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HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

The next General Meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting on Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 7 PM. Watch for E-mail with instructions. Also see P.3 of this newsletter.

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 June 1, 2021. See details P.3.
- 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 May 4, 2021.

A virtual General Meeting using Zoom technology was held on Tuesday May 4, 2021, In attendance were:

President Mike Costello;	Treasurer Joni Whitsitt;
Vice President Henry Smith III;	Technical consultant Jordan Lapin;
Safety Coordinator Kevin Koch;	Media Manager John Rittenhouse;
Past Treasurer Don Wittenberg	Grounds Keeper Sid Hood;
Secretary and Editor Fred Hesse;	Club Photographer Rob Askegaard;
John Anderson (By phone)	
And members Chris Madsen, Stefan Steinber and Chris Adamczyk.	

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

- Mike Costello wishes to stimulate member interest in supporting HSS at the City of Costa Mesa Parks commission meeting to be held in late June. Kevin Koch emphasized the importance of attendance with the illustration that skate park succeeded by having one speaker at the commission meeting when the skate park was up for approval.
- John Anderson suggested that HSS talk to PACS. Mike Costello agreed, and said he will contact the PACS president. Kevin Koch felt that we should keep pushing for a foothold in Fairview Park. Henry proposed that we suggest that we follow the process used in San Francisco where the city ran the flying field. Everyone submitted opinions on how to approach the PACS meeting to be held about June 26 or 27. An E-mail blast will be sent out notifying HSS members of the event.
- ☑ Don Wittenberg asked about the status of moving over to the East side of Fairview Park by the train club (OCME).

This option is still on the table; however, it has been suggested that test flight operations be conducted to ascertain the feasibility of a move, before any further consideration is given. Unfortunately, we have told that ALL flight operations are prohibited until further notice.

- A discussion was held concerning the status of HSS obtaining a 501C3 non-profit organization status. It was estimated that this would cost about \$1500. A motion was made to put this to a vote of the present members. The results were nearly unanimous with all members in attendance (listed above) voting yes, with the exception of John Anderson and Chris Adamczyk, both of whom had disconnected from the Zoom meeting.

Show and Tell:

- Henry Smith showed his Stinson model by Stevens Aero.

The meeting was closed at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Hesse, HSS Secretary

President's Message on PACS Meeting

Our President, Mike Costello, had this to say following the May 27, 2021 PACS commission meeting.

It is hard to believe, but Costa Mesa's Parks, Arts, and Community Services Commission voted tonight, after a 4 hour (!!) meeting, to reconsider letting us back into our old field. This does NOT mean go charge your batteries & go flying tomorrow, but that HSS & the city will evaluate how we can all reach a compromise.

The Steering Committee, Audubon, and Fairview Park Alliance all spoke at great length against us, but did not win their arguments.

Our next step will be to appear before the city council. Date & time to be announced.

My thanks to John Rittenhouse, Don Wittenberg, and Henry Smith for their contributions to this process. I could not have done this alone. (And many thanks to you, Mike. -Ed.)



June 1 Virtual General Meeting Announcement

The June 2021 HSS General Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 1, 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: June 1, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Daylight time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Link to be provided by E-mail.

Meeting ID: To Be Supplied

Pass code: TBS

One tap mobile

TBS

Dial by your location

TBS

Meeting ID: TBS

Passcode: TBS

Find your local number: [TBS](#)

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

Future General Meetings Announcement

We will likely begin in-person meetings in July, at Round Table at Fairview & Baker. No buffet here, though. Members will be notified when in-person meetings are re-instated.

HSS Membership

Our 2021 HSS membership enrollment season is running full speed. Note that the new membership rate of \$25 per year is now in effect. PayPal will no longer be accepted as the cost and inconvenience did not justify the service. The latest membership application, dated 2021, 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. Details are shown on one of the following page of this newsletter.



Club Member's Letters to the Costa Mesa City Council

A short time ago, our president, Mike Costello, encouraged HSS members to write letters to the Costa Mesa City Council, in support of our use of Fairview Park as our flying field (which has been going on for the last 45 years at this location). Following are two great letters written first by John Rittenhouse, followed by Rob Askegaard. We appreciate everyone's efforts. Thanks. - Ed.

Honorable Mayor John Stephens / Costa Mesa Council members

My name is John Rittenhouse. As you may recall, I spoke about the upcoming referendum on the continued existence of the "Harbor Soaring Society" model aircraft club in Fairview Park... during last night's session of the City Council.

As you may be aware, the PACS Commission will be reviewing our status in the park in a future meeting (possibly 5.27.2021). Shortly thereafter (as I understand) the City Council will vote to cancel, or continue our "Use Permit" for access in the park.

As you probably know, we are a "known quantity" in the park, having been fortunate to have peacefully co-existed on that property for approximately sixty years. We are very appreciative to have been guest in park and with your help, we hope to continue to call Fairview Park our "home". However, as I alluded to last night, for some years we (HSS) have been embroiled in a controversy that was not of our doing, and as a consequence... there are now a small, vocal, minority that are intent on our departure!

I mentioned last night we (HSS) are a "known quantity", having been good stewards of our little corner of FVP for approximately 60 years. (For those who are not entirely familiar with our club I have included a link to our website and a brief power point presentation). Of course these materials address the virtues of our club. However, I have come to the realization OUR virtues (from our perspective) may not address YOUR concerns or questions.

To my point... It has been my experience that the limitations of a "Zoom" format does not allow for a spontaneous and thorough response/presentation particularly in a circumstance where the entire legacy and existence of a sixty year old club (and frankly I believe invaluable asset to the city) depends on a full, fair, and equitable discussion/review.

To that end, and to provide you with the most relevant answers to YOUR concerns... I would like to take this opportunity to solicit your written concerns/questions prior to your formal hearing... So that we may more accurately address them when this issue is addressed in council probably in June or July. Your written response (or any other questions), in toto or individually would be most appreciated.

Best regards, John Rittenhouse
johnritt@yahoo.com

HSS Website: <https://www.harborsoaringsociety.org/>



Club Member's Letters to the Costa Mesa City Council (Continued)

Gentlemen,

I am a member of the Harbor Soaring Society (HSS) and the club photographer and would like to express my disappointment and dismay at hearing that the Fairview Park Steering Committee wants to boot HSS and all other flyers from Fairview Park. This is totally irrational and without merit and common sense. The HSS has been flying safely, courteously and respectfully of the Park's environment and natural creatures for 55 years. There is no basis in fact that we have ever harmed or disturbed any birds, gophers, foxes, coyotes, rabbits or anything else. We are respectful of all of nature in the park.

We believe that model flying and other human activity in the park can be enjoyed there in harmony with nature and not disturb it.

Our flying activity only occupies 1.1 acres (0.5 %) of the park's acreage of 209 acres. We have strived to keep our area well groomed and picked up and maintained.

We have encouraged and welcomed passers by to stay, observe , learn and enjoy our flying and have invited them to stay and take flying lessons for free for any age male or female.

What benefit is it to the park if human beings cannot enjoy the openness and time away from urban life? We are not interfering with the creatures there.

If we have no place to fly, the HSS may dissolve because of a lack of a flying field. This club has been in existence for 56 years.

Some of the activities that the club has participated in around the Costa Mesa area are: Imaginology, Concerts in the Park, Fun Flies, exhibitions, educational sessions and glider contests,

HSS supports and encourages science and technologies in student studies because we need advancements in this modern age and we want them to pursue careers in these fields. Our club has hosted many students at our meetings, both high school and college - and we learn from each other.

In conclusion, model building and flying is a definite contribution to our community by providing a wonderful, wholesome pastime, and beneficial activity to the community. It would be a big loss to the Costa Mesa area if it were to be foolishly stopped.

Respectfully yours,

Roblee P. Askegaard, photographer and flyer
Harbor Soaring Society
(pictures are attached)



Young student pilot.



Students and flight instructors.



Club Member's Letters to the Costa Mesa City Council (Continued)



Civil Air Patrol uses Fairview Park.



Some of our glider flyer members.



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:

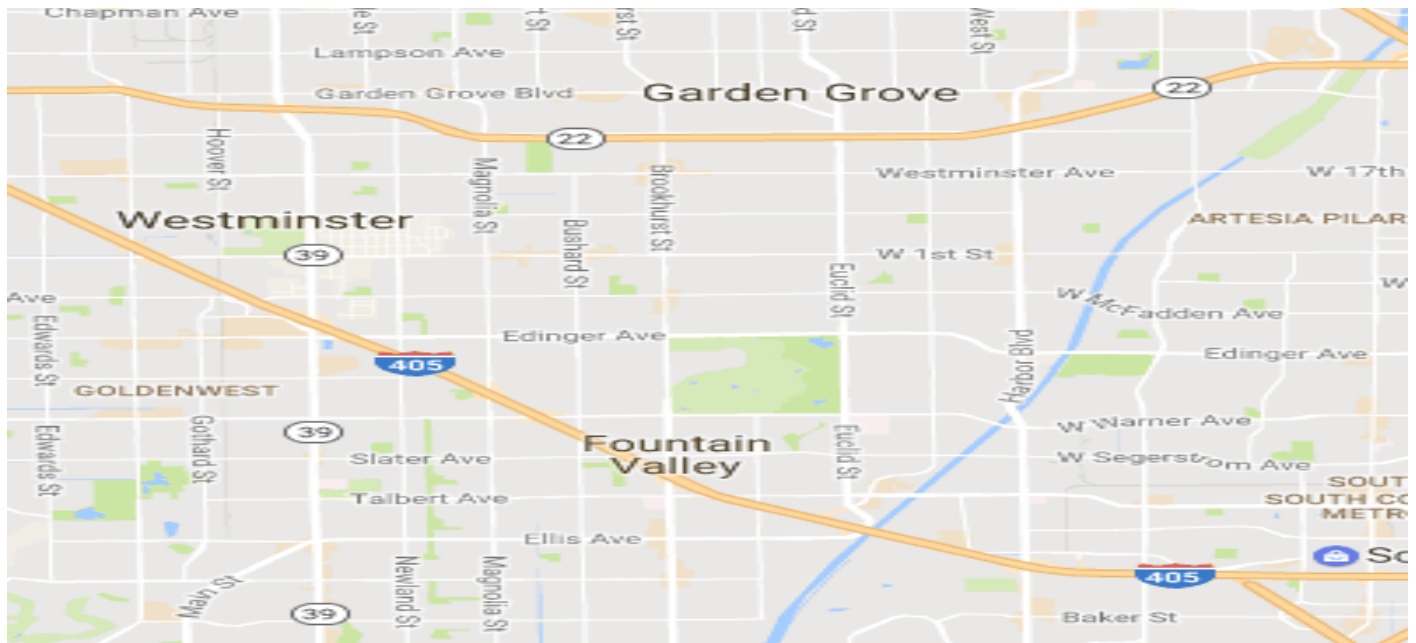
- February Wix, website management and domain name re-registration payment due.
- March Network Solutions, website domain name re-registration payment due.
- March AMA charter and “Gold Leader Club” renewal.
- March Club must purchase “Certificate of Liability Insurance” from AMA.
- April Imaginology - 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. 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.

Fred Hesse - Plane Rap Editor - 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.



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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 recently called and is 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.

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Radio Control Airplanes, Helicopters, and Cars.
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(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.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2021

Revised 30 December 2020

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 _____ |

In accordance with the Federal Equal Opportunity Act, this organization prohibits discrimination against anyone on the basis of 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 applicants, 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. 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: _____



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WHEN RE-INSTATED, THEY WILL BE AT A TO BE DEFINED RESTAURANT.
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BRING YOUR FAMILY, WIFE, AND FRIENDS FOR DINNER.
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