

# Planes RAP

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From the President:

February News:

Larry Jolly is the new Club VP and Tom Copp the Context Director. We still need a newsletter editor.

Park View: It appears that the flying site lay out has been changed one more time. David Evens and Associates, Inc., is the Architectural and Landscape company that is creating and modifying the master plan. For some reason they have made some changes from the previous lay out. I won't lay any blame, but the Costa Mesa workshop did make some recommendations based upon what appears to be hearsay about the electric planes effecting birds. We, of course, do not think that is the case.

I want to thank all of you who came out to the meeting at the field on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> to help me out. I just didn't know what I should do. So now Roger McGregor is going to get on top of it right along with Larry Jolly and will keep you all up on what is going on at the park. See the HSS web site for club/park information—[www.1hss.org](http://www.1hss.org). Also the city park meeting (parks and Recreation Commission) is on the third Wednesday of the month at City Hall at 6:30 PM. See you there if there is something on the agenda for Fairview Park. So, go to the City Web Site just before the third Wednesday to see what is on the meeting agenda.

Calendar:

February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thermal Duration contest. Tom Copp will be the CD. What does he have in store for us? Come and see.

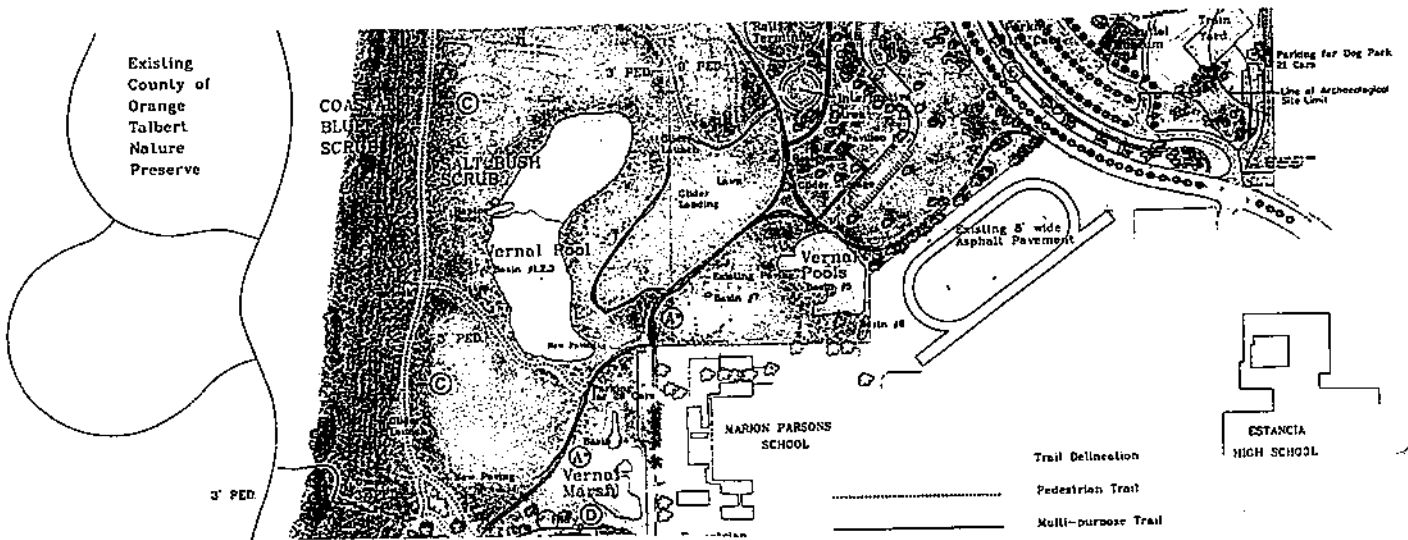
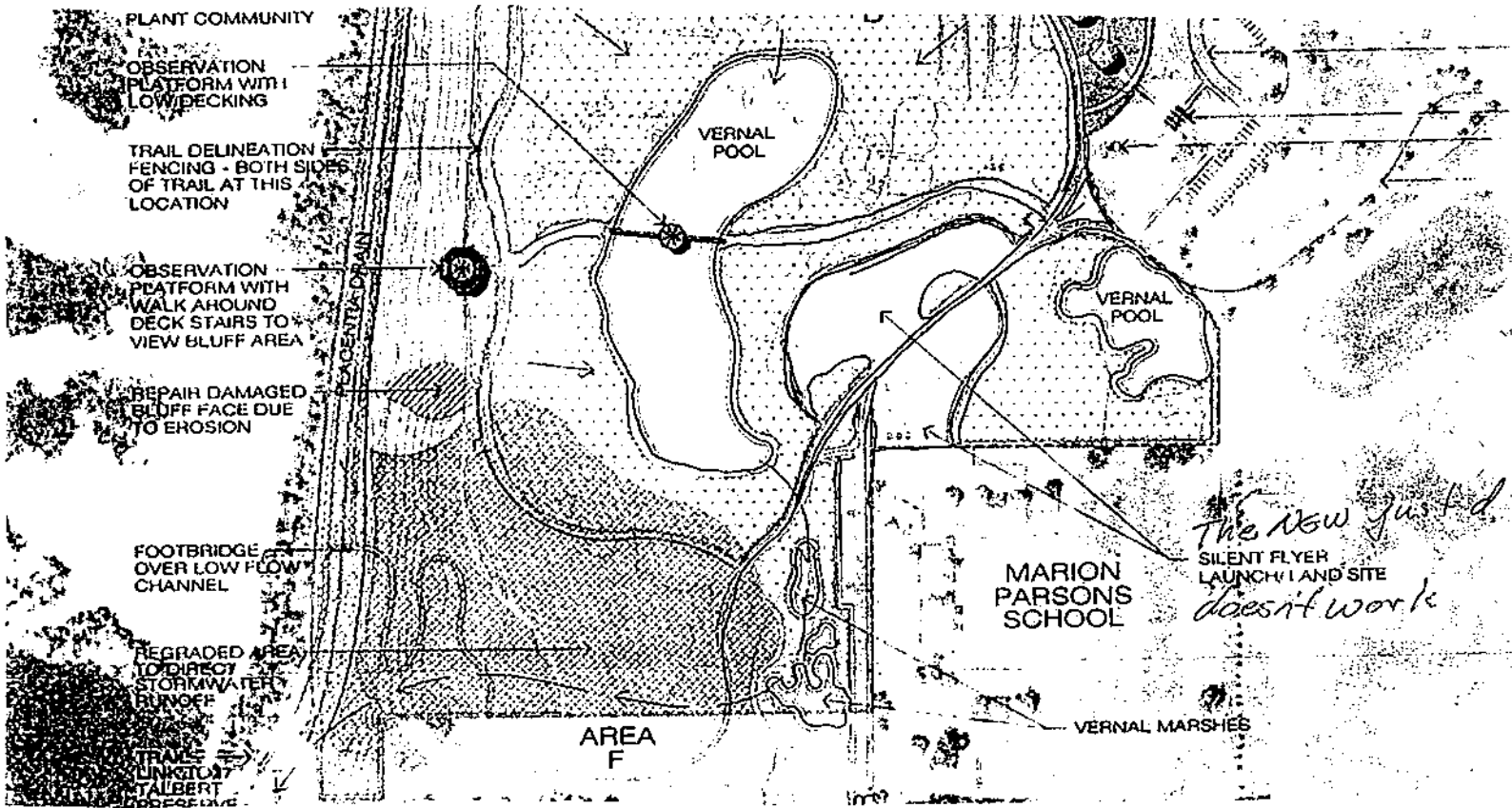
February 4<sup>th</sup>: HSS Club meeting at Irvine Ranch Water District office. Our new VP, Larry Jolly will run the meeting since Karl has a class on Tuesday and Thursday for the next 16 weeks. Show up. It is always a good meeting when Larry is there and he always has a lot of information on anything you would want to know about flying.

February 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>: Mid Winter electric San Diego Ca., Site is at Mission Bay. Visit the Web site at [sefsd.org](http://sefsd.org). See you there on Saturday. It's a very good show.

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, I lost my Wingo in a thermal. At the time, I was having a ball. It was getting really small, so it was time to head home. Well, unlike Lassey, it wouldn't come home, and it would not respond to me at all. I last saw it as a dot in the sky somewhere in the direction of Adams Ave. I had only my AMA number on it since "whoever loses a Wingo."

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January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, I was flying at Lake Elsinore on a Santa Ana Wind day. I was flying my Mako with the RG 15 wing. It seemed fast, but not fast enough for me. Now, it is very important to replace all old battery packs with new ones. Right! So, when my battery stopped working and my plane crashed a long ways away down the hill, I was unable to recover it. But, I now have it back, though somewhat worse for wear. For that I have to thank the mountain goats in our club, Steve Hendry and Larry Enger for retrieving it for me. I doubt that they will do that again, though, as they had to crawl climb down the mountain and crawl under thick sagebrush to get the plane. They were both scratched up and streaked with blood. I felt really bad for having them go after it for me. I did what I could with lunch and some liquid painkillers.



## FAIRVIEW PARK

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# FAIRVIEW PARK MASTER PLAN: A GUIDE FOR TOMORROW

The Fairview Park Master Plan was established as a dynamic plan so its progress could adapt to the needs of the park and the community. With the recent news that the park had been selected by a burrowing owl for its nesting grounds, the master plan was significantly altered since its last revision. Several designated areas have been removed from the plan based upon our local resident owl, the railroad track expansion, and input from the public workshops.

**Orange County Model Engineers Expansion Approved By City Council** - The Orange County Model Engineers submitted a request for and received approval of an amendment to the Fairview Park Master Plan. The amendment is to allow an additional 2,250 lineal feet of railroad track that will be added to the Model Engineers' existing 8,800 lineal feet of track on the eastside of Placentia Avenue. The approved project is a logical extension of the current track system. The requested extension received approval by the Planning Commission on October 15, 2002, and by the City Council at their November 18, 2002 meeting. It is anticipated that installation of the new track will start in early 2003.

**City Council Re-Confirms Fairview Park Master Plan** - At the request of City Council, staff held two public workshops on July 11, 2002 and August 15, 2002 on

the Fairview Park Master Plan in order to receive input by the community. It was apparent from the feedback that the majority of the public desired a "passive park." The workshops offered the opportunity for the elements within the Master Plan to be discussed in detail between staff and members of the community and users of the Park. A comprehensive report prepared by City staff was forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission, as part of the public hearing process to accept further input on the Master Plan.

At the City Council meeting of November 18, 2002, the recommendations of the Parks Commission, City staff, and the public were given careful consideration. After a lengthy discussion, City Council re-confirmed the following Master Plan Elements: Model Railroad, Museum/Multi-Purpose Building, Parking Lot- Eastside, Trails, Nature Habitat, Vernal Pools, Interpretive Area, Neighborhood Park, Model Airplanes (Glider & Electric), Picnic Areas and Restrooms, and Areas A, C, D and E per Master Plan. Elements Deleted: Dog Park, Pond, BMX, Botanic Gardens, Parking Lot (northwest lowlands), Huscroft House. Now that the elements have been adopted by the City Council, implementation will move forward.

For further information or questions, please call Ron Molendyk, Fairview Park Plan Administrator at (714) 754-5303.

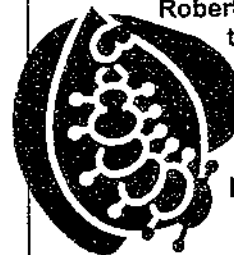
## FAIRVIEW PARK TOUR

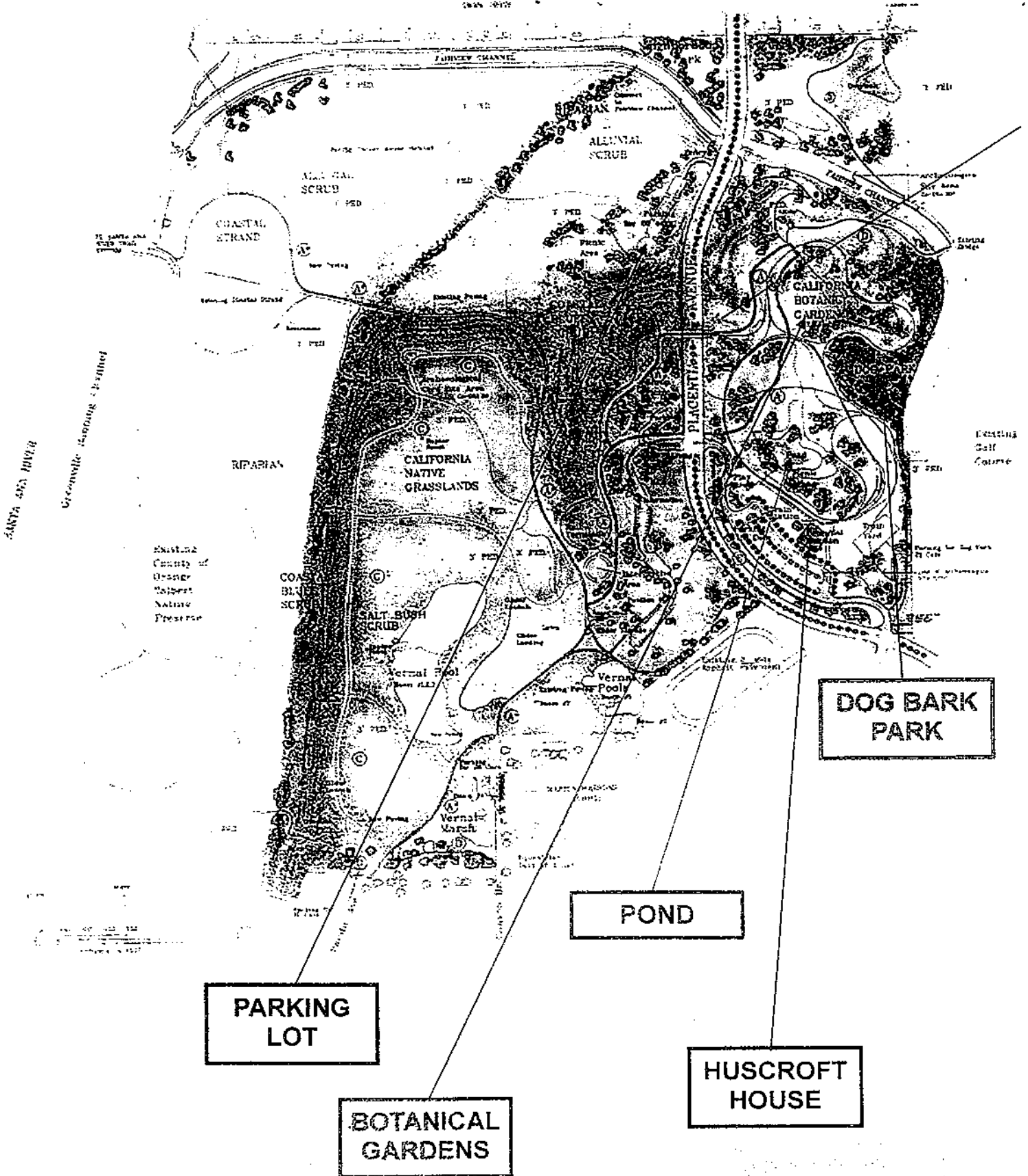


Join us for our series of tours that display the variation of the seasons in the park. The City of Costa Mesa's Fairview Friends Committee, will be hosting a free guided tour of Fairview Park on Saturday, January 25th, 2003. The Fairview Park Winter tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the south end of the main Park parking lot on the west side of Placentia Avenue, and is expected to take 1½ hours.

The tour will present an overview of what the Park has to offer the community, as well as provide public understanding regarding future plans for the Park. The Fairview Friends Committee holds seasonal tours of the park to encourage the community to witness subtle changes in the park with regard to weather and other conditions.

The tour will be conducted by Robert Graham, a long-time resident of Costa Mesa and advocate for the preservation of Fairview Park.





**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE MASTER PLAN**

## BURROWING OWL

*Athene cunicularia*



A lone burrowing owl retreats to the east side of Fairview Park from December to March and vacations in an abandoned squirrel hole. The burrowing owl is a yearlong resident of open, dry grassland and desert habitats. They are also found as residents in grass, forb and open shrub stages of pinyon-juniper, and ponderosa pine habitats.

The long legs distinguish this ground-dwelling owl from all other small owls. They are small owls of open country and are often seen by day standing erect on the ground or on posts. They measure 9 to 11 in (23 to 28 cm), about the size of a screech owl. The adult is boldly spotted and barred, whereas, the juvenile is buffy below. The males tend to be paler in color and proportionately larger in size than the females.

The head is rounded, there are no ear tufts, the eyes are yellow, they have whitish eye-brows, a white chin stripe, and the tail is short. When agitated, the head bobs or the owl bows with a quick bending motion of the legs. Also when agitated, their alarm call very effectively imitates the sound of a rattlesnake.



Although these owls are often considered to be diurnal, they are almost entirely nocturnal, or at least crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk). They are generally considered to be diurnal because they frequently perch conspicuously during daylight hours, especially early morning and late afternoon, at or near the entrance to their burrow or on a nearby low post. During the period when they have nestlings or recently fledged young, one or both owls are usually perched on guard very near the entrance to the nest burrow.

This ground owl preys mostly on insects, small mammals, reptiles, birds, and carrion. This owl usually hunts day and night from a perch; then hovers, displays hawk dives, and hops after prey on the ground.



The male conducts his courtship display in front of the burrow. Actual breeding occurs anywhere from March through August and the clutch size is two to ten. The young emerge from their burrow at approximately two weeks and are flying by about the fourth week.

This owl usually nests in the old burrow of a ground squirrel, badger, or other small mammal, although they may dig their own burrow in soft soil. The actual nest chamber is lined with excrement, pellets, grass, feathers, and other debris, but sometimes is unlined. Where burrows are scarce, pipes, culverts, and even nest boxes may be utilized.

Conversion of grasslands to agriculture, other habitat destruction, and poisoning of ground squirrels, has contributed to the reduction in numbers of owls in recent decades. Some of their predators include prairie falcons, red-tailed hawks, Swainson's hawks, ferruginous hawks, northern harriers, golden eagles, foxes, coyotes, and domestic dogs and cats.



## HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY

HSS is committed to promoting and improving the enjoyment of R/C Soaring in Orange County. Through member participation and camaraderie they encourage the advancement of flying skills and the relaxed recreation of our membership and the R/C soaring community.



### Why Join HSS?

- **Fun** - Diversity of membership creates a fun atmosphere and you haven't met a more interesting group than HSS! Our common bond is in "rising air". Come visit a General Club Meeting, join us in a Contest, or come down (as most do) to fun fly. All that we require is AMA membership to use our equipment.
- **Support** - Assistance is the key to successful first flights. HSS has a club trainer aircraft which is used to teach new HSS members safe flying skills. HSS promotes safe flying at all OC flying sites. Don't crash!
- **Contests** - HSS schedules monthly Thermal Duration contests on the first Sunday after the first Wednesday of the month. Family picnics, meets for electrics and slope soaring are also scheduled through the year. Membership interests include handlaunch and scale soaring. HSS is proud of it's competitive history!
- **Site Preservation** - As places to fly in Orange County disappear, it is important for all flyers to band together to support the preservation of recreational flying sites. HSS is a member of OCAMC and is the only organization maintaining contact concerning the flying status of the Estancia Bluffs/Fairview Park, the principal club flying site, with the City of Costa Mesa. Your support helps!
- **History** - HSS is recognized as the oldest AMA chartered R/C Soaring Club in the USA. Many notable personalities and their technological developments in R/C soaring have passed through HSS ranks. Gain their knowledge as a member!

### How to find us:

The easiest way to find out more is to attend a HSS General Club Meeting. Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Irvine Water District. Or come down in the morning on the weekends to Estancia High School/Fairview Park in Costa Mesa and look for the gliders in the air....



## ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT



**HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY**  
 Charter # 128 AMA's Oldest Radio Controlled Soaring  
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**Flyers Are Needed To Help Keep Our Field. We  
 Need To Attend Some Of The City Counsel  
 Meetings To Show That We Want To Keep Our  
 Site.  
Save Our Field Group**

November  
 Minutes

What's  
 New?



**Remembering  
 Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 Links [[\(SC\)](#)] [[US Soaring Clubs](#)] [[Soaring Chat](#)] [[Yellow Pages](#)] [[ISSA](#)][[RC Soaring](#)][[F3X](#)]

*2003 Club Officers*

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<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Larry Jolly</i>	<i>714-839-4166</i>
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<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Chris Adamecyk</i>	<i>949-760-5038</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Inquire Within	

**Planned HSS Dates for 2003**

Note: Board Meetings Are Held 30 Min Before Club Meeting

- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Central Arizona Soaring League Application First Leg Of The 2003 Triad Series.

*— Coming to you soon —  
 To HSS Member, I'm working on  
 the membership card right now.*

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2003

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

I understand that by applying for membership in the Harbor Soaring Society, I must be a current member of the AMA.

Please Print

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ (PROOF OF STATUS REQUIRED)

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency channels used \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

- NEW APPLICANTS. (W/Name Tag)---(17 years and older) = \$25.00
  - SENIOR MEMBER (Renewal W/O name Tag) (17 years and older) = \$20.00
  - JUNIOR MEMBER -----(16 years and under), = \$10.00
  - FAMILY MEMBER -----(At same address) = \$ 5.00
  - Extra HSS Name tag----- = \$5.00
- NEW/RENEWAL (circle one)

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. Further, any transmitter that I use at any designated HSS flying field must have a certified R/CMA-AMA gold sticker affixed indicating that it was manufactured or modified for operations at 20 Khz frequency separation. 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 \_\_\_\_\_