

Plane RAP



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AMA Charter #128

The Western Soaring Capital

President's Message

I know that it has been a tough month for the Harbor Soaring Society, there is just nothing good for a club that has lost it's field. I want you all to remember the day that you heard we were shut down. The reason I want you to remember is because it looks like the Harbor Soaring Society is going to be able to stay at Fairview regional park. The situation is not concrete by a long shot, but thanks to Roger MacGregor, and John Brown, myself and others, we are in negotiations with the city, John Wayne Tower, and the FAA. Our field is located in the inner ring of John Wayne's Class C airspace. What this means is that Orange County Tower controls all aircraft in this area from the surface to 4400 feet. While there is some debate whether our sailplanes are subject to the rules of class C airspace, it is important to recognize the fact that we could unintentionally become a hazard to man carrying aircraft and the FAA may be able to prevent us from flying at Fairview park. So you might be asking yourself what can you do to help the situation? First, always fly with a spotter, we must always be vigilant to ensure that we never pose a threat to a full size aircraft. If you see aircraft entering the airspace over the field, turn away from it's flight path and descend immediately. If it is the Police helicopter land immediately and allow him to finish his police business, before you launch your model again. There is no reason or benefit to the club

to challenge a police officer who is in the process of completing his duties. Never fly so high as to become a traffic problem for full-size aircraft. Get everyone who fly's at the field to join AMA and the club. There is no question the bigger the number the better the representation to the city. Always fly cautiously and be a good neighbor. The rangers and the police are only doing their job. Please treat the field as if it is a precious possession, and protect it accordingly. Always remember the day we lost our field. See you at the meeting. Larry

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 pm at the Irvine water district office at 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. 1/2 mile East of 405 fwy. 1/2 mile West of 5 fwy.

March Contest

By John Brown

The March contest was CD'd by Jim Hanson. We had 3 10-minute flights with a standard landing tape. The ranger came by and told us we were flying too high. The contestants voted to continue flying, but many decided to spend their time talking and chose not to fly their third flight. The weather was great with high clouds, and some thermal activity. Other than the problem with not being able to fly over 500' feet it was a good contest with coffee, and sweet rolls served by the CD. We should thank Karl Hawley for mowing the landing area.

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