

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.

November 2026 **HSS IS NOW 62 YEARS OLD!** **Volume 106**

HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

Fairview Park flying field is CLOSED!

California Dept of Fish & Wildlife has advised the city that model airplanes are not compatible with the insects & birds.

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Coming Events November 2026

- No flying days until further notice. Watch for email announcements
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov 10
- Officer election at the Nov meeting

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

Flying at Fairview Park

The California Dept of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) recently met with the city's park officials and followed up with a letter advising the city to not allow model airplane flying at Fairview Park. We are not sure who initiated this meeting nor what was discussed, but the bottom line is no flying until further notice.

Now would be a great time to post your thoughts on the HSS Facebook page about community engagement, helping kids & adults get into the hobby, the unsolicited positive comments from the public, etc.

Embroidered HSS Patches

We now have beautiful fully embroidered patches available. These are 3.5" diameter and look really sharp! Cost is a whopping $3 each.



Nominations & Officer Election

The election will take place at our November meeting. Mat has hit the term limit for Pres, and the rest of the officers agreed to continue, so we're electing a Pres & VP.

Nominations were Dan Vozenilek for Pres, Mat Garcia for VP. Please attend the Nov meeting and vote. You may also nominate others if you wish.

October Flying Day

We flew Oct 10. The day began with our normal weather pattern, with a light breeze right down the runway. However, just before noon, the wind suddenly jumped from a breeze to a gale! One minute it was nice, a second later the planes sitting on the ground were being blown downwind like so much scrap paper. Time to go home!











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

It's time to renew your 2027 HSS membership.. 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 a new shipment of 1,000 decals / vinyl stickers with the HSS logo available. We got such a good deal, we can offer these to you for the unheard-of cost of FREE!

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. Should we attempt this again?
- 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, gliders 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 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.



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 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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MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT First Team Real Estate, 10072 Adams (at Brookhurst), Huntington Beach, in Stater Bros shopping center.

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