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The Newsletter of the Harbor Soaring Society

"The Oldest Chartered Soaring Club In the AMA"
Charter # 128

DECEMBER 1997

NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 3rd

CHRISTMAS AWARDS BANQUET on DECEMBER 10 at 'THE BARN'

Get your tickets from any board member.

Deadline date for reservations is Dec. 8th

Call Maxine Thomas ASAP: (714) 638-0705 if you cannot find a board member for tickets.

Be sure to bring you significant other - A special gift awaits her.

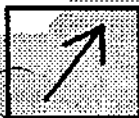
Year end T.D. contest and "Fly Off" for the Big Prize

(see page 4 for contest rules)

Sunday December 7th 8:30 A.M.



General Directions



By Lars Tuohino

HSS Holiday Cheer Is Near and (not so) Dear

If you don't have a ticket by now get it now from any HSS Board member. The event has sold-out every year so something good is happening and this year will be great! So hook-up with a Board Member and set a date for a night of fun, prizes, and great food on Dec 10th. Gifts for all the ladies who attend. Tickets are the same price as last year, \$15 per person. And no, "Squatty Shortflight" is not returning this year!

Where's the Meat?

As 1997 comes to a close, it looks like our HSS Storage box has become a success both for HSS and for Dick Panzer to clear out his garage! Which brings up the question of what other HSS equipment lies dormant in members (and ex-members) garages which should be bought back into the club's use via the storage box. OK some of you, ah "experienced members", take a look and if you find something that belongs to HSS then let's put it in the box. Sunshades, a file cabinet, etc. would be a *great find*.

Then we will be able to do a final inventory of HSS equipment and be able to make real solid recommendations for club purchases next year to improve the fun!!!

Good Time Family Fun

Many have often wondered why more women are not involved with R/C Soaring. Though there are notable exceptions, you just don't see them much. So I was surprised when I saw one of our HSS members teaching a lady friend to fly last month at Fairview using a foam TG-3. Both looked like they were having a great time! Then I remembered an article which appeared a couple years back in Model Aviation which delved into the issue of women in our hobby. One thing that came through was that while women wanted to try R/C they were afraid of breaking the boyfriend's plane! Perhaps this is the next frontier for the foamie to conquer and reason enough to add a foamie to your quiver? The 2% of the women that I have seen participate in this hobby have generally kicked butt on 90% of the men...

New Years Next Steps

Last month's General Meeting saw the election of a new HSS Board for next year. The names are a good mix of old and new so expect another great year for HSS. If you have ideas speak up now because that is the only way things change for the better. Several appointed positions remain and generally new ones can be created if you see a need. Give the Board your support and volunteer when you can "to make it happen". I guarantee, if you do, you will in 1998: 1) never crash, 2) get the finish you want on your 98 Supermaximus, 3) win every contest you enter, 4) come home to adoring family and most of all... 5) *get what you want out of R/C soaring*. What else are New Years for? Cheers!

"HSS Is Orange County R/C Soaring"

Well here we are at the end of the year already. The new officers have been elected. The grass at the field is turning green. More new faces are lining up for a trial flight with the TG-3 trainer. So what will we be doing to expand our training fun next year?

This is not entirely up to me, but to the New Guys. I have been thinking about what would be fun, what would increase the skill and accomplishment level of the new flyers. Here are some of my thoughts, subject to revision with suggestions. 1) Continue the Sunday training schedule. 2) Have more novice/advance team fun flies - how about scheduling 5 for '98? Starting in Feb. on the Sunday following the monthly contest, every other month. 3) Not just for TG-3 but expand to any "build up" - hand launch, 2 meter, 100 inch - as two classes: Novice/advance and as individual. 4) Contest format for TG-3 team same as before, 3 flight 10 minute add-em-up. Individual 12 minute add-em-up with a landing tape and one best landing score.

This could assist with the transition from pure novice to the start of competition and more advanced gliders. I still think that two or three channel, economical planes can be a lot of fun and offer as much "sport" as the high performance full house gliders. Some will find full enjoyment at this level, some will transition to the "big time". Suggestions appreciated. Also volunteers!

Minutes of November 1977 HSS Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Len Johanson at Sgt. Pepperoni's Pizza. The minutes were approved. There were 29 present.

The main program for the evening was the election of officers for 1998. The new officers are:

President	Steve Hondry (this years treasurer)	Newsletter	Lyndon Johanson
Vice President	Les Kenyon	Contest Dir	Ross Thomas
Secretary	Steve Schupak	Assistant CD	Nick Buzolich
Treasurer	Roger MacGregor	General Dir	Larry Touhino

Announcements

A meeting for planning the Christmas party will be held at the Barn (the place of the Dec 10 Christmas party) at 6:30 on Thursday Nov. 13.

The monthly contest will have "double points" since the October contest was postponed due to the Visalia contest.

We are still looking for a new meeting location.

The treasurers report included the membership increase to 106.

General Director Larry Touhino announced the EAA Young Eagles event on Nov. 8.

CD Rick Briggs displayed this years grand prize for our monthly thermal contest, a 4 meter scale model glider. Rick also donated copies of videos "R/C Soaring from the ground up" to the club for use by our New Guys for tips on building and flying.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A short note of thanks to all who have contributed articles for the newsletter, especially to my wife, Geri who has done the typing and computer work for me and to those family members who wrote the "Spotlight" biographies. It has been fun, I have been there - done that - don't want to go there again. Success to the new Editor/Publisher Lyndon Johanson.

Will Conrad

To be eligible for Drawing for Free Member
Forward to HSS Prior to January HSS Meeting!



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HSS is committed to promoting and improving the enjoyment of R/C Soaring in Orange County. Though member participation and camaraderie we encourage the advancement of flying skills and the relaxed recreation of our membership and the R/C soaring community. I understand that by applying for full membership in the Harbor Soaring Society, I must be a current member of the AMA.

NAME _____ HOME PH. () _____
ADDRESS _____ WORK PH. () _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
AMA # _____ (PROOF REQUIRED TO RECEIVE HSS MEMBERSHIP CARD)
DATE OF BIRTH _____ INTERNET ADDRESS _____
PRIMARY R/C FREQUENCIES _____ LSF LEVEL _____

NEW APPLICANTS.....(17 years and older) = \$25.00 (Includes Name Badge)
SENIOR MEMBER.....(17 years and older) = \$20.00
JUNIOR MEMBER.....(16 years and under) = \$10.00
FAMILY MEMBER.....(At same address) = \$ 5.00

VOLUNTARY ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PURCHASE FIELD IMPROVEMENTS
ACCEPTED!

Applicants making application for senior membership between July 1st and October 31st pay a reduced rate of \$10.00. 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.

A signature is required by all Harbor Soaring Society members, agreeing to comply with the current AMA Safety Code and the current HSS General Field Rules and Field Safety Rules.

The undersigned attests that: I will operate my model using only radio control frequencies currently allowed by the FCC. I will comply with the current AMA Safety Code. 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 _____

Read reverse for general field and safety rules.

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