



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.

May 2025

HSS IS NOW 61 YEARS OLD!

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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 May 2025

- **NEW MEETING LOCATION!! FIRST TEAM REAL ESTATE OFFICE**
- Fairview Park flying days will be May 3 & 17
- Club Meeting May 13
- Victoria School exhibit May 16 4-8pm



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 Costco pizzas & Coors Light; I ask for \$5 for pizza and \$5 for beer. There's lots of room, so c'mon down!

World RC Soaring Festival

It looks like it's already sold out for pilot spots, but there will be a mini trade show plus a lot of flying. This event is being held in the San Bernardino mountains, near Santa's Village, on June 29 & 30.

<https://mrmpxhobbies.com/product/2025-world-r-c-soaring-festival-june-29-30/>

2025 OCMA Events**Event: Heli Fun Fly Using Fixed Wing Runway**

Field will be closed to open flying until the conclusion of the event

Date May 31-June 1

Event: Warbirds and Classics

Date: June 27-29

Event: AMA Pattern

Date: July 12-13

Event: OCMA Fall Swap Meet

Date: October 4 - Saturday

Event: Scale Competition Workshop or 1 Day Scale event, theme to be determined

Date: October 18 - Saturday

Event: OCMA Annual Toy Drive

Date: December 6 - Saturday

Hand delivered 2026 renewals and applications will be accepted

BBQ



Scale Squadron Presents Warbirds and Classics 2025

R/C Scale Model Fun Fly June 27-29

Orange County Modelers Association Field

Pre Registration Opens Apr 1

scalesquadron.com

AMA Sanction NO.

18035



Contest Director Mike Greenshields Squadron Commander—commander@scalesquadron.com

Register Online at the Club Website — www.scalesquadron.com



In Support of USMC Semper Paratus & America's Fund

- Scale Models Only Please
- 600FT Paved Runway
- Friday Night Mixer Included
- Sat Night Banquet w/beer/wine \$25
- Reserved Pit Spaces,
- Free RV Dry Camping w/reservations

- Event Registration \$50
- Pit reservations \$25
- www.scalesquadron.com
- Event shirts available
- Register online!
- Pilots lunch included all 3 days

5303 Santiago Canyon Rd,
Silverado, CA. Flyocma.com

No Turbines, No Hovering/3D Flying, no smoke exhaust, Each pilot must provide a fire extinguisher in the pit area and provide FAA registration and AMA current membership card.



AMA Education

AMA has established a program to get folks of all ages more interested in flying model airplanes. Here's some info they asked us to post. More info at: <https://www.amaflightschool.org/programs>



About the opportunity:

As an AMA member, you have a new opportunity to engage with youth in your community using an exciting educational resource: **Discovery Drone Kits**. These kits, provided free of cost through federal funding, allow you to design, build, and fly beginner indoor drones with youth ages 8-12.

With your help, we will be sending 5,000 drone kits across the United States, using drones to develop skills for upper elementary students. Kits will include drone components and instructions with additional educator resources available online.

How can these kits help you and your club grow? Consider hosting a build night where you work with youth at the library or clubhouse. You can also use this as an opportunity to build a lasting relationship with your local schools, setting your club up as a subject-matter expert and community asset. You never know where getting your foot in the door will lead!



Apply for a Discovery Drone Kit!

Thank you for being part of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and helping us share model aviation in your community.

Sincerely,

AMA Education team on behalf of the Know Before You Fly initiative

These kits are being provided through funding from Know Before You Fly. The AMA is under contract to develop, produce, and distribute these kits. No membership resources are being used to fund this initiative.



February Flying Days

We flew twice, Apr 5 & 19. Beautiful weather for flying, except for strong wind on the 19th! We had the winch set up with its retriever line to make it quicker to cycle flights. Lots of students getting their flights in! All photos by John Rittenhouse (thanks!)



Imaginology

Hi All:

We made it another year. The count is 20 years. I have been introducing young children and families to model aviation through Imaginology with the OC Fair Management Team.

I am grateful for all the clubs in Orange County and friends that have supported my project. I am thankful for the support the AMA has given me through the years. They now have a great website with education tools for young aviators. Doing this event every year I hear from parents "I am looking for ways to educate my kids at home." What tools do you have available? It's great that now I can say I have this great website you can find instructions, printouts and videos at "amaflightschool.org/quickprojects."

Special thanks to Greg Stone for all the support you have given me through the years. Special thanks to Randy Wilbur and Mat Garcia, both leaders in the hobby.

I attached a copy of a letter I receive every year from the staff at OC Fair. I feel I am part of their family after all these years and grateful for their support.

Looking forward to next year.

Joni Whitsitt
Secretary-Treasurer
Harbor Soaring Society

We exhibited at this year's Imaginology event at the OC Fairgrounds and handed out 1700+ foam plate gliders. We donated prizes for the event's overall grand prize plus 3 planes for our raffle.

Thank you for making this a truly special weekend – we couldn't do it without you!

Final count for Imaginology 2025 was 19,624, reflecting an overall 10% increase from last year.

Please extend my sincere appreciation to all of your staff who participated and contributed to the success of the event!

It was a pleasure working with you and I sincerely hope you'll return next year for IMAGINOLOGY 2026
Hope to see you at the OC Fair!

Christine Gunst
Supervisor, Exhibits & Education







Planes for Sale

- Our member Craig Goldenson has decided it's time to reduce his inventory. I know he has lots of planes! Contact him 562-230-9216
- Hey guys, got several foamies for sale including the Phoenix 2000, Husky, Maule, FOX 2m, Super Cub, ASW 28, Phoenix 2400, and more. All have been flown. \$60 to \$75 each. Got too many models. Questions call Curt Nehring at 949-525-3038
- Hello. Hoping y'all can help me. My father passed away and he has quite a collection of RC planes and all the things. He was a member of the AMA. It's in a storage unit in Orange and I don't want to pay the fees for storing it anymore. Plus there are some at my house. Please let me know if you're interested or know anyone who'd be. I could show you the collection. Thank you. Feel free to call me at 951-285-1336 Jeanne

Sources

We frequently get asked where to buy parts. You can refer this question to our sources page:

<https://www.harborsoaringsociety.org/model-parts-and-kits>

In addition to these sources, the Ace Hardware store on Adams in Huntington Beach has K&S tubing & music wire, as well as other model-size hardware items. This is thanks to Mike Greenshields, formerly of Hobby People / Shack fame, as he is now doing purchasing for Ace. Thanks Mike!

Ace Hardware
9045 Adams Ave (at Magnolia)
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
714-962-1850

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/> or www.1hss.org

New Vendor page: <https://www.harborsoaringsociety.org/model-parts-and-kits>

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



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 2025 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. And, don't forget your City of Costa Mesa Flying Permit.

HSS Club Decals

We now have 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.



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:

- Feb 10 Wix, website management payment due.
- March 20 Wix, harborsoaringsociety.org domain name re-registration payment due.
- July 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 and fly paper gliders, and model flight simulators.
- 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.
- 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 wife, 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.

**Free Plane Rap Copies**

Rob Askegaard has free near new color copies of HSS Plane Rap newsletters from 2005 through 2017 that he would like to give away. Contact Rob at the monthly meetings or 714-873-7710. rmaskgrd@gmail.com.

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 2025

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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Web site at www.harborsoaringsociety.org, **our YouTube site at** <http://www.youtube.com/user/hssletsfly>,
Facebook at www.facebook.com/harborsoaringsociety **and E-mail at** harborsoaringsociety@gmail.com

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