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Plane of the Month



This month's special is Walt Cloer's B-17. It has been around for a while, but rarely visits our field because of it's size. Walt brought it out for show, and a little run-up.

We are grateful to Rob Askegaard for catching these shots. That is Walt and Don Hofeldt doing heavy lifting.

The wing span is 120", four AXI 4120/14 motors, four 90 AMP speed controllers, four 5 cell 5000 battery packs, Spektrum radio with 3 pick up heads.



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HSS Meeting Minutes For 5 Feb 2009

I. Executive Session: Meeting was called to order at 6:55. In attendance were Jim Hanson, Karl Hawley, Ross Thomas, Fred Hesse, Dennis Anderson, Ted Broberg, Berkeley Green, Tuan Le, Charles Goggin. Additional attendees included Frank Colver, Rob Askegaard, and Malcolm Walworth. President Henry Smith was out of town, Vice President John Anderson had a medical emergency, so the meeting was chaired by Berkeley and Fred, with agenda items provided by John.

- A. Status of the calendar: Ross Thomas brought the SC-2 schedule, so we can plan around it. John and Ross are to plan an all-out Fun Fly/Barbecue/Swap Meet for Saturday May 23. More news later on that. Note that the calendar for club, SC-2 and other local events is now updated. Check it out.
- B. Media Committee: Fred reported that they had a productive meeting on setting up a web-site that can be modified by authorized members. Charles Goggin, guest and designer of the web site program, made a presentation showing how we could build a web site that is very user- and operator-friendly, and costs only about \$20 per month, or \$200 per year with the discount. "If you can manage a word processor and your photos are on a computer, you can run this. It's pretty simple." Berkeley says that Devin Dow has been running our current web site, and he's enthusiastic about getting in on this. "This will bring everyone into the loop who wants to be part of it," says Berkeley. Fred Hesse, who edits our newsletter now, is in favor of using this. Tuan commented that the current site is not being added to by our members. This would likely improve our web site. Consensus favors trying it for year. Berkeley will start it right away, but Charles says it will not be operational for at least another month.
- C. Report of Scout Classes: Berkeley: Classes are ongoing, and will take a break next week. He summarized the development of skills that the students go through, from paper and pencil plan-making, to Depron foam models and beyond. Students pay a fee, and work through the steps of designing, building, flying, and improving their creations.
- D. Leader Club: Henry Smith has expressed interest in this. Fred described the requirements. We have a good chance of achieving the Silver level.
- E. Field Revisions: Fred: The contract for the Vernal Pools is being let in several weeks. We are to meet with the contractor and discuss possible surface amendments for the runway (Poly-Pavement has been recommended.)
- F. Fire extinguisher/First Aid kit: Jim H. has replaced the extinguisher. Jim Hanson has volunteered to check the First Aid kit in the kiosk.
- G. Charging station: Tuan Le made it, and we need to work out details to repay him for it and get it installed.
- H. Replacing the kiosk's Plexiglass: A member is working on it.
- I. Expense budget: We are about breaking even on dues matching expenses. We may need to increase our annual dues. Currently, we are about the least costly club in the area. When we get an estimate of the pavement/surfacing costs, a decision may need to be made.
- J. The AMA "Take Off and Grow" (**TAG**) program was tabled for later consideration
- K. Action item: deferred: Review of the inventory for the Adopt a School program will occur at the convenience of Henry Smith, John Anderson, and Fred Hesse.

Executive meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m.

II. General Session: This meeting started right after the Executive session, with the same attendance.

A. Show and Tell:

- 1. Dennis Anderson showed his GROOVY, a \$50 ARF from China. He says it came out to be a fairly nice airplane for a reasonable price. He bought it at the AMA show. He also mentioned a Spektrum Digital Servo centering device.
- 2. Berkeley Green: Depron and EPP electric 3-D sport plane.
- 3. Ted Broberg: 3 meter GNOME RES. It crashed on its second day's flight, when the elevator horn broke out of the elevator joiner due to weakness in the wooden piece. A new stab and elevator, with a more substantial stick, cured the problem.
- 4. Jim Hanson: two "Bind and Fly" helicopters. They have dual rotors, no tail rotors, and are very stable. They work with Spektrum DX transmitters.



B. Drawing: The prize plane is a Galaxy motor glider by Hacker, with about a 2.5 meters wingspan. It comes with a fairly large brushed motor, includes folding prop, gearbox, 35 amp speed control, 4 servos, and the original box. Tuan's ticket was drawn, but he "re-donated" it. Ted Broberg won it on the second bounce.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Ted Broberg, Secretary

Thanks, Ted, you do a great job with the minutes. Lots of detail. Ed.

Special Steering Committee Meeting

The Steering Committee held a special meeting on February 16, 2009, to address possible runway improvements, and to prepare for a meeting on this topic with the city on the following day. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by President Henry Smith III. In attendance were Henry Smith, Fred Hesse, Karl Hawley, Jim Hanson, John Anderson, and Ted Broberg,

Business:

- A. Henry offered us a used but insulated and air-conditioned CONTAINER, which he could even have delivered, on condition that we never return it. Discussion will be needed later. We'd have to ask the City if we could have a bigger footprint. Karl favors adding it to the existing one, rather than replacing the old one. If it's not bigger, why trade?
- B. Henry displayed some maps of the field, and cautioned us not to request too much from the city. The present and projected areas, fences, and runways were discussed. Henry recommends a 250' X 40' landing strip, with a topping two inches deep. Question to Karl: Can the winch launch area be moved closer to the new frequency board? Karl: Yes, and we can even land the gliders across the paved path (east of the path), where we used to land them.
- C. John suggested that what we need to do first is identify some issues: what do we most want first? Karl reminds us that some of what we now have (e.g., the container) is not in an area that is ours, according to the Master Plan. [Henry remarked that the Master Plan is on the City of Costa Mesa web-site]. Considerations included glider launching and landing areas, electric take-off, landing, and flight areas, and keeping pedestrian and bicycle traffic safe. The prevailing winds, and variants such as Santa Ana winds, all have to be planned for. [Karl pointed out that the prevailing wind prior to El Nino were more westerly, whereas now they have mostly shifted to winds from the south-west.] -- John: We should ask Robert Staples how much flexibility is there in the boundaries? Where will the fences be?
What is emerging are two areas:
 - (a) Fine tune the existing winch-launch and runway locations.
 - (b) Pulling the glider launch area north-east, away from the electric area.
- Henry reminded us that parallel runways in use by full-sized planes hold to a separation of landing approaches. "Wherever you have crossing flight paths, you have a setting for disaster."
- Karl pointed out that none of these city actions can be done without "grant money." He recommends dealing with them in ways that enlist their help, rather than cause them to get their dander up.
- D. Fred raised the topic of the AMA grant application: John volunteered to work on it. Karl said that if we don't use it, all you have to do is apply again later.
- E. John brought up the point that the glider guys don't need Poly Pavement. Henry mentioned that a point in favor of that product is that it is repairable. Sand is preferred to decomposed granite for our purposes. He's opposed to decomposed granite, unless we are told there is no acceptable alternative. Sand is cheaper, and is a nicer landing surface. He strongly recommends Poly Pavement.
- F. John: What are the capital improvement items, probable sources, and likely costs? John and Jim came up with an estimate of \$50,000 to \$66,400. Henry: If that's the price, there's no way it's going to happen. Fred said that at Black Starr's field, they paid about \$40,000 for their Poly Pavement surfacing.
- G. Karl: Does it have to have the soil sterilized, to prevent weeds growing through it? Answer: Yes; suggestions: Vapor layer, or another barrier weed-suppressant.
- H. John: We'll have to address pits and fence, and the container and frequency board/table area.
- I. The power supply was discussed. Tuan Le built it, and Walt Cloer has it. What's next?
- J. Reminder to Ted: Bring the renewal forms for Intro Pilots to Henry.



2009 HSS Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your HSS membership, and to assist you, a 2009 HSS Membership Application is attached on page 11. Be sure to mark if you would prefer E-Mail delivery, as it saves the printing and mailing costs. Also, mark your area of interest so as to assist future event planning.

Raffle Prize for March 5 Meeting

To stimulate club meeting attendance, a number of raffles have been planned. The cost? Nothing but your attendance at the next club meeting. Everyone that shows up gets a ticket for free. This starts making the odds pretty darn good! So, join us March 5th at the Neighborhood Community Center, 1846 Park Ave. in Costa Mesa at 7 PM and have a great time, learn what the club has planned, and maybe take home next month's raffle prize. This resembles a Rascal, with about a 50" wing span. It includes servos, speed control, receiver and geared speed 400 setup.

**Jim Hanson's HSS On-Line Photo Site**

Hello Fellow Club Members:

This is a link to a web page I have created to place Club photos for you to view and enjoy. If you have any photos I can post, please e-mail them to me @ tog4rc@pacbell.net. For you who do not have internet access too bad. Get with the program!! Check out the photos at <http://picasaweb.google.com/rc.goat>
Jim Hanson

Good Deals for a Good Cause

Last month we ran this message in which Henry Smith had received this E-mail from Brian TINK Tinkler and felt that there were some pretty good prices here, and for a good cause. Since then, the following comments from Brian and the latest list gives the remaining items as of about 16 Feb 2009.

Gentlemen:

Many of the items have been sold, I've raised \$500 dollars for the [Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](http://www.pediatricbraintumorfoundation.org) to date from my garage sale. I have a fund raising page here > <http://www.firstgiving.com/tink>

Here's what's left:

\$40.00	Super Aeromaster kit by Great Planes, NEW
\$30.00	Escape, stunt ship by Birdi
\$40.00	Astro Electric Flight Gear
\$40.00	K&B .61 RC engine w/pipe, NEW
\$5.00	Box O' Landing Gears

My web page at <http://www.photosbytink.com/rcplanes/> has been updated to show what's left in the sale. There are things we do in life to serve ourselves, and then there are things we do in life to serve our souls. Please consider making a donation to **Ride for Kids** > LINK www.photosbytink.com



Coming Events For 2009

Sunday	March 1	Third HSS monthly club thermal duration competition at Fairview Park. Details TBS
Thursday	March 5	HSS monthly meeting, Neighborhood Community Center, Harper Room. 1845 Park Ave. Exec. meeting 6:15 PM, General meeting 7:00 PM.
Sunday	March 29	Southern Cal Soaring Clubs first competition (www.sc-2.org), at Fish Canyon, hosted by Silent Wings Soaring Assoc. See www.silent-wings.org for map.
Thursday	April 2	HSS monthly meeting, Neighborhood Community Center, Harper Room. 1845 Park Ave. Exec. meeting 6:15 PM, General meeting 7:00 PM.
Sunday	April 5	Fourth HSS monthly club thermal duration competition at Fairview Park. Details TBS
Sunday	April 19	Southern Cal Soaring Clubs 2nd competition (www.sc-2.org), at Encinitas Flight Center, hosted by Torrey Pines Gulls. See www.torreypinesgulls.org for map.
Sat-Sun	April 18-19	RC Expo hobby show. Pomona Fairplex, CA. www.rcx.com . Also called Model Airplane News Expo.
Sunday	May 3?	Fifth HSS monthly club thermal duration competition at Fairview Park. Details TBS
Sat-Sun	May 2-3	CVRC Annual Bent Wing soaring competition. Russell Pond, 8400 Ave. 320, Visalia, CA 93291. Web site www.cvrcsoaring.com has all information.
Thursday	May 7	HSS monthly meeting, TBD time and location. Details TBS
Fri-Sun	May 15-17	CVRC Spring Aero Tow. Giant scale soaring. Russell Pond, 8400 Ave. 320, Visalia, CA 93291. Web site www.cvrcsoaring.com has all information.
Saturday	May 23	HSS annual Electric and Glider Fun Fly, barbeque, and swap meet. Fairview Park Costa Mesa. Details at www.1hss.org .
Sunday	May 31	Southern Cal Soaring Clubs third comp. (www.sc-2.org), at Field of Dreams hosted by SULA. See www.soaringunionoflosangeles.org for map
Thursday	June 4	HSS monthly meeting, TBD time and location.
Saturday	June 7	Sixth HSS monthly club thermal duration competition at Fairview Park. Details TBS
Saturday	June 20	Annual HSS Bent Wing Soaring Competition. Fairview Park. Ross Thomas CD, Karl Hawley contest manager. Details at www.1hss.com .
Sunday	June 28	Southern Cal Soaring Clubs fourth comp. (www.sc-2.org), at A B Brown Field hosted by EDSF pilots at ISS. See www.glideiss.us for map
Thursday	July 2	HSS monthly meeting, TBD time and location.
Sunday	July 5	Seventh HSS monthly club thermal duration competition at Fairview Park. Details TBS
Sunday	July 26	Southern Cal Soaring Clubs fifth competition (www.sc-2.org), at Fish Canyon hosted by HSS. See www.1hss.org , and www.silent-wings.org for map
Sunday	August 2	Eighth HSS monthly club thermal duration competition at Fairview Park. Details TBS
Thursday	August 6	HSS monthly meeting, TBD time and location.
Sunday	August 30	Southern Cal Soaring Clubs sixth competition (www.sc-2.org), Redwood school In Thousand Oaks, hosted by TOSS. See www.toss.freesevers.com , for map
Sat-Sun	Oct 3-4	CVRC Fall Soaring Fest. Duration contest. Russell Pond, 8400 Ave. 320, Visalia, CA 93291. Web site www.cvrcsoaring.com has all information.
Fri-Sun	Oct 16-18	CVRC Fall Aero Tow. Giant scale soaring. Russell Pond, 8400 Ave. 320, Visalia, CA 93291. Web site www.cvrcsoaring.com has all information.



March 5th 2009 Meeting Notice - NEW LOCATION (and time)

Be sure to note that the monthly meetings are still scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, but the location is new. We will now meet at the Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Community Center, located at 1845 Park Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627, in the Harper Room. The General meeting begins at 7:00 PM and all members and guests are cordially invited. A beautiful new sport power plane will be raffled off to attendees at no charge. See elsewhere in this newsletter for a description and photo of the raffle prize. The Executive Committee meets 45 minutes earlier at 6:15 PM.

Ground Crews Wanted for Full Size Glider Flights

Are you interested in adventure and adding to your aviation and glider knowledge? Every weekend from Spring to Fall cross-country pilots flying straight out from Crystal Gliderport need support crews. Its a weekend all expense paid road trip! If you are interested contact Larry Tuohino at LarSwan@aol.com or 714-319-9988. He'll hook you up with pilots from the "Crystal Squadron".

Seen Around the Field

Our club photographer, Rob Askegaard, took the following photos. Thanks, Rob.
First we have John Valentino and his new Hurricane. The detail looks great.



Next, we have Don Hofeldt and his Nieuport 28. It is a 1/4 scale model with an 80" wing span. The motor is an AXI 5320/34 with a 20 x 10 prop, the battery is 10 cell, 5000 ma LiPo, with a JETI 77 Amp ESC. Weight is just under 10 lbs.



Service Bulletins From Horizon Hobby

Horizon Hobby has service bulletins. at www.horizonhobby.com/Support/Product/Bulletins.aspx . Or search for bulletins. They have hundreds, but the following lists the ones for the very popular Spektrum radios. Also, there is a new service bulletin shown below that deals with the stick potentiometers of certain serial numbers.

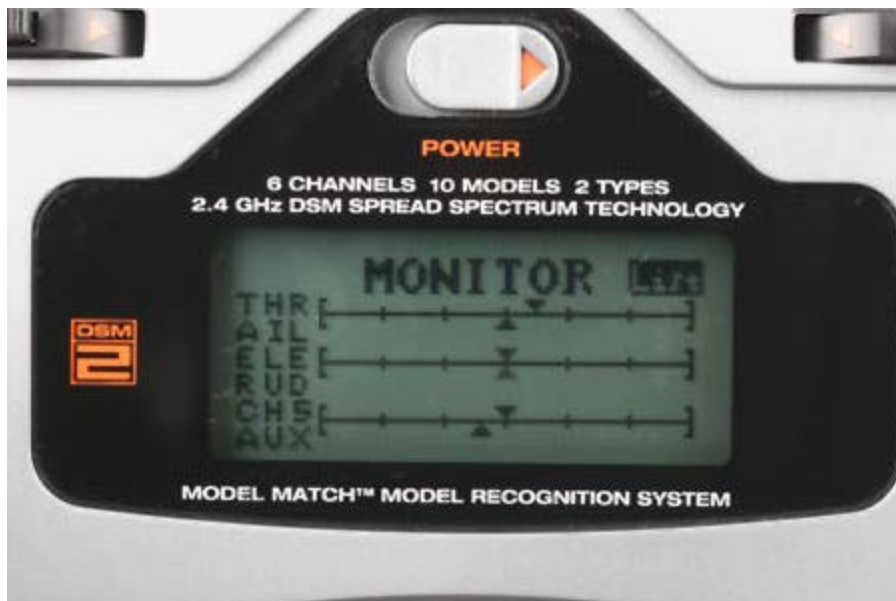
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Spektrum DX6i Stick Pot Service Bulletin

Attention DX6i Users

DX6i owners are advised: our service center has a concern of potentially bad stick potentiometers, which can be identified with this easy process:

- 1) Turn on your transmitter and select the servo monitor display

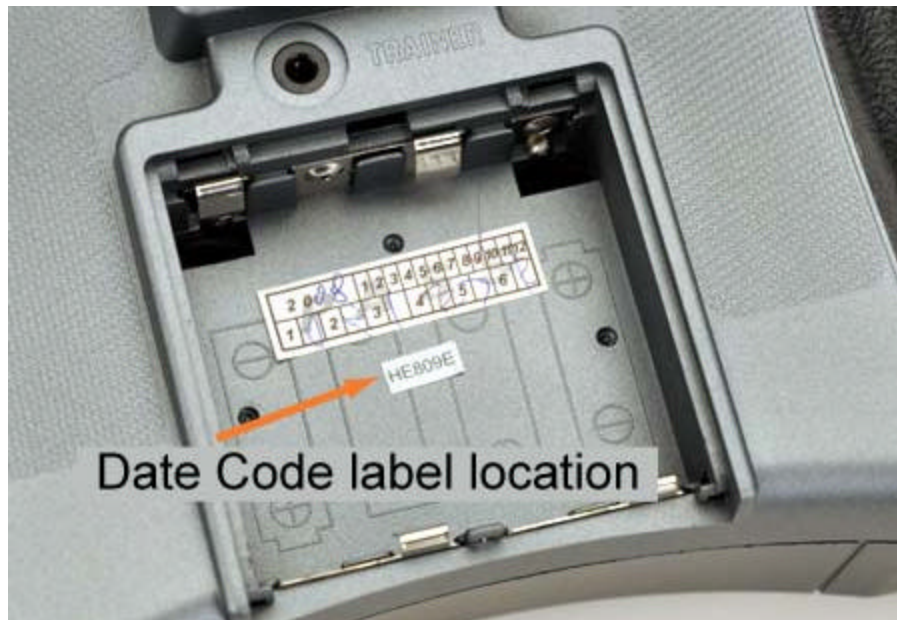


- 2) Smoothly move the sticks in each axis, carefully watching the commanded position on the monitor



3) The monitor should show smooth movement tracking with the input. If the monitor “jumps” or hesitates, please send your system in for service using one of the links below

Radios with a date codes of 809E, 810E, 811E, 812E should be carefully checked. If your radio does not have a date code, the test is still advisable. And please, as is common, check your controls before flight.



We apologize for any inconvenience, and thank you for your patience.

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[DX6i Service—US customers](#)

Customers outside of the US and Canada should perform the test and then contact their local retailer or local Spektrum distributor. Distributors may be found [here](#).



Dave Platt's Rules of Scale Modeling

The following was found on R/C Groups recently. Lots of truth in what Dave says.

1. All of the best information on a subject arrives the day the model is completed, and proves conclusively that what you have done is wrong.
2. You never finish a scale model. You just stop working on it.
3. Those subjects requiring the greatest number of working channels have the least room for radio gear.
4. How right it looks matters more than how right it is.
5. Competitive scale modeling is about replication, not authentication.
6. Given a choice, judges will believe wrong information over right.
7. Live by the principle of scarfology. Things disappear from the marketplace, so scarf them up while the scarfing is good. (More true now than ever!)
8. Experience has demonstrated that the worst 3-views of any subject are the ones that came from the factory. The best were done by some careful modeler who wanted an accurate model and made his 3-view a labor of love.
9. Never, ever, use color photos in documentation.
10. The weak link in the RC Scale reliability chain is still - the engine. (Dave...they have this new solution for you these days...electric!)
11. A fair model with a good docs-book will outscore an excellent model with a poor docs-book.
12. Scale RC is a very relaxing hobby – if you can stand the pace.
13. Big models fly; small models flit. (Dave, you are wrong about that!)
14. First, it's got to fly.
15. No amount of flying will improve your static score.
16. It's a mistake to take a scale model out to fly while you still like it.
17. Whenever a manufacturer improves his product, the old one is much better than the new one.

Plane Rap Classified Ads and Services - For Sale

Tim Beegan, HSS Member: Do you have a need for machine work? I can do small parts for R/C planes. Call me at (949) 646-6285 or see me at the field for consulting.

New Club T-Shirts

Karl Hawley has HSS T-shirts. They have the club logo on the back in full color, and a small sailplane on the front. These high quality shirts are priced as follows: T-Shirt, no pocket, \$5; T-Shirt with pocket, \$7; Golf shirt with a polo collar and a front pocket, \$13. These are available to all members. Contact Karl.

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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 be manufactured to meet the AMA/FCC specifications for model aviation. 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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See our web site at www.1hss.org, and our photo site at <http://picasaweb.google.com/rc.goat> .

NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE AT A NEW LOCATION! TUESDAY MARCH 5 2009 AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY CENTER, HARPERS ROOM. ADDRESS IS 1845 PARK AVENUE, COSTA MESA. EXEC MEETING 6:15 PM, GENERAL MEETING 7 PM. THIS PRINTED ISSUE IS LIMITED TO 12 PAGES TO REDUCE MAILING COSTS. SEE THE COLOR VERSION SENT BY E-MAIL AND AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE.

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