

HARBOR SOARING SOCIETY**PLANE RAP NEWSLETTER****Project of the Month**

As was reported previously, HSS was awarded a field improvement grant from the AMA, to widen the west end of the existing runway by about 70 feet to provide greater separation between glider launching and power planes. We have club member Rami Awwad acting as general contractor for the project. Henry signed a contract with Abraham Jeon (known as AJ) of HYM Engineering (an associate of Rami's), and work officially got started on 28 July.



John Anderson has provided a few photos of the field grading. On the top right, we have AJ and Miguel the tractor operator, getting started. Center, Miguel is hard at work moving dirt. Work was finished on 30 July. On the right, we have all the supervisors giving their approval and the pay check to AJ. Left to right is Robert Staples, Karl Hawley, Miguel (the operator), AJ (the contractor), and Henry Smith. The cost of this grading was about \$5,200. The next step is to place concrete winch pads for two winches and their respective turn-around pulleys.





Also, the photo below shows what happens when a (sacrificial) airplane gets too close to a roller - it gives new meaning to the term "profile airplane".

(Provided by Rob Askegaard, our ever faithful photog.) Here are some pictures taken Saturday, Aug 15 showing work being done on the field. The guys should be happy as clams tomorrow when they come out to fly. I show Walt Cloer driving the roller and our president Henry Smith driving the truck and water trailer. Henry later also drove the roller. The roller did a great job of mashing down the stones and rocks and leveling out the contour of the field. It is much smoother and more solid - overall a big improvement. The widened area of the field has also been improved but isn't as hard a surface as the regular portion of the field. The airplanes should have an easier job taking off and landing.

Thanks Rob, we love your attention to detail and your ever faithful sense of humor. - Ed.

