

AMA Charter #128
The Western Soaring Capital
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#### President's Message

I want to thank all of you who attended the August meeting, it was great to see so many members, and really a treat to visit with our old friend Dave Sanders. Thank you very much Dave, you are always entertaining, and WE look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party.

Big Thank You's are also in order for Will Conrad who jumped in and took over the newsletter. Will is a good organizer with a lot of good ideas and experience, please give him a hand and help out with an article or two.

While I am on the thank you train I want to thank Jim Hanson and the Weekday Morning Electric crowd who have come to grips with the early morning noise problems. It looks like massive cooperation and smooth flying is the outcome of our latest crisis. Don't forget to support the funfly September 16<sup>th</sup>, check the website out for details.

Ben Clerx, Tom Copp, Mark Taylor, James Turner, Chris and I are leaving for the F3J finals in Chicago August 29<sup>th</sup>. We get back September 4<sup>th</sup>; I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting that night where I will give a report on the contest and the latest TOYS from behind the eastern gate.

Don't forget to think about Club officers for next year, your current officers are worn out! Save the Club, get your way; volunteer to run for office at the September Meeting. BCNU Larry

#### BATTERY RECYCLING

The following is from an article from a past Popular Mechanics magazine regarding the recycling of rechargeable batteries.

Q. What happens to the recycled batteries after I drop them off at a participating retail store?

A. Retailers collect your spent battery packs and ship them to the recycling facility for processing The reclaimed materials can be used in new products – such as new batteries and stainless steel products.

**Q.** Which rechargeable batteries can be recycled?

A. The following rechargeable battery chemistries can be recycled – Nickel Cadmium (NI-Cd), Nickel metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead\* (Pb). Look for the Battery Recycling Seal on the battery.

\* weighing up to 2lbs/1kg per battery

Q. Where can I recycle my used rechargeable batteries?

A. At any of the participating retailers, or call the consumer helpline, 1-800-8-BATTERY, to find the retail collection site nearest you.

Q. Can I include my batteries with other recyclable materials in my local recycling program?

A. RBRC offers a recycling plan for communities to incorporate rechargeable batteries into an already established household waste collection program.

Q. Can I still recycle my battery if it does not have a seal on it?

A. Yes. As long as it's a NiOCd, Ni-MH, Li-ion or Pb rechargeable battery. Most batteries will have the chemistry listed on the battery pack.

Q. Do you recycle car batteries?

A. No. They are not the type of batteries accepted in the RBRC program.



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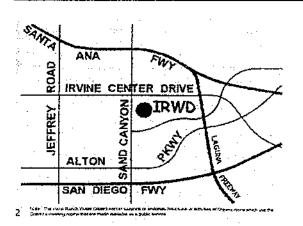
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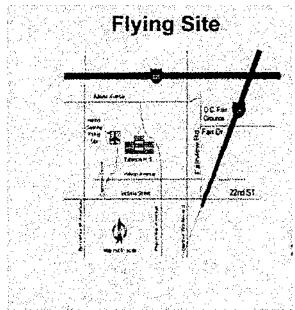
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Meeting Location: Irvine Water District located at 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. 1/2 mile West of 5 fwy., south side of street. (note: Board Meetings are Held 30 Minutes Before Club Meetings)





Fun Fly Karl is doing a FUN FLY the 3rd weekend of Sept, to coincide with the Train Weekend, An all up at 10 again at 11 again at 12 to see how many planes we could fly in a 10 to 15 minute period. Open flying from 8 AM to 5 PM with some 3 minute flying and spot landing for a buck. Sunday the kids can come over from the trains and watch us. Hot dog and drink for \$6. COME JOIN THE FUN!!! Bring the family.

#### Soaring Dates for 2001 Sept. 1-2<sup>nd</sup> Tehachapi Full Size Vintage Gliders, Fun Sept. 4th Meeting Sept, 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly Contest - need CD Sept, 15-16 Train Guys two day, Fun Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> HSS - (SC)2Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Oct. 6<sup>th-</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> VISALIA Don't miss this one!! Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Monthly Contest - need CD Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Dec 11th H.S.S. Christmas Party

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

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(Put this on your calendar!)

Monthly Contest - CD

"No minutes for the August meeting available."

#### **NICK'S VIEW**

Regarding the August 12th H.S.S. contest, the contest did not run as smoothly as it was intended. I did not have direct control as well I should have.

- ...Started after 10 A.M.
- ... I did not maintain match-up control
- ... I did not score all flights properly.
- ...All flights were not completed.

It will be treated as a WASH-OUT, where, no credit towards year end trophies will be given.

Attention will be addressed to this procedure at Club Meeting.

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#### **FAA AND CITY STATUS**

After the temporary shutdown of our flying activities by the city, things have returned to normal, and we have full access to the field, as in the past.

We have received a notification from the FAA that irresponsible flying of model aircraft can be a serious offence, and we have made a few rule changes to improve safety. We must now Land our planes whenever a manned airplane, or helicopter, comes close to our flying site. This must be done, even in the middle of a contest flight. (It can be reflown without penalty.) We must also fly with a spotter. And, of course, we must continue to follow the club rules that have been in effect since the beginning of time.

In order to keep noise complaints minimized, the club has asked the City to ban electric flying before 8:30 am. There have been some big and loud electrics flying as early as 6 A.M., which sets the neighbors into a state of high hysteria. In order to keep the noise away from the homes to the south, all electric flying should be done to the north of our signboards and storage container. There are no restrictions on winch launches and sailplanes without power.

All gas models have been banned, including the model cars that have been operating throughout the park. The City considers them a fire hazard as well as a noise problem. (This is probably to our benefit, because many neighbors have thought that the noise was coming from our airplanes.)

In the past, our club has been represented on the Fairview Park Citizen's Advisory Committee, which has been responsible for creating the master plan for the park, and for overall review of activities of the park. I have been the club's representative for several years, Larry Touhino preceded me.

The master plan has been completed, and includes a great spot for us slightly to the north of our present site. It will have a watered lawn area that covers the winch and landing sites. There is big map of the master plan near the parking area off Placentia.

The new rest rooms and picnic areas have been completed, but it is highly unlikely that any further changes will be made in the park for several years. There is still a lot of money to be raised to carry out the master plan.

The Advisory Committee was disbanded after the master plan was completed, and was replaced by the Friend of Fairview Park Committee, on which I am your representative. It meets on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7 pm at the community affairs center near Lion's Park. The committee job is to make the locals aware of Fairview Park and its uses, assist fund raising for the park, schedule activities at the park, and keep the City advised as to what is going on out there.

The Committee puts out a newsletter, and I will make sure that each of you receives a copy.

We are lucky to have one of the best flying sites anywhere, and our relationship with the City is fine. The slope has been active, and the weekend flying has been great. Come out and fly.

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#### WING ABUSE DISCUSSION

The discussions on winch launching can get somewhat opinionated at times. My soaring history dates back to about '77 (my first NATS), and am quite familiar with the classic spruce spar type planes, and how to launch them. I am not current on this class of plane though...

It is all about launch height. You launch higher, you are allowed more time (and mistakes) before you hook up with a thermal. So, he who launches highest, wins... (actually, in TD, he who launches highest, has the best chance).

Even with an airplane that is structurally sound, full pedal launches are not always optimal. Think of when you want the tension, and why it is useful. Line tension (really, energy stored in the stretch of the line) will define the amount of altitude that you can gain in the zoom. The goal is the highest launch. This can be broken down into two parts. One is the height at which you initiate the zoom. The other is the height gained from the zoom.

In calm conditions (no wind, no thermals) the best solution involves using as much power as you can, as long as nothing breaks. But, if there is wind, the solution gets somewhat more complex. The optimal solution points to having no line on the drum at the top of the launch, but lots of line tension for the zoom. A full pedal launch will get you the latter, but not the former. From my experience, in the wind, it is easy to get lots of line tension in a short time, so you don't have to use the full pedal method for the whole launch. Let the wind do some of the work for you. Initially, use a mild amount of line tension for the launch, pulse the winch until you get to the latter stages of the launch. Then, go for the full power to get the line tension for the zoom. Your goal is to kite the plane up using the wind to gain height without putting line on the drum, then turn on the power at the top to get the line tension for the zoom. You might not get quite as much tension as the guy that does the full pedal launch, but you are starting your zoom at a higher position than the full pedal launch, which is worth a lot.

From my perspective, most fliers use too much winch power in the normal conditions. The real key, is to read the energy in the system, and maximize it. Easier said than done though...

P. S. I fully agree with comment on the wing strength only being needed during the launch phase, at least for TD/F3J work. This is why I am opposed to the hand tow rules as they are currently written.

**EDITORS NOTE:** This is an e-mail taken from: <a href="http://www.1hss.org/wings.htm">http://www.1hss.org/wings.htm</a> written by Joe Wurts.

### H.S.S. CONTEST 9/05/01

Start Time 9:00 A.M.

Draw Flight Order

2 Flights 6-8 minutes + 20- Pt.

Landing To set Up Rank Order
for Head to Head Double

Elimation Contest

Rules...
Off Field Landing 0 Flight and Landing points.

1<sup>st</sup> popoff = relaunch and 2<sup>nd</sup> = flight loss.
Line break = relaunch 2<sup>nd</sup> = flight loss
Higher Rank launches 1<sup>st</sup>

TIE BREAKS
Total score tied= better flight
time= winner
Time & Landing Total Same =
Larger Flight Pt = Winner
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& Landing.

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Joe

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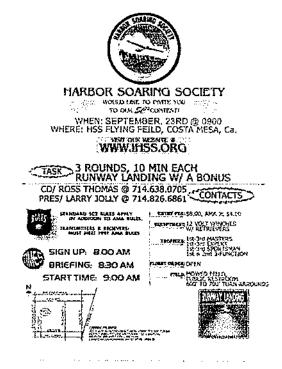
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#### A NOTE FROM KARL

Will has asked me to write something for the newsletter, perhaps about maintenance. It's there and it needs to be done by all of us and that's all I have to say about that!!

And NOW on the other hand I put my hat in the ring for President of the Club.

We need help at the field every weekend with launching and being a spotter. A spotter stands near the pilot to help keep an eye on the plane at all times and helps the pilot make sure that his landing spot is clear.

For those of you who don't get out to the field much, or at all, we have electric planes flying in the morning and about 9 A.M. we set up the winch and take it down around 12 and then off to Cart's Jr. for lunch. Back at the field another group of guys are flying more electrics until about 5 P.M. What about the slope guys, you say? I don't' see much of them the wind has been out of the SW most of the time for the last two years or so. The 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of Sept. is two days of fun flying, come out and enjoy it. I haven't seen most of you in a long time, and some not at all. The flying field is there to be used, WHERE ARE YOU????? From KARI. (714) 545-4722

#### **Editor's Letter**

HI flyers!! Hope you will find some of the articles in the newsletter helpful and informative. Many of you do not attend the club meetings, therefore you miss some of the important information, (i.e.) A new roster for 2001 was distributed at the February meeting, and you will find a current one attached to this newsletter thanks to Larry Reed. Please check your information and send me the corrections, either at my home address or at my e-mail address, (see rosters) I would like to see more of you at the club meetings and the monthly club contests. Don't forget H.S.S. is hosting the SC2 contest on Sept. 23rd. Come and fly the contest and help Ross Thomas whereever he needs you. If anyone has digital photos that would be of interest to the members, please forward them to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

Will Conrad

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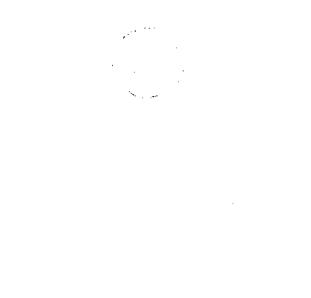
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