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HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

The next General Meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting on Tuesday May 4, 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 4 May 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 April 6, 2021.

A virtual General Meeting using Zoom technology was held on Tuesday April 6, 2021, In attendance were:

President Mike Costello;	Treasurer Joni Whatsitt;
Vice President Henry Smith III;	Technical consultant Jordan Lapin;
Safety Coordinator Kevin Koch;	Publisher Mike Gaczowski;
Grounds Keeper Sid Hood;	Secretary and Editor Fred Hesse;
Media Manager John Rittenhouse;	Club Photographer Rob Askegaard;
and members Chris Matson, 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 April 14. All club members are invited to participate. This will be a virtual meeting. Zoom link will be distributed by E-mail.
- There is a possibility that our flying field will be moved over to the area used by the train club, Orange County Model Engineers (OCME). They may be willing to allow us to situate our container there. Unfortunately, this may take several years to get the Master Plan revised and approved by the electorate as required by Proposition AA. Mike C. feels we should demonstrate several types of planes to determine where a runway might best fit in with the railroad operation.
- Joni Whatsitt commented that Jordan's 12 videos that he prepared for Imaginology are being edited by Jim Hanson. Imaginology will be a virtual event, scheduled for Monday April 19 through Sunday April 25. She said that Orange County Radio Control Club (OCRCC) will link their web site to the HSS site.
- Kevin Koch gave his appreciation to all who have helped HSS advance our position in attaining our flying site at Fairview Park.

Show and Tell:

- Henry Smith showed his stunt model by Stevens Aero.

The meeting was closed at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Hesse, HSS Secretary

Possible Flying Sights

Mike Costello submitted the following ideas.

Here are 2 vacant fields on Gothard in Hunt Beach. The one at Garfield is likely owned by some developer & destined to become homes. The one south of the sports fields was a shooting range; I have no idea what the city plans on doing with it.

Obviously, either of these is not an overnight solution, requiring approval by the owner & city, plus some construction. It appears the one south of the sports field may have a paved street that could be a nice runway. The field at Garfield is not flat and may require some grading.

Sid Hood had the following reply.

I heard the closed firing range has had an issue with the lead clean up. The cost was more than the city wanted to take on and that has stalled any development. That could be an in for a low land use flying field for a while. There may be a health concern for the city. But a use that uses the air over the lead pollution may be ok. And using the land for public recreation could look like a plus for the city.

With the cost of lead at the metal recyclers so high I would think someone would be willing to clean up the area to recover the lead.



Fairview Park Steering Committee Meeting, Wednesday April 14, 2021.

Andy Campbell conducted a virtual meeting on April 14. In attendance was the Fairview Park Steering Committee and the Fairview Park Alliance.

- The meeting was opened at 5:00 PM with the approval of previous meeting minutes and other business.
- Mike Costello was allowed about 10 minutes to make his presentation of the latest HSS proposal.
- The next hour and a half was used by members of the Steering Committee and Fairview Park Alliance to make unfounded critiques of the HSS flying field.
- The meeting was then opened to public comment. 15 people were waiting, and allowed only two minutes to make their point. HSS was represented by:

President Mike Costello

Vice President Henry Smith III

Media Manager John Rittenhouse

Safety Officer Kevin Koch

Past Treasurer Don Wittenberg

Past member Larry Twohino.

John R. commented that two minutes was insufficient and that the discussion should be in written format.

- The next 45 minutes involved discussion among the committee members and was concluded with a vote that HSS should be moved out of the present location, and movement to the east side of Placentia could only be approved if it was environmentally compatible.

Meeting was concluded at 7:45 PM.

Next Virtual Meeting, Tuesday May 4, 2021

The May 2021 HSS General Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 4, 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: May 4, 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.



Message from the President

At its April 14 meeting, the FVPSC voted to close our present field permanently, while they and the city work on updating the Fairview Park master plan. HSS is being considered for relocation to the east side, inside the loop of train tracks. Henry and I looked at possible locations for a runway & overflight area, and we think we found a suitable spot. We would have to conduct some evaluation flights to ensure the area is suitable, and determine compatible aircraft types. This would require the cooperation of the city, as at this time, there are no city permits.

Our next step will be to try to persuade the Parks, Arts, & Community Services commission to let us fly at the present field while the east side is under consideration. This is scheduled for their meeting on May 27 at 4:00pm. We will send the link to this meeting as soon as it's available. We need your support, as well as support from any Costa Mesa residents you know.

On that note, we need your help, and we're willing to pay you for it! Find us a new field, and if we can successfully gain approval for us to fly there, the club will pay you \$100!

Mike Costello
President

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.



Good Old Model Photos

Rob Askegaard, our club photographer, has responded to our invitation to add material to the newsletter. Rob especially appreciates large scale models, and has accumulated a wonderful collection of photos of planes built by Rob's friend, Bob Goff. Bob Goff is a master craftsman, as can be seen from the following photos.



Bob Goff holding his Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star, the U. S. first jet fighter to serve in the Air Force and which saw action in the Korean war. Actually, the first jet fighter in the Air Force was the Bell P-59 Airacomet but only a few were built and never saw action in WW II because its performance was inadequate.



Good Old Model Photos (Continued)

Again, Bob Goff with his deHavilland Mosquito, the famous bomber, fighter, night fighter, reconnaissance and you-name-it very versatile British plane. The very excellent bottom photo taken by Rob Askegaard, really captures the takeoff.



Good Old Model Photos (Continued)

This time Bob is holding his Lockheed Electra as flown by Melia Earhart when she tried to make her round the world trip in 1937. Rob's ground level photo is so realistic.



Good Old Model Photos (Continued)

Above is a Focke Wulf FW-190, another of Bob Goff's wonderful scratch built models. The 190 was a very potent and versatile German fighter. It took its toll on allied planes with speed and firepower. Below is a Dornier Do-335 Arrow, very fast 472 mph German fighter. Only a few were built.



Good Old Model Photos (Continued)

Above, Supermarine Spitfire, well known and respected British fighter. Below, a Douglas A-20 Havoc. One of Bob's larger planes which he took out to the desert to fly (successfully). It has beautiful scale details such as a Norden bombsight in the nose and a neat gunner's position facing aft. It's just a wonderful scale attack plane model of the WW II era.



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:

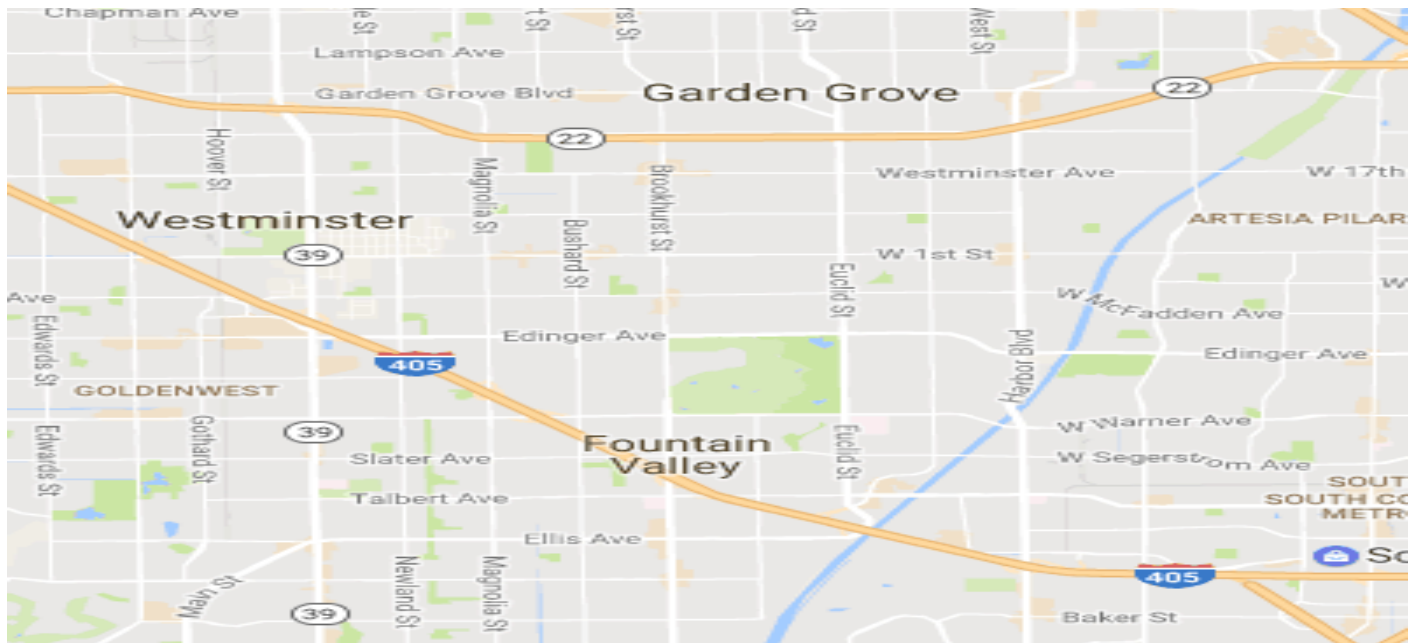
- February Wix, website management and domain name re-registration payment due.
- March Network Solutions, website domain name re-registration payment due.
- March AMA charter and "Gold Leader Club" renewal.
- March Club must purchase "Certificate of Liability Insurance" from AMA.
- April Imaginology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

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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