



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 64 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
 April 2026

- Imaginology April 11 & 12
- Flying days Sat April 4 & 18
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday Apr 14, and **there is an airplane to be raffled!**



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

Here's some of what you missed from our Mar 10 meeting. John Rittenhouse brought in one of his Hobie Hawks. We had raffle models but only one taker, so come to the April meeting for your chance!



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!



Imaginology

Imaginology, OC Fairgrounds, Apr 11 & 12

This is a big event for us each year, and putting it on requires your participation. Please contact Joni Whitsitt whitsittjo@gmail.com and let her know when you can be there!



Mariners Elementary STEM

On March 5, we were invited to display at Mariners Elementary School's STEM event. Lots of flight sims & lots of foam plate gliders!



Rae School STEM

Wed Mar 18 saw HSS at another STEM event, this time at Rae School in Costa Mesa. We built numerous FPG-9 gliders; John Anderson showed kids & adults various flying devices; Scott Smith amazed people with his nearly weightless foam gliders; Mat, Nick, & Dan ran flight simulators. Come out to help at the next event – it is great to see kids experience flight for their first time.



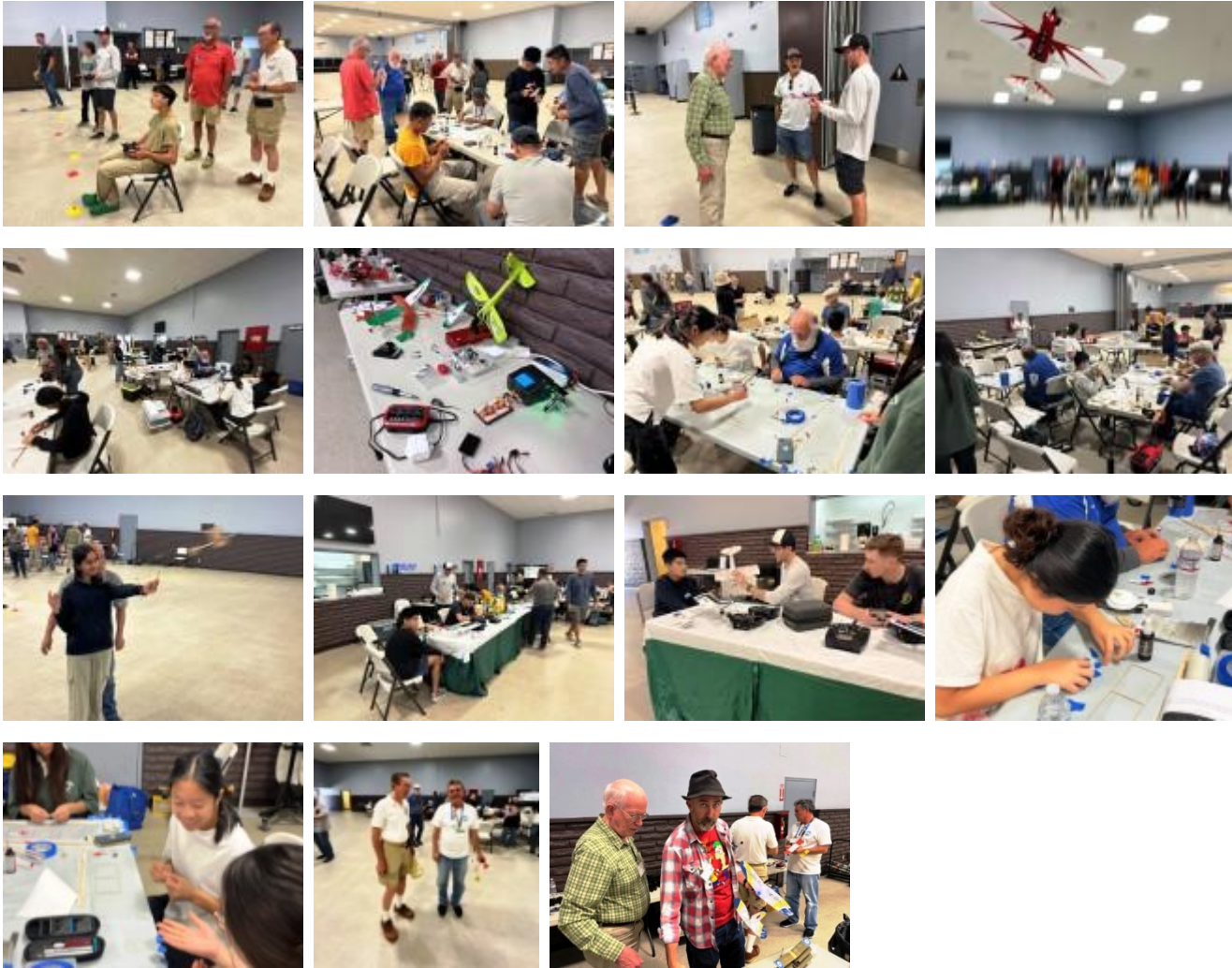
March Flying Day

Hurray! The field dried out sufficiently for us to fly on Mar 21. It was a “rumble in the jungle,” as the field has not been mowed for nearly 2 years! See how high the weeds are compared to Bruce Schaefer in the blue jacket (tiny dot just right of center) in the first photo.



Indoor Flying

Thanks to Jesse Calleros, we were invited to fly at the Laborer's Local Union Hall in Santa Ana on Feb 28. We had many HSS members flying as well as a lot of kids & adults experiencing model planes for the first time. Jesse says we will be able to fly here again, so keep watching for announcements.



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 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 Electric Fun Fly Competition. Tentative schedule. Multiple events are planned for club members and guests.
- 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.



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.



Planes for Sale

Mike Costello has this old timer for sale. Approx 76" span, has servos, motor, ESC. 714-875-7994



Randy Wilbur is thinning out his air force. Pictures are some I found on the internet, not of Randy's kits. 949-683-9662



VQ Douglas A-26K 69" 40-46 twin \$250



Model Tech Dragon Lady ARC 66" 60-120 \$200



BH Models Harmon Rocket 65" 20cc gas \$200



BH Models Gilmore Red Lion 58" 46-60 \$200





VQ Cap 10 77" 90-120 \$200



Will Hobby Sea Fury 66" 60-120 \$200





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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Facebook at www.facebook.com/harborsoaringsociety and E-mail at harborsoaringsociety@gmail.com**

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