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# HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

**The next General Meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting on Tuesday 6 April, 2021 at 7 PM. Watch for E-mail with instructions. Also see P.3 of this newsletter.**

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**Field remains closed by City of Costa Mesa until further notice.**

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Coming Events and Soaring Competitions.  
 April - May 2021

- Monthly General Meeting by Zoom to be 7 PM Tuesday 6 April 2021. See details P.3.
- Steering Committee Meeting by Zoom to be April 14, 2021 at 5 PM.
- Imaginology by virtual means. Monday April 19 through Sunday April 25, 2021. See page TBS for details.
- All in-person meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- The field is closed until further notice.
- All events for the next 60 days are cancelled.
- Events planned for after April 1, 2021, are postponed.



### Virtual General Meeting Minutes, Tuesday March 2, 2021.

A virtual meeting using Zoom technology was held on Tuesday March 2, 2021, In attendance were:

President Mike Costello;	Flight Instructor Ted Broberg
Vice President Henry Smith III;	Technical consultant Jordan Lapin;
Safety Coordinator Kevin Koch;	CAP Coordinator John Anderson;
Treasurer Joni Whitsitt;	Publisher Mike Gaczowski;
Grounds Keeper Sid Hood;	Secretary and Editor Fred Hesse;
Media Manager John Rittenhouse;	Club Photographer Rob Askegaard;

and members Don Wittenberg, Ron Jongeling, and Vynce Paradise.

President Mike Costello opened the meeting about 7:05 PM.

- Mike Costello will give our presentation to the new Fairview Park Steering Committee members at their next meeting on Wednesday March 10.
- John Anderson reported on his contact with Katrina Foly.
- Mike C. commented that Cynthia D Agosta's supervisor is more amenable to HSS, which may reduce the frustrations we have had dealing with the Park Steering Committee.
- In the interest of improving safety, the city would like to see the flying area fenced. This will reduce the occasions where people inadvertently stray across the runway.
- Joni says she needs a copy of the club logo. Henry Smith said he would provide it to her. Henry then asked if it would be possible to fly in the hangar so as to produce live or recorded flying video clips. Joni says she needs suggestions on what HSS could contribute considering the event will be conducted virtually. (Note: See following report on planning meeting held Monday March 29 at 6 PM.)
- John Anderson wishes to contribute short (6 minute) video clips on how to make flying bugs, bats, and other paper gliders. John also has other short video clips that he might send to the newsletter. John says he has a lot of material that can be downloaded to the club's Imaginology display.
- Jordan says he has the video equipment needed to make video clips for Imaginology.
- Joni asked how many clips would fit in the HSS web site. Note Fred H to send video of Solar Wonder to Joni.

Show and Tell:

- Henry Smith showed his model Stinson 105 by Stevens Aero. The weight is only 1.7 oz (75 grams) including wheel pants.
- Jordan volunteered to fly Rob Askegaard's ME 100. Rob is to bring it to a flying field at next chance.
- Vince Paradise presented his Mosquito in his workshop.
- The rest of the meeting was a discussion of Jordan's videos.
- The meeting was closed at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Hesse, HSS Secretary



### Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, Friday February 19, 2021.

President Mike Costello called for a Steering Committee meeting for Friday February 19, 2021, to be held at his real estate office. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM. The following officers were in attendance:

President Mike Costello	Vice President Henry Smith III
Media Manager John Rittenhouse	Secretary Fred Hesse
Past Treasurer Don Wittenberg	

Mike C. opened the meeting with a discussion of our February 2021 proposal to the city and Fairview Park Steering Committee.

P.2. Concerning the question of training, the term "Training/Certification should be replaced by "Qualifications". It was acknowledged that flight training is not required by HSS Bylaws nor the AMA. The City has resisted this position and feels that some form of training ought to be part of the HSS requirements to fly at Fairview Park.

P.3, Enforcement - Conclusion was that HSS needs the authority to remove the permit of non-members failing to follow rules. Until then, HSS is to report names of offending flyers to the City. They will revoke their permit. Mike noted that Cynthia D'Agosta liked our offer to pay ranger costs of one day each month.

P.5. Noise - Cynthia D'Agosta wants noise standards to be established. HSS suggests that she find them. Other than the Noise Limits in City Codes, HSS is unaware of any.

P.8. Transparency - The City is requesting more transparency from HSS. We are baffled by this as we have provided all documents we have. Case in point is the most recent Letter of Agreement between HSS and the John Wayne Airport control tower. Also, Cynthia is on distribution for our monthly newsletter.

P.9. Field location - Hank (last name TBS) wants to move runway over by model railroad. Apparently this area is fenced. (Note: See following report by Mike C. on his visit to this location.). John R feels we should move the runway 50 to 70 feet to the north.

New Flying Sites -

- Mike C. mentioned a green belt in the vicinity of Euclid and Ward, between Slater and Warner.
- John R. mentioned an area inside the Fairview Hospital grounds that parallels Harbor Boulevard South of Fair Drive.
- John R. suggested that we have a club competition to find a new flying site.

Mike C will give a PowerPoint presentation in about three weeks. This may occur at the Fairview Park Steering Committee meeting to be held on March 10, 2021. His presentation needs corrections. Henry S will lend help.

Don W is proposing a fence for the runway and surrounding flying area. He will incorporate some changes and then distribute the results.

Meeting was concluded at 5:40 PM.

### Possible Return to Flying

Our President Mike Costello has provided the following encouraging comment.

Things are proceeding towards getting us back in the air. I met today with Shannon Levin, a new member of FVPSC. She is hopeful of the field reopening as soon as the COVID monster is conquered. After city approval, there will still be some maintenance required before we can fly, so it may be summer time, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.



**Next Virtual Meeting, Tuesday April 6, 2021**

The April 2021 HSS General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 April, 2021 at 7 PM. This will be a Zoom meeting similar to what was done previously. Jordan Lapin will set it up. The following gives access.

Jordan Lapin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: HSS Monthly Virtual Meeting

Time: Apr 6, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82740860392?pwd=WjFRSEwzWDdleEE3Tk1lM052RXNtZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 4086 0392

Passcode: airplanes

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82740860392?pwd=WjFRSEwzWDdleEE3Tk1lM052RXNtZz09>

**An E-mail blast will be sent out to all members as a reminder, with the Access Link, Meeting ID, and Password.**

**Presidents Comments on a Possible Flying Site.**

The following is a very encouraging comment on relocating our flying site. Thanks to President Mike Costello for his efforts. The minor limitations are very tolerable if this move could be executed.

We also went to the train side of the park, to look at options of moving us there in the future. We would lay out a runway a little bit north of the train station, aligned into the prevailing wind, with the overflight area roughly the same size as presently. We'd have access to the bathrooms at the station and the parking lot. One downside is we wouldn't be able to fly when the trains are running, so the 3rd weekend would be for building, not flying. They also host birthday parties nearly every Saturday, but the train doesn't run continuously; when they do sound the horn, we'd have to land. We would also have an opportunity to show these kids & parents about model airplanes, and maybe we could develop a few new members. All of this would be a few years away.

**Club Name Badges**

We are pleased to announce that our new Treasurer, Joni Whitsitt, has made arrangements for new HSS name badges. Contact Joni at 714-396-2523 or [whitsittjo@gmail.com](mailto:whitsittjo@gmail.com) to purchase yours. Price remains at \$15. Joni comments that she believes name badges are important for any club.



**Gold Leader Club Status**

This was just received from Lois Mock of the AMA.

**Academy of Model Aeronautics**

<http://www.modelaircraft.org>

March 10, 2021

Harbor Soaring Society #128  
Henry Smith, III  
2002 Nantucket Place  
Tustin, CA. 92780



Dear Harbor Soaring Society:

We have received your 2021 Leader Club Currency Report and confirmation of your continuing Gold Leader Club status.

Please note that replacement Leader Club pins for new club members must be prepaid and they are \$3.00 each. If you still wish to order pins, please send a check or money order to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Attention, Club Department, 5161 East Memorial, Muncie, IN 47302.

We appreciate your club's participation and dedication and we look forward to working with you in 2021.

Sincerely,

Lois Mock | Charter Club Coordinator  
[loism@modelaircraft.org](mailto:loism@modelaircraft.org)  
(765) 287-1256 Ext. 291

Cc: Lawrence Tougas, District X, Vice President

**Imaginology April 2021**

This year's Imaginology will be a virtual event in April 19 through 25. We are currently in the planning stages and working hard to make it the best it can be. We would like to showcase our past Featured Exhibitors online during the event. Ways to do this could include:

Your logo, brief description and link to your website.  
Games you have online.  
Activities

Videos you have produced.  
Educational materials you have online

**HSS Steering Committee Meeting**

The HSS Steering Committee has had a meeting on March 29 of 2021. Anyone wishing minutes of this meeting should contact President Mike Costello as shown on the last page of this newsletter. Your Secretary bungled the virtual procedures so completely that he missed taking any notes. Apologies



## Calendar of Events

Thanks to John Rittenhouse for the preparation of the following Calendar of Events. Note this has been updated since last published in March 2020. 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 first Tuesday of each month. **Cancelled.**
- Monthly Steering Committee Meetings – To be planned as needed. Additional meetings to be planned as required. **Cancelled.**
- Flying field maintenance on an as-needed basis.
- Quarterly meetings with the Orange County Parks Department. Coordinated by Theresa Sears.

### Singular events:

- September 2021 FAA agreement with HSS expires.

### Annual Events:

- February Wix, website management and domain name re-registration payment due.
- March 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. **Planned as a virtual event.**
- **June Southern California Soaring Clubs (SC-2) glider competition. HSS hosts local glider clubs, for one of the monthly events held throughout Southern California.\* Canceled.**
- 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. **Cancelled.**
- **July Bent Wing Glider Competition. This event is open to all club members and guests.\* Canceled.**
- **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 is Original designs are electric powered RC models made from a single sheet of paper backed 1/4" foam. Performance criteria to be determined. **Cancelled.**
- September Electric Fun Fly Competition. Tentative schedule is Multiple events are planned for club members and guests. **Cancelled.**
- October Pumpkin Festival/Scarecrow Competition. This is a public service activity for HSS. It is planned by the city, to be held at the Orange County Model Engineers railroad facility in Fairview Park. **Cancelled.**
- October Nominations made for new club officers.
- November New club officer election. Done by E-mail and USPS.
- December Christmas party and new club officer installation. **Cancelled.**

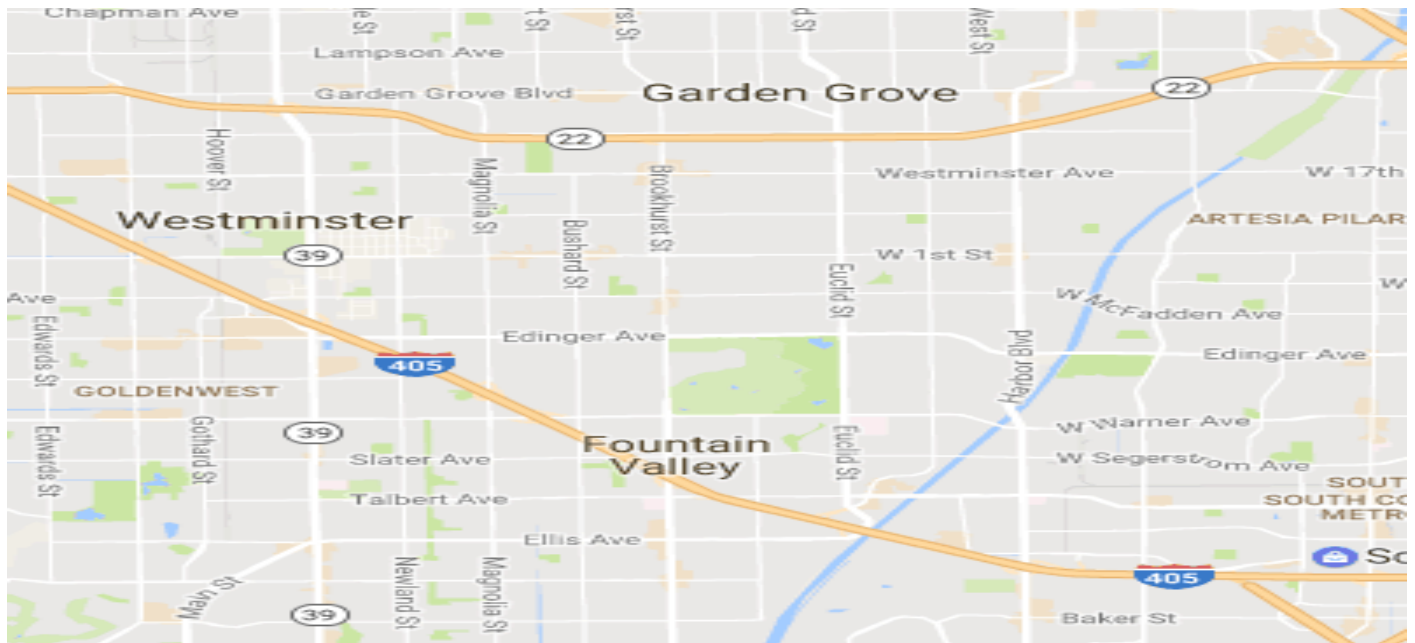
\* Note: Historical events are not currently scheduled, and are included for reference purposes only!





### Next Meeting POSTPONEMENT

HSS meetings will be postponed until the existing government directives are recalled. At that time we will return to our normal schedule where we meet on the first Tuesday of each month at a restaurant to be determined.. Bring your favorite plane for show-and-tell. Bring your wife, family, and friends. There will be a raffle. The location map will be shown below when a new meeting place is determined.



### 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 714-968-1973. [rmaskegrd@gmail.com](mailto:rmaskegrd@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.

Fred Hesse - Plane Rap Editor - [fhesse@socal.rr.com](mailto:fhesse@socal.rr.com).

### Photos of Your Planes

We are very fortunate to have Rob Askegaard as our club photographer. Rob has a high degree of talent, and supplements that with an excellent camera. His well composed and very realistic photos taken at ground level and his remarkable stop action in-flight pictures are superb. Rob's contributions are what make our newsletter really spectacular. We try to feature everyone and their planes, so if you haven't seen yourself in our newsletter, look for Rob just about any morning and pose for him. Anyone who wishes a high quality print or jpg file of their favorite plane should contact Rob, or your editor. Phone and E-mail information is shown on the last page of this newsletter.



## Final Proposal

Our President, Mike Costello, has been working on a final proposal to be presented to the City of Costa Mesa and the Fairview Park Steering Committee around the middle of February. He has finished it and had it reviewed by Greg Stone. If you have an urgent desire to read the document, contact Mike as shown on the last page of this newsletter. Alternately, it will probably be posted on our web site.

## HSS Sponsors

The following companies are proud sponsors of Harbor Soaring Society. They give us special offers, and make contributions to our monthly raffles. In return, please support them, and mention that you saw them advertised in the HSS Plane Rap newsletter.

### AirPixel Technologies/FrSky Distributor

I just wanted to reach out on behalf of FrSky, as we are working directly with the manufacturer to do some community outreach to aviation clubs that are close to us here in Southern California, as provided by the AMA Club list. If anyone who happens to be a part of your club or organization is looking to purchase any number of **FrSky radios, receivers, gimbals, or other FrSky products**, we would love to assist in fulfilling these needs. During this outreach, we will be **lowering our prices to assist local clubs** in obtaining the necessary gear to get members flying as soon as possible. If you or anyone in your club is looking for products of this variety to assist in your RC aspirations, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or at our office phone number, which I will attach below, where we can answer questions regarding sales and warranty questions, and assist with any and all FrSky product related technical difficulties that you or your club members might run into.

Thanks so much for keeping the hobby alive and I look forward to hearing from you! -Brock

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We all have been concerned about the status of Rob's R/C Hobbies. Your editor just called and am happy to report that the sale went through. HSS members are encouraged to deal with Rob's as we have quite a shortage of hobby shops in our area.

## **ROB'S R/C HOBBIES**

### **Sales / Parts / Repair**

**Radio Control Airplanes, Helicopters, and Cars.**

**15071 Goldenwest St. Huntington Beach**

**S.W. Corner of Goldenwest & Bolsa Ave**

**(714) 372-3777**

All HSS Club members with proof of club membership, will get a 10% discount on most parts and accessories. Discount does not apply to plane kits, helicopter kits, radios, and other already marked down products. Please ask staff if you have any further questions.

[Robsrchobbies.com](http://Robsrchobbies.com)

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Harbor Soaring Society

AMA Chartered Club #128 - AMA's Oldest Chartered Soaring Club  
 P.O. Box 1673 Costa Mesa, CA 92628

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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA # \_\_\_\_\_

FAA Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

- New Applicants (Without Name Tag) (all ages): \$25.00
- Adult Member (Renewal Without Name Tag) (19 years and older as of July 1st): \$25.00
- Junior Member (Without Name Tag) (19 years and under as of July 1st): \$10.00
- Family Member (Without Name Tag) (At Same Address): \$5.00
- 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 a printed copy of the monthly Newsletter by U.S. Mail. Printing and Mailing: \$20.00/year

My primary interests in radio control flying are? Check all that apply. Show future interests with the letter F.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Thermal Duration Gliders _____      | Slope Soaring Gliders _____     | RES Gliders _____            |
| Large Scale Gliders _____           | Hand Launched Gliders _____     | Electric Motor Gliders _____ |
| Park Flyer Electric _____           | Acrobatic Electric Planes _____ | Scale Electric Planes _____  |
| Electric Drones / Multi-rotor _____ | Indoor Electric Planes _____    | Electric Helicopters _____   |

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**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. I understand that my monthly newsletter will be delivered by E-mail unless the U.S. Mail request (shown above) has been selected.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Dues Owed and Attached: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF CLUB OFFICER RECEIVING APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_



**HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY OFFICERS FOR 2021**

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**IN PERSON CLUB MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED INDEFINITLY.**  
**WHEN RE-INSTATED, THEY WILL BE AT A TO BE DEFINED RESTAURANT.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETINGS AARE BEING ATTEMPTED. SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS.**  
**BRING YOUR FAVORITE PLANE FOR SHOW AND TELL.**  
**BRING YOUR FAMILY, WIFE, AND FRIENDS FOR DINNER.**  
**SEE DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCATION ON PAGE TBD.**  
**SEE THE COLOR NEWSLETTER SENT BY E-MAIL AND AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE.**

