



# Harbor Soaring Society

Charter #128 Costa Mesa, California  
 AMA's Oldest Radio Controlled Soaring Club  
 Silver Leader Club Since 2009



## HSS PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER

HSS is the oldest AMA chartered R/C Soaring Club in the USA. Founded 1964.  
 Silver Leader Club since 2009, Gold Leader Club 2011-2013, 2015-2017.

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HSS IS NOW OVER 54 YEARS OLD!

Volume 55

**2018 AMA Convention at Ontario Convention Center.  
 Friday January 5 to Sunday January 7. See page 10 for details.**

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### Coming Events and Soaring Competitions

January - April 2018

- Tuesday January 2, 2018. Round Table Pizza, 11095 Warner Ave. General meeting, 7 PM. See P.17 for details and location.
- Friday January 5 through Sunday January 7, 2018. AMA Convention at Ontario Convention Center. See Page 10 for details.
- Tuesday February 6, 2018. Round Table Pizza, 11095 Warner Ave. General meeting, 7 PM. See P.17 for details and location.
- Tuesday March 6, 2018. Round Table Pizza, 11095 Warner Ave. General meeting, 7 PM. See P.17 for details and location.
- Tuesday April 3, 2018. Round Table Pizza, 11095 Warner Ave. General meeting, 7 PM. See P.17 for details and location.
- Friday April 13 through Sunday April 15. Imaginology even at Orange County Fair Grounds. See Page 11 for details.



## December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party Minutes

The December 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party was held at Super "A" Mexican Restaurant located at 2949 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa. The party convened at 6:00 P.M. Joni Whatsitt, President presiding.

2017 Board and Steering Committee Members in attendance were Joni Whatsitt, Henry Smith, Mike Gackowski, Fred Hesse, Rob Askegaard. Greg Stone District X Associate Vice-President was also present.

Joni welcomed everyone to the party and thanked the 2017 Board and Steering Committee members present for their accomplishments this year. Dinner was served at 6:30 pm and members and guests ate.

After dinner Joni presented 5 plaques to the following for their contribution, dedication, leadership and service to HSS and its Members.

- Henry Smith, Vice-President, Past President of HSS, Lead Flight Instructor, Grounds Keeper and many other duties Henry has volunteered for in the past and present.
- Bruce Gale, Secretary (sadly Bruce was absent due to work out of town and could not attend).
- Mike Gackowski, Treasurer, Publisher, Membership Chairman and his willingness to help others.
- Fred Hesse, Editor, Publisher (Fred does a wonderful job getting the newsletter completed).  
(Note: Fred said he did not deserve the award, but his wife said he did).
- Rob Askegaard, Club Photographer (takes great pictures of members for the newsletter).

Presentation of Gold Leader Club Pins:

Joni presented Gold Leader pins to all HSS members present.

Installation of Officers for 2018: Joni announced the new officers:

Joel Jones, President	Mike Fox, Vice-President
Henry Smith, Treasurer, Membership	Joni Whatsitt, Secretary
Bruce Schafer, Contest Coordinator	Jim Sonnenmeier, Safety Coordinator
Fred Hesse, Editor/Publisher	David Miller, Social Media Mgr.
Henry Smith, Flight Instructor	Rob Askegaard, Club Photographer

Note: Ted Broberg announced his wife Terry was in the hospital this evening and could not make the party. Our best wishes to Terry for a speedy recovery.

Opportunity Drawing:

The winners for the Opportunity Drawing are:

Ted Broberg	Flying sphere	Larry Koch	Blue aerobatic airplane
Rob Askegaard	Ryan STA	Don Wittenberg	Waco biplane
Sid Hood	T6 kit	John Rittenhouse	Spirit kit
Kevin Koch	Fly Baby kit	Charlie Siegfried	P40 airplane
Mike Fox	Sophisticated Lady	Ted Bohrer	Super Cub kit
William Williams	Quad Max	Fred Hesse	Falcon 56
Henry Smith	CR7 airplane	Mike Costello	Rainbow runner
Greg Stone	Sparrow Hawk	Ralph Siegfried	PT19 kit
Mike Gackowski	Helicopter	Jesse Calleros	SE5, by Ted Baxter
Travis Black	Jet	Joel Jones	ARF electric airplane
Paul Tichey	Pierce Arrow	John Anderson	Monocoupe 90A
Leo Forstall	Ted Baxter Free flight plane	Bob Davey	Bird Dog
Paul Tichey	Mini Wasp 100	Bill Sharkey	Illusion Glider kit.

Members and Guests in Attendance:

Ted Broberg	Joni Whatsitt	Kathy Koukl	Ralph Siegfried
Judy Siegfried	Fred Hesse	Marge Hesse	Mike Costello
Karen Costello	Randy Wilbur	Sid Hood	Marili Hood
Greg Stone	Paul Tichey	Travis Black	Leo Forstall
Jesse Calleros	Mary Lou Calleros	Mike Fox	Bob Davey



**December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party Minutes (Continued)**

Members and Guests in Attendance (Continued):

Julie Davey  
Mary Gilmartin  
Rob Askegaard  
Raul Odin

Larry Koch  
Don Wittenberg  
Shirley Leyva  
Joel Jones

Kevin Koch  
Henry Smith  
Ira Baxter  
Charlie Siegfried

Bill Sharkey  
John Rittenhouse  
Ted Baxter  
Ted Bohrer

**December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation**

First, shown below are the recognition awards for 2017 officers, followed by the 2018 officer installation. Joni went to major expense to obtain particularly beautiful recognition awards. Thanks Joni.



Left is Joni receiving her award from incoming President Joel Jones

Right is Henry Smith III, past Vice President.



Left, Joni awards Mike Gaczowski, Treasurer.

Right is news letter Editor Fred Hesse.



Secretary Bruce Gale was not in attendance.



Left is our photographer Rob Askegaard.

Right, Joni installs our 2018 President Joel Jones.





**December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party**

Our party was held at Super "A" Mexican Restaurant on Fairview Road, in Costa Mesa. The following are photos of attendees shown L to R (thanks to Rob Askegaard). Your editor apologizes if names are incorrect.



Mary Lou and Jesse Calleros, Leo Forstall, Travis Black, Paul Tichey, William Williams, and Bill Sharkey.



Sylvia and John Anderson, seated with Ralph and Judy Siegfried



Charlie Siegfried, Larry and Kevin Koch.



Marge and Fred Hesse, Mike Gaczkowski, Ted Broberg, and Greg Stone.



Bob and Julie Davey, Shirley Leyva, Rob Askegaard.



Don Wittenberg, Joni Whitsitt, John Rittenhouse, Mike Gaczkowski.





December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party (Continued)



Mike and Karen Costello with Ted Bohrer.



Mary Gilmartin, Marili and Sid Hood.



Kathy Koukl and Randy Wilbur.



Fred Hesse, Ted Bohrer, and Ted Broberg.

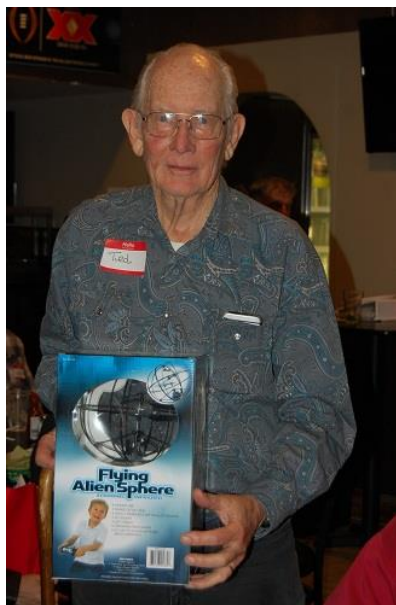


the 2018 officers include Joni Whitsitt, Secretary; Henry Smith, Treasurer; Joel Jones, President; Mike Fox, Vice President; Fred Hesse, Newsletter Editor; and Rob Askegaard, Photographer.





**December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party Raffle Winners**



Ted Broberg takes a Flying Sphere.



Larry Koch wins a stunt plane.



Rob Askegaard gets a Ryan STA.



Sid Hood with a T-6 Texan kit.



John Rittenhouse gets a 2 meter Spirit glider.



Kevin Koch selects a Fly Baby kit.



Left is Dick Baxter receiving a collectors model award for his contributions to modeling.

Right is Don Wittenberg with a WACO biplane he won.





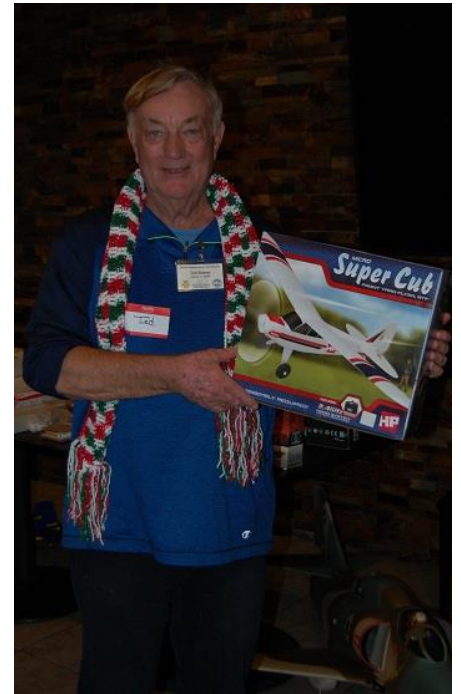
December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party Raffle Winners (Continued)



Charlie Siegfried holds his Talon 40.



Mike Fox wins a Sophisticated Lady.



Ted Bohrer gets a Super Cub.



William Williams wins a Scorpion S- Max.



Greg stone picks a Sparrow Hawk.



Henry Smith III takes a Charger CR-1



December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party Raffle Winners (Continued)



Mike Costello selects a Rainbow Runner 25 kit.



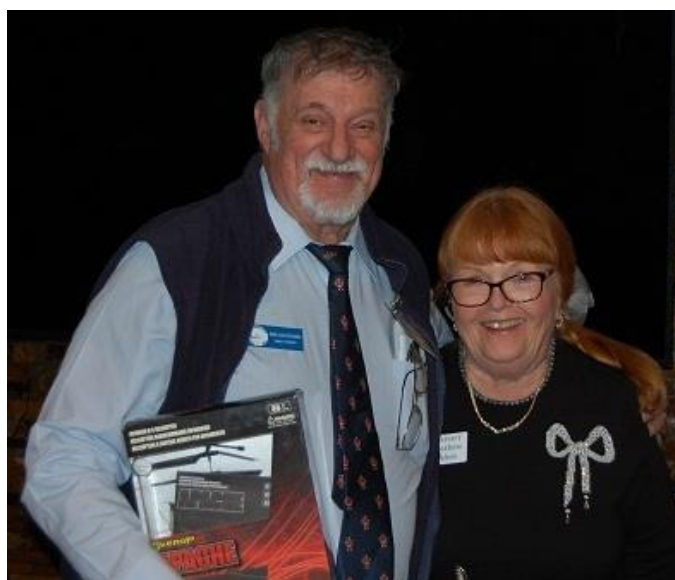
Jesse receives an SE-5 by Ted Baxter.



Travis Black wins an A4 Sky Hawk ducted fan.



Leo Forstall gets a Ted Baxter free flight.



Mike Gaczowski chooses an Apache helicopter.



Raul Odin picks a Pierce Arrow glider.





# December 5, 2017 Annual Christmas Party Raffle Winners (Continued)



Joel Jones picked a stunt ARF.



Paul Tichey won a mini Wasp100



Bob Davey chose a Bird Dog kit..



John Anderson selected a Monocoupe 90A.



Charlie Siegfried got a PT-19 kit.



Bill Sharkey gets an Illusion glider kit.

The Christmas party was a spectacular success, with everyone winning a raffle prize. Joni very thoughtfully brought special prizes for all of the ladies in attendance. Thanks, Joni. While the cost for dinner was only \$10 each, the club paid for the tax and tip for everyone. Thanks also to Mike Gaczowski, Randy Wilbur, and unnamed others who made this event possible. Merry Christmas.



**2018 AMA Convention - West****Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, California**

**Friday, January 5, 2018 11am – 5pm**

**Saturday, January 6, 2018 10am – 5pm**

**Sunday, January 7, 2018 10am – 4pm**

**You may purchase advance tickets online through January 2, 2018, 5:00 PM PST.**

**Telephone orders will not be available after Dec 29, 2017.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**After that all tickets must be purchased at the door. All sales final. No refunds.**

**ADVANCE TICKET PRICING**

1 day	\$10 Member/\$12 Non-member/\$5 Life Member
2 day	\$18 Member/\$20 Non-member/\$9 Life Member
3 day	\$24 Member/\$28 Non-member/\$12 Life Member
Youth Ticket	12-18 yrs: \$5 per person
Group Pass	For 10 or more: \$8 per person
Kids	12 yrs & Under – Free
Complimentary	Active Military w/ ID, Uniformed Girl/Boy Scouts, Navy Sea Cadets, CAP

**AT-THE-DOOR TICKET PRICES**

1 day	\$13 Member/\$15 Non-member/\$7 Life Member
2 day	\$24 Member/\$28 Non-member/\$12 Life Member
3 day	\$33 Member/\$36 Non-member/\$17 Life Member
Youth Ticket	12-18 yrs: \$5 per person
Kids	12 yrs & Under – Free
Complimentary	Active Military w/ ID, Uniformed Girl/Boy Scouts, Navy Sea Cadets, CAP

**FAA Registration Requirement Expected to Return**

Jim Sonnenmeier spotted this announcement from the AMA. Thanks, Jim.

Congress recently finalized the National Defense Authorization Act that restores the FAA's registration requirement. This bill reverses an earlier U.S. Court of Appeals decision that struck down registration in May 2017. When this new national defense bill is enacted, all hobbyists and members will again be legally required to comply with the FAA registration requirement.

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/faa-uas-faq.aspx>





**2918 Imaginology at Orange County Fairgrounds**

HSS has again been invited to participate in the 2018 Imaginology event at the Orange County Fairgrounds. This is an annual event and HSS has been very active over the last several years. In 2017 we teamed with Squadron 68 of the Civil Air Patrol, and the Knights of the Round Circle. Initial details are shown below, but this gives us plenty of opportunity to plan for this really fun event.



Friday, April 13: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Saturday, April 14: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday, April 15: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Donations For Club Raffles**

Members are invited to donate planes, radios, and all the things needed to keep them flying. These will be used for the raffles held at each monthly General Meeting. Stuff can be anything that has some value and/or can be repaired. Contact Henry Smith III with your donations. Contact info on last page of this newsletter.

Alberto Donna has generously donated four airplanes to the club for raffle prizes. Each are new or in very good condition and need only some small amount of TLC (remounting servos, gluing on a fin, installing new motors or basic radio installations.) There are two larger gliders, one smaller glider and one small park flyer type.

**SC-2 Competition**

The schedule for the Southern California Soaring Clubs 2018 competition schedule has not been published. Announcements of each event will be made when available.

**SC-2 Communication Through RC Groups**

Imageek2 has just replied to a thread - Discussion SC2 2017 - Southern California Soaring Clubs' Official Thread - in the Sailplane Events forum of RC Groups.

This thread is located at:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2806592&goto=newpost>

The SC-2 web site at <http://www.sc2soaring.com> may not be maintained any longer.



**Steering Committee Minutes for November 27, 2017**

The Steering Committee Meeting was held at Round Table Pizza, Fountain Valley, CA. The meeting convened at 7:25P.M. Joni Whitsitt presiding.

Steering Committee and General Members in attendance were: Joni Whitsitt, Mike Gaczowski, Bruce Schafer, Joel Jones and John Anderson.

Old Business: Joni read e-mail she received from Cynthia D'Agosta Fairview Park Administrator concerning the proposed fence opening for the winch with a maximum 10 ' opening approved by US Wildlife. Joni read second letter from Robert Staples asking to clarify where gliders are slope soaring per request of Park Rangers inquiry. Henry Smith replied to Robert Staples e-mail.

To help the Park Rangers with violators Joel suggested a log of events can be used as a preventative measure for safety regulations and environmental regulations and can be linked to the club website as an on-line log for members to post. Perhaps David Miller can come up with an app.

Club Christmas Party: Mike Gaczowski reported 29 reservations and expects more to attend last minute. The event starts at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm at Super "A" Mexican Restaurant.

Joni has gifts for the ladies and plenty of airplanes, kits, etc. for the opportunity drawing.

New Business: Mike Gaczowski reported on the election of 2018 Officers: President, Joel Jones, Vice-President, Mike Fox, Secretary, Joni Whitsitt, Treasurer-Membership, Henry Smith, Contest Coordinator, Bruce Schafer, Safety Coordinator, Jim Sonnenmeier, Newsletter Editor, Fred Hesse. Social Media Manager, David Miller. Flight Instructor, Henry Smith, Club Photographer, Rob Askegaard.

Drone Poster: Joni asked Justin Martin, Director of Parks & Rec if the club could update the drone poster the city posted back in 2016. Justin responded please do. At this meeting Bruce Schafer and Joel Jones discussed ways to improve the poster before submitting it to Justin for approval. Joel said he will work on a new poster to be submitted.

Mike Gaczowski reported the new 2018 membership cards are ready. The club needs to have a membership drive.

The Steering Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully, Joni Whitsitt, President (Filling in for Bruce Gale, Secretary)

**Fencing**

The fencing of Fairview Park by the City of Costa Mesa as directed by the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service is in turmoil. HSS members have tried to document the work as follows.

Below is a photo taken by Doron Ben-Yehzekel showing fencing being installed along section A5 in the following map. The issue is that they brought the fence right up to the paved walking path. A second issue is that they fenced twice as much area A5 as is necessary.





**Fencing (Continued)**

Jim Sonnenmeier reports that what the Fairview Park Advisory Committee had agreed to was 'gates' with access through section A2 for access for the winch line and walking to the bluff. That may or may not be happening. Fortunately, access to the HSS storage shed has been preserved.

Further development. In addition to what was witnessed in the photos from Doron, Bruce Schaefer spoke to the workers installing fencing on the runway side of the paved path and they seemed to suggest that there was NOT going to be a 'gate' or other access through the fence for the winch line as was promised.



**HSS History**

Harbor Soaring Society is approaching its 55th year as the oldest AMA charted soaring club in the USA. Members come and go, and very often miss the astonishing history of accomplishments that make this club what it is. Richard Odle has assembled a 31 page slide show covering barely the frosting of this club. Your editor is continuing a multi-month feature in this newsletter that will show part of this history each month. In the November issue we showed slides 1 through 5. Here are slides 12 through 15. We hope you do enjoy. For those of you that wish to research more on HSS, check out our archives.

**Harbor Soaring Society in the Wider Community**

Aerial photo taken to assist the Orange County River Park Committee to determine degree of storm water intrusion into "Wetlands" adjacent to HB power plant.

With more importance is the fact this work, done by Jim Ward, was used to support the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy as they worked to restore the important wetlands.

For this effort Jim received a wonderful letter from the the HB Wetlands Conservancy, stating in part:

"The level of sophistication and versatility of your aircraft is amazing and the quality of the photographs is outstanding"... from Lena Yee Hayashi, Chair, HBWC. Sadly, Jim is no longer with us. We miss, as does the community as a whole, his wonderful humor, incredible models, highly skilled photography and genuine caring for his fellow mankind...

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**Authorizations and Rules**

**From this Public/Private partnership beginning in 2005 came formal Authorizations and Rules to best serve the Costa Mesa Community as a whole, whether members of the Harbor Soaring Society or not.**

The following references are provided for the record, including agreements with the City, City Rules, HSS Field Rules, AMA Rules, and City Permit Procedures... applicable to all permitted fliers at the park

The original Ordinance 07-01 approving model flight at Fairview Park dated January 2, 2007:  
<http://www.costamesaca.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=2753>

The HSS/City agreement setting forth conditions of this authority, first approved January 2, 2007, with a 5 year extension as amended dated May 20, 2014:  
<http://www.costamesaca.gov/ftp/council/agenda/2014/2014-05-20/NB-2-Attach-1.pdf>

The City Flying Rules: <http://38.106.5.76/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=2754>

The Harbor Soaring Society Field Rules:  
<http://38.106.5.76/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=2756>

The AMA Safety Rules: <http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/105.pdf>

The Fairview Park Model Aircraft Flying Permit Application:  
<http://38.106.5.76/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=777>

Though not to be enforced by the City or the HSS is the FAA registration rule:  
[https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/](https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/)

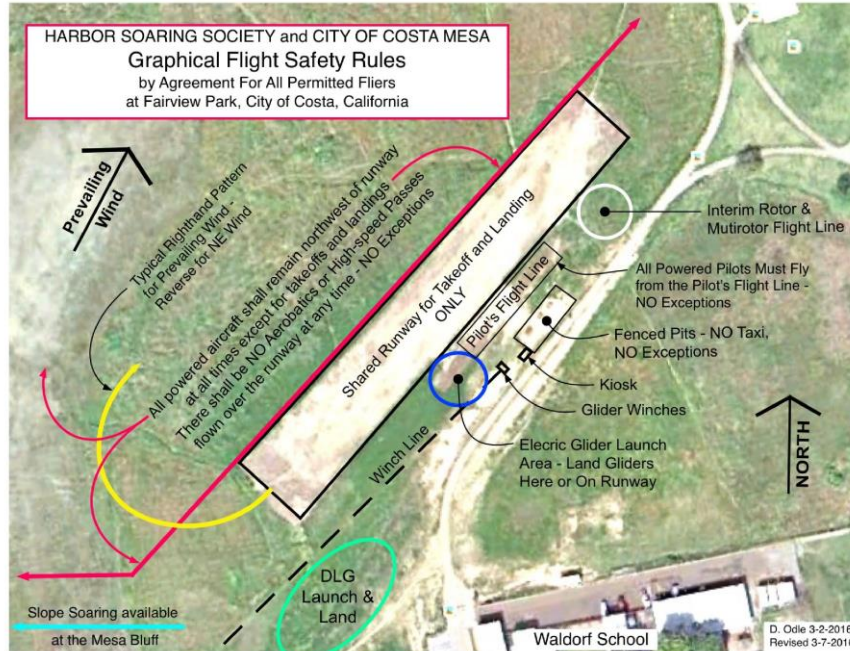
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**HSS History (Continued)****Current Flying Field Operations**

Runway Area – 0.9 Acres, Ancillary Areas (Pits, Pilot Stations, Sailplane Launch Area) - 0.3 Acres. A total of 1.2 Acres, or 0.6% of the 208 total acres within Fairview Park.



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### Brandman Report August 5, 1995 Referencing Model Airplanes

#### 2. Recreational Usage

None of the current recreational uses within the park are in conflict with preservation of the vernal pool habitat. The area has been used for a variety of recreational uses including jogging, bicycling, walking dogs, and in particular flying model airplanes. Given that these activities have been ongoing and given that the vernal pool habitat is quite healthy, it appears that all of these uses can coexist without restrictions to any of the groups.<sup>14</sup>

#### 3. Potential Restoration

Based upon an evaluation of historic aerial photographs, it appears that the fill material placed upon Archeological Site Ora-58 resulted in reducing the size of Vernal Pool Basin 1 by approximately one-half. Restoration of the basin could be accomplished by removal of the stockpiled material. Potential impacts to Archeological Site Ora-58 resulting from removal of the stockpiled material would need to be coordinated with the Corps.

If you have any questions about this letter report, please contact Tony Bomkamp at (714) 250-5555.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL BRANDMAN ASSOCIATES

*Tony Bomkamp*

Tony Bomkamp  
Regulatory Specialist

<sup>14</sup>In particular, use of the site by model airplane enthusiasts has been ongoing for many years. Their use of the site, including the mowing of "runways" through areas of the vernal pool habitat, has not contributed to degradation of the vernal pool habitat.

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## Respect For The Environs

The Harbor Soaring Society has always respected its place in the park and worked to protect its environs

Tony Bomkamp, now with Glenn Lukos Associates, the consulting biologist to the City of Costa Mesa on current conditions regarding protection on the Vernal Pools and the fairy shrimp habitat, reported this in 1995... long before the San Diego fairy shrimp was deemed to be an endangered species on February 3, 1997.

Nothing has changed... HSS continues to respect this fragile habitat and will continue to do so.

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### HSS Membership – Renew now if you haven't.

Our 2018 HSS membership enrollment season is in full swing. 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 20 September, 2017, is included in the last pages of this newsletter. These 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](http://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](http://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 page 18 of this newsletter.

### Interesting Links (New for January)

Here are some internet links that might be of interest, provided by Jim Sonnenmeier. Thanks, Jim. - Ed.

- Here is a site that provides photos of a European competition. Check out the towliners.  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/146495884@N02/albums/72157686801255816/page1>  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/146495884@N02/sets/72157686801255816/page2/>
- David Stoddart Photography Published Warbirds Aviation Photographer.  
[https://www.instagram.com/warbirds\\_photographer/](https://www.instagram.com/warbirds_photographer/)
- DLG Winterpostal 2017/2018. Discus Launched Glider competition. <http://www.rcdc.nl/wp/>
- The story of Solar Impulse. <http://pointofnoreturndoc.com/>
- Experimental X-56A's thin, bendy wings herald a revolution in airliner design.  
[https://newatlas.com/nasa-lockheed-x-56a-anti-flutter/52178/?utm\\_source=Gizmag+Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=42671cc802-UA-2235360-4&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_65b67362bd-42671cc802-91302841=](https://newatlas.com/nasa-lockheed-x-56a-anti-flutter/52178/?utm_source=Gizmag+Subscribers&utm_campaign=42671cc802-UA-2235360-4&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_65b67362bd-42671cc802-91302841=)
- Douglas DC-8 in Action at LAX. [Douglas Corporation DC-8 in Action at LAX](http://Douglas%20Corporation%20DC-8%20in%20Action%20at%20LAX)
- Good article - intro to free flight. <http://modelaviation.com/beginnerff>
- New Troll-free forum guys! If you love models sailplanes and you hate Trolls – go here: <http://forum.alofthobbies.com/index.php>
- Useful web site called **this to that** (one word), <http://www.thistothat.com/>  
You tell it what kind of materials you're trying to attach to each other and it tells you which adhesive, epoxy, jb weld, or whatever is ideal for your application. It will also tell you things like, "This won't work without clamping force" or whatever you need to get it to work.

### Weekends at Fairview Park





### Fairview Park Weather Station

Jim Sonnenmeier suggests that HSS utilize the very excellent weather station located at Waldorf School. Try this web site as it has an amazing amount of detail, both historical and predictive. There is even data that suggests good flying days and hours for slope soaring. This link will also be featured on our web site.

<https://www.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=pws:KCACOSTA18> Click on the 10 day forecast to get detailed wind velocities and directions.

### Plane Rap Archives

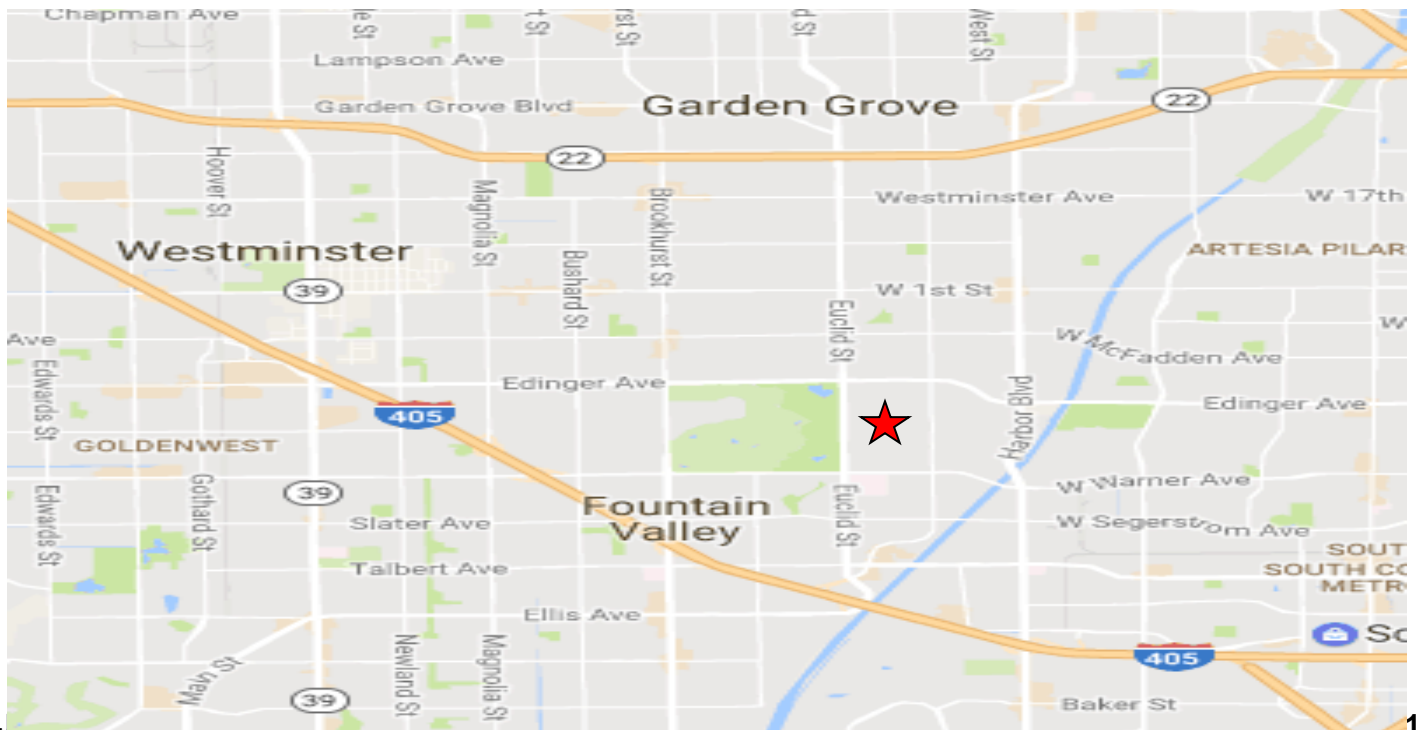
Thanks to John Brown, a previous editor of Plane Rap, we have found out that four recent issues were not published, so we won't list them as missing from our Plane Rap newsletter archives. January, July, and December of 2000, and January of 2001 are non-existent. Again, if any one has any part of the issues listed below, we would love to add them to our archives (or at least a copy of what you have).

1964 through 1983: All issues missing.	1994: Nov missing.
1984: Jan through Sept and Nov missing.	1995: Aug missing.
1985: June missing.	1996: Feb, June missing
1986: May missing.	1999: Dec missing.
1987: Feb missing.	

Plane Rap issues from 1984 to present are maintained by our Secretary Bruce Gale. This is 33 years of HSS history. These archives are open to all members. Copies can be made upon request, or issues may be checked out for temporary use. If you wish to access any issues, contact Bruce Gale as shown on the last page of this newsletter.

### January 2, 2018 Meeting Announcement

Our monthly general meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month. We meet at Round Table Pizza, 11095 Warner Ave. & Euclid (North-east corner) in Fountain Valley, at 7:00 PM. Phone number is (714) 839-0276. The Family Night rate is all-you can-eat pizza, plus one salad bar, for \$8.99. Fountain drinks are an additional \$1.59, self-service, or \$2.99 per liter. Beer and wine are available. We will meet our new officers for 2018 and have show-and-tell of your favorite plane. Bring your wife, family, and friends. There will be a raffle. The location map is shown below.



**2018 City Flying Permits Available**

A permit to fly radio-controlled model aircraft is required to operate model aircraft at Fairview Park. This permit can be obtained by going to [www.costmesaca.gov](http://www.costmesaca.gov) and downloading the file Model Airplane Fly Permit 2014.pdf. You must also show proof of adequate liability insurance in the form of a current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership card or a current homeowners/personal liability policy specifically covering model aircraft operation with a minimum limit of \$500,000. Rules and regulations for flying the model aircraft can be found in the City of Costa Mesa Municipal Code, Title 12, Chapter II, Articles 2 & 3.

**Permit Fee:** \$50 per year for Costa Mesa residents. \$55 for nonresidents. Learner's Permit for youths 6-14 years old - \$TBD per year.

**WALK-IN** Costa Mesa City Hall (77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa 92626), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Recreation Counter Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (excluding City-observed holidays),

**MAIL-IN** Mail your renewal packet (see list below), to include full payment, to:

Recreation Division – Fly Permit

City of Costa Mesa, P. O. Box 1200, Costa Mesa, CA 92628

Renewal Packet must include **ALL** of the following:

- Permit Application (filled out and signed).
- Copy of your drivers license.
- Copy of the AMA Membership Card (showing the required year) or home owner's/personal liability insurance policy (specifically covering model airplane/aircraft flying with a minimum limit of \$500,000).
- Renewal Fee payment by Check (payable to City of Costa Mesa) or charge to Credit Card (filled out and signed).

Note: Current permit holders with email addresses on file with the City will receive renewal packet via email.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Recreation Division at (714) 754-5300.

Note that to fly at Fairview Park you need the above permit, liability insurance (preferably AMA), and you need to follow City of Costa Mesa Ordinance No. 07-01, City Regulations for Issuance, Suspension and Revocation of Permits to Fly at Fairview Park, Academy of Model Aeronautics Safety Code, and the Fairview Park Flying rules posted at the flying site.

**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 want 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 pics/vids are the best. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fred Hesse - Plane Rap Editor - [fhesse@socal.rr.com](mailto: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 contact information are shown on the last page of this newsletter.





**Plane Rap Classified Ads and Services - For Sale**

We are pleased to offer free advertising space for anyone who has items or services for sale.

- This month, Bob McKenzie has an "Apprentice" aircraft for sale. It is a foam trainer with tricycle gear. Bob is asking \$100, and may be reached at 949-644-0676.
- John Ostrowski has a Radian Electric glider with a DX6i transmitter for sale.
- John also has an electric powered Blaster 2e for sale.

This is a cousin of the Snipe. Contact John at [driwo@yahoo.com](mailto:driwo@yahoo.com) if you are interested.



Above is Radian, and Blaster is at right.

Photos are stock from the internet, not the actual items.

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## Harbor Soaring Society

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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)

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- ☐ New Applicants (Without Name Tag) (all ages): \$25.00  
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My primary interests in radio control flying are? Check all that apply. Show future interests with the letter F.

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**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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## NEXT CLUB MEETING WILL BE:

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