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HSS EXECUTIVE MEETING August 6, 2008

- I. In attendance were President James Hanson, Gary Gullikson, Editor Jerry Laux, Executive Director John Anderson, Vice President Karl Hawley, Secretary Ted Broberg, and Contest Director Ross Thomas.
- II. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at Fairview Park by Jim Hanson.

III. New Business

A. Club Web site: Could we put links on our web site for people to connect to existing general information regarding, for example, beginner's planes and flying basics, gliders, other flying sites.

B. Safety rules: Gary G. suggests that we post some standards or rules that are not presently displayed, such as: **Pilots should stay behind the fence after take-off; fliers must reduce their**

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planes' altitude whenever a helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft approaches; and some suggestions regarding general etiquette in regard to other fliers as well as the other persons

using the park. Jim H. suggests talking with Berkeley Green and Devon Dow about the information posted on both the Kiosk and the web site. John A. recommends having signs specific to the types of flying posted in the area where that type of aircraft are generally flown, such as helicopters' info in their area, glider advice in the sailplane area, etc.

C. Jim Hanson recommends painting a biodegradable stripe down the center of the airstrip. The City has certain standards as to what materials could be used.

D. The topic of a soil cap, or airfield surfacing, was discussed; Petro Mat and Decomposed Granite rolled down smoothly were considered. Karl H. mentioned that the current layout of the field does not match the Master Plan, so action on this would not be in the immediate future. Additional storage facilities for supplies and equipment were brought up. Tuff Sheds, storage trailers, and shipping containers were also discussed. John A. and Jim H. also brought up the idea of a canopy-type sun-shade. Karl pointed out that the City of Costa Mesa has to be consulted regarding all of these matters before action can be taken.

E. John A. has been given a fine collection of planes that have been donated to the club by the widow of one of our fallen fliers. The Training Committee (John A., Karl H., and Ted B. will get together to determine how best to make use of these aircraft.

Respectfully submitted Ted Broberg, Secretary.

THE GENERAL DIRECTION: By John Anderson, General Director

<u>1. It's a sign!</u> It's a really good sign! Please notice the spiffy new field identification sign designed and installed by our president, Jim Hanson. Jim will be replacing the old sign "glass" with Lexan and some special clear film which he has researched and obtained. Another fine job. Thanks Jim for all your hard work on behalf of all us Fairview flyers (PS flyers -thank Jim yourself the next time you see him).

<u>2. Good scouts.</u> Eagle Scout candidate, Brian Stanley joined and aided by his dad, Glenn Stanley, volunteer contractor Tom Hancock, and fellow scouts Dan Hurley, Charlie Umansky, Ryan Kirk and his dad Lou Kirk have been hard at work designing and installing the new frequency board and its associated features. As of this writing the work is still underway and will be completed over the next weekend or two. We heartily thank you all from Troop 711, Costa Mesa for your great spirit, strong effort, and much appreciated results.

<u>3. Container considerations.</u> The good old HSS storage container is getting a bit decrepit and maybe a bit small. So we need to consider its fate. Do we try to repair it and spruce it up a bit; or replace it with a larger newer unit costing about \$3000 (including removal of the old unit and delivery/installation of the new)? [Editors note; the cost of a new container does not include delivery. Also we would need to have the cities ok as to a new base for it. The old container would have to be removed at an extra cost. The total cost has not been investigated, but the rough guess would be twice the purchase price of the new container.]Also we might want to improve that general area' We'd welcome your comments.

<u>4. Donation dilemma.</u> We are fortunate in getting some fine donations of planes and equipment to HSS and also the Sea Scout model aviation program. It's a good thing! The only dilemma is the best use for the various items. To that end, the HSS training committee (including Karl Hawley, Ted Broberg, John Anderson, and Berkeley Green-HSS member and Sea Scout Program director) continue to meet, evaluate recent donations, and establish and implement an equitable policy and effective program to best use the donated resources - more on this next month.

<u>5. Park positives</u>. The City is finalizing its plans for the improvement of the Fairview Park vernal ponds. This project should not pose any constraints for us. Meanwhile, the HSS Board is working with the City to allow for runway stripping, widening the field to the north; and closing ad hoc trails to prevent park users from dashing across the runway. The City has been very positive and supportive of our activities in conformance with the Agreement. So please respect that support and thank City folks when they stop by.

From your President

For those of you who read the e-mail I sent out earlier this month about the City Ordnance, let me once again emphasize that my intention was to inform all that when you signed the agreement to obtain a flying permit, you agreed to abide by the city's ordinance. It is not the club or its officer's place to enforce the city's ordinance. My hope is that all persons who fly at Fairview Park both Club members and non club members fly their Model aircraft in a safe manner, and in compliance with all rules, and regulations concerning flying of model aircraft at our flying field. Enjoy and fly safely! Jim Hanson

HSS President

HSS August 24, 2008 SC² Contest

The unedited scores for the August 24th contest hosted by HSS are now available. See the announcement on the SC2 website or go directly to http://tdwings.com/HSSAugust2008SC2WebScores.htm to see how you did today. I noticed an error in the AMA number column so please ignore that for now. Corrections will be made once the scores are verified and the results will be added to the YTD standings in the next few days.

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Flying Field Happenings



Post hole digging "Hard Going"



Raising the Roof"



"Talented Jr. Flyer, Riley Schupak, his dad Steve and assistant Gidget"



David Wittington's "Alternative Energy Model

Transporter

Upcoming Events

New Officers Need To Be Nominated

Our current President, Jim Hanson is termed out, and we need input for all offices. Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor, Publisher, and anybody else that is willing to do the jobs needed to keep this club operating! If we do not fill these positions, we may not be able to keep going as HSS. Contact

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Jim Hanson, Karl Hawely, or Jerry Laux with your suggestions and nominations.

Items of interest

Check out the Sept. Issue of Ampeer

http://members.aol.com/kmyersefo/ampeer.htm

From Larry Tuohino. OCSA President

Best Soaring Simulator yet? http://www.cumulus-soaring.com/condor.htm

If you love P-51's and their pilots, go to http://www.grayeagles.org/video.htm

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!! http://picasaweb.google.com/rc.goat

Jim Hanson You're Prez.

Anybody interested in Auto Gyros? Gary Gulickson suggests the "Soda Pup-E" featured at <u>http://www.flyrc.com</u>

Hello fellow Club Members:

Karl Hawly is looking for anyone who is willing to speak, do a show and tell, or a how to demonstration, on any topics related to our hobby, at one of our club meetings. Any persons interested contact Karl Hawley at (949) 574-9379 or talk to him at the flying field.

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Classified Ads

If you wish to place a free ad in our news letter contact our editor Jerry Laux See list of Club officers.

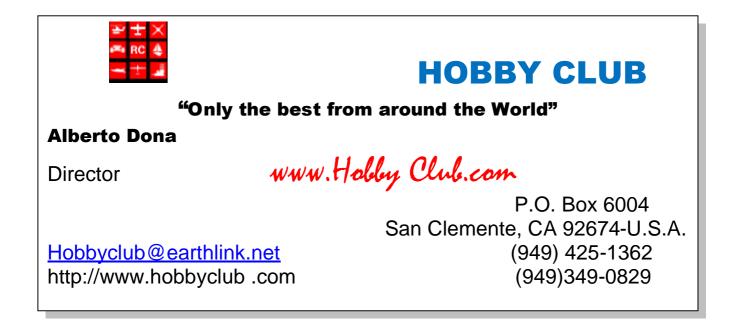
Tim Beegan, HSS Member: Do you have a need for machine work? I can do small parts for R/C planes. Call me at (949) 646-6285 or see me at the field for consulting.

Tom Copp At f3x.com has a selection of electric A.R.F. Kits available at great prices if you are interested contact him @ 949- 645-7032 e-mail tom@f3x.com.

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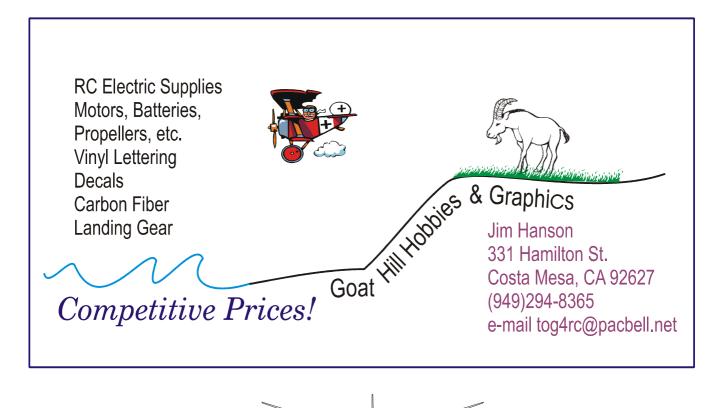
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