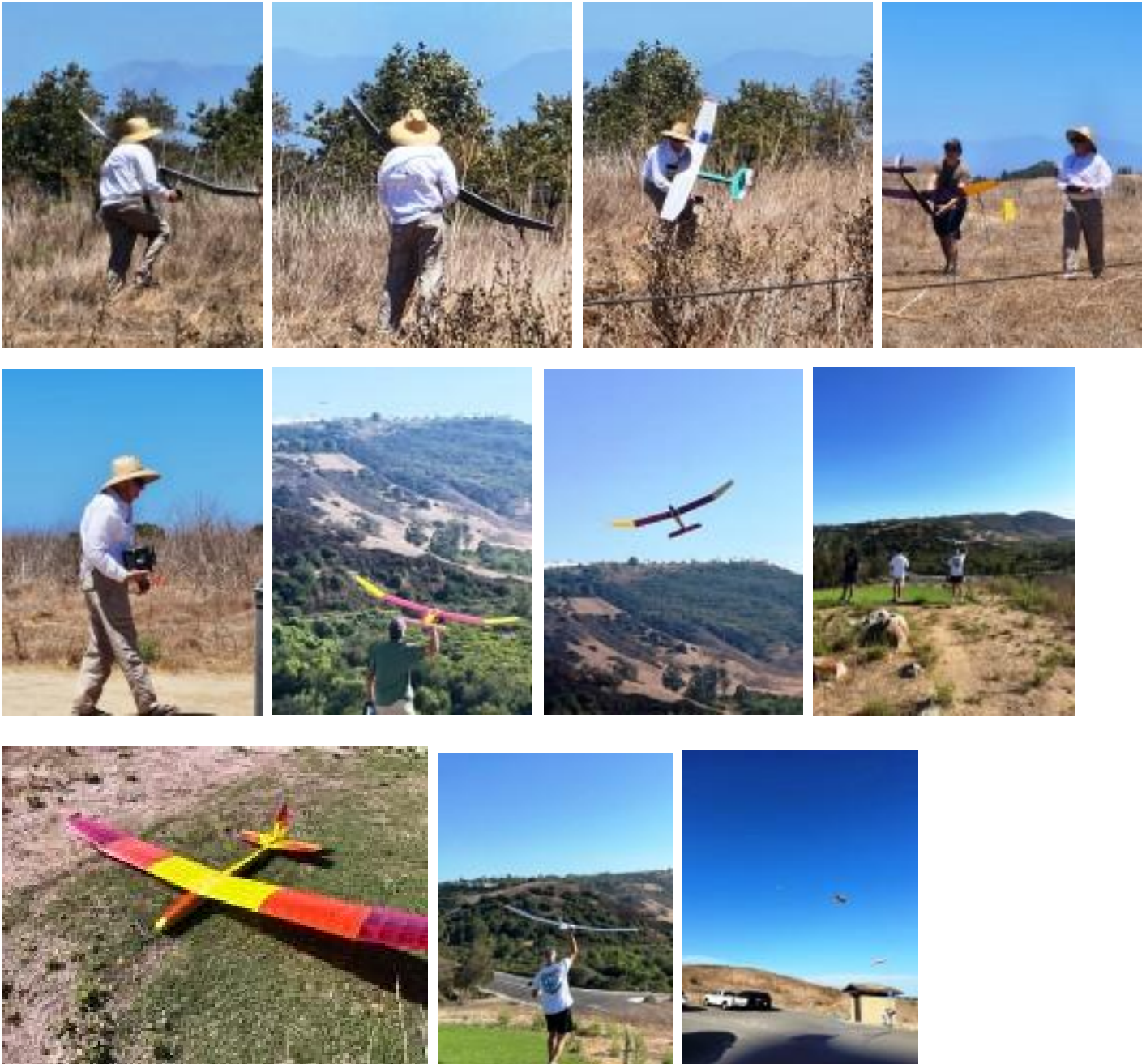
Thanks HSS for a wonderful 90th birthday bash - and a special thanks for the little electric FF foamie "jet fighter." I finally took the time for trial, error & success in figuring out how to power it up. I flew it on August 27th. I charged it via cable/laptop, did 3 short trim flights, then charged a bit more and launched it....WOW great flight, it kept climbing and going and climbing and going -eventually safely landing high in a distant tree.

No way was I going to leave it there. I immediately drove home, collected a variety of poles, rods, sticks and duct tape and returned. Now where was that tree? Must be this one. Now where in the tree is the plane? After a prolonged visual search, I found the plane blending into a high leafy branch. I responded to the challenge by duct taping 7 assorted segments and started to probe. After a bit I could no longer see the plane. But I kept probing until I was ready to drop (I am 90). Then, I glanced about and saw the plane on the ground a few feet away behind me. It's a miracle! That flight was the belated grand finale of my birthday celebration. THANKS guys! I'll bring that model to our next meeting for show & tell.



August Flying Days

We flew August 1 and 18. Winds were mostly "right down the runway," so chasing the hi start parachute was pretty easy. We also gave the winch a good workout! Plenty of lift and lots of learners giving our collection of Wanderers a workout. The last 6 photos are from John Rittenhouse's recent visit to Kite Hill. Please come out and fly with us!



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 2026 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. 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, 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.

HSS Club Decals

We now have a new shipment of 1,000 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.

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/> (New Vendor Page)

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



HSS Planned Activities and Events

Thanks to John Rittenhouse for the preparation of the following Calendar of Events.

Some of the activities have not been cancelled yet, but are subject to cancellation at a moment's notice.

Repeating activities include:

- Monthly General Meetings - 7 to 9 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. These are now in person.
- Monthly Steering Committee Meetings - 6 to 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. These are now in person. Additional meetings to be planned as required.
- Flying field maintenance on an as-needed basis.
- Quarterly meetings with the Orange County Parks Department. .

Annual Events:

- 2.10.2023 Wix, website management payment due.
- 3.23.2024 Wix, harborsoaringsociety.org domain name re-registration payment due.
- 7.2023 Network Solutions, website domain name re-registration payment due.
- March AMA charter and "Gold Leader Club" renewal.
- March Club must purchase "Certificate of Liability Insurance" from AMA.
- April Imaginology - This is a public service event held at the Orange County Fairgrounds. HSS provides booths containing static displays of model aircraft, build & fly foam plate gliders, and model flight simulators.
- June Lions Club Fish Fry. HSS has a booth at this annual event
- July Concerts at the Park - Three evenings on Tuesday nights in July at Fairview Park. Music is sponsored by the City of Costa Mesa. HSS supports this public service event with a pop-up sunshade, and static display of model aircraft.
- July Bent Wing Glider Competition. This event is open to all club members and guests.*
- August National Model Aviation Day. Open house, demonstrations, free flying lessons, and acquiring donations for charity.*
- August Dollar Foam Design/Build/Fly competition. Tentative schedule. Aircraft are original designs, electric powered RC models made from a single sheet of paper backed 1/4" foam. Performance criteria to be determined.
- September Club Secretary shall submit annual 501(c)(3) report to IRS (include \$25 payment).
- October Pumpkin Festival/Scarecrow Competition. This is a public service activity for HSS. It is planned by the city, to be held at the Lions Park
- October Nominations made for new club officers.
- November New club officer election. General Meeting.
- December Christmas party and new club officer installation. Location to be determined.
- TBD Letter of Agreement with John Wayne control tower. Renew every two years.



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 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.



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, and 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.

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 2024

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: _____



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