

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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*FALL FLYING, ALL SMILES!*

***LET THE CRISP FALL FLYING COMMENCE!***

After the work of having Summer 'fun' is over, I look forward to my favorite time of year in the Carson/Tahoe area: FALL. The temperatures are lower (but not yet too low), most of the tourists have gone home, and most of the roadwork is done for another season. There is a low-key, fun attitude around the field, everyone seems a bit worn out and eager to just soak in the best flying time of the year. All of these things make Fall the ideal time to get out your favorite aircraft and GO FLYING!

As we reach the end of the 2017 season, let's all be extremely grateful that we live in such a comfortable environment, that we have our families around to support us, and that we have the time and means to enjoy our hobby in the best country in the world. Thank you all for your friendship and participation in the HSRCC, let's make 2018 a very special year of camaraderie and sharing!

-Dave Triano

***NAME THE MYSTERY PLANE-----***

At the suggestion of our President Steve Jacques here is the first entry in the HSRCC 'Name the Mystery Plane' contest! If you can name this one, you will not win anything except for the undying admiration and respect of all of us..... perhaps in a future contest we can throw some small prizes towards this. Here goes:



## **FIELD MARSHALL'S REPORT**

The Clubhouse is ready for winter. Antifreeze has been added to the water tank. I am currently looking for the two Styrofoam panels, used to block off winter outside air coming in from the ceiling ventilators. The broken roof ventilator, which was an original ventilator as old as the building, was replaced.



Part fall off a plane between the fence and the railroad tracks? Now, with the new "sighting posts", a work in progress, you will be better able to figure out just where your part is as you begin your hunt. Thank you to Vince Euse, who gathered others for this improvement.



Related to the above, the City Parks Department made an appointment with the Field Marshall to discuss cutting down the height, or even removing, the sagebrush between the north fence and the railroad tracks. Something new to discuss with the City. Using this opportunity, we will also receive an update on drainage improvements. This is also a good time to cover next year's weed maintenance, and future runway maintenance. With the disposal of old paint, and rearranging storage of maintenance items, room for donated planes is being made in the storeroom. You will note that the wheelbarrows are now stored in the Clubhouse main room. Do we need two locked gates? We do not yet know, but the Club Officers are looking into this following discussion during the October Club meeting. You may find some temporary, for now, changes in how the inner gate is managed.

Bob Sullivan



## ***VISIBILITY IN THE SKY, PART III***

So last time we discussed how WARM and COOL color contrast can help make your aircraft more visible in the sky, and how to use a Color Wheel to accomplish a similar effect. This time, we will discuss the use of two 'unusual' finishes: Neons, and Chrome/Metallics.

Neons have always been a favorite of mine, as most of you can see on my aircraft I like using Neon Yellow combined with Black (remember, CONTRAST)! Neons rely on a physical reaction called 'Retinal Irritation' for their visibility; the pigments used in these colors actually cause the retina to 'jump' a bit! The same rules we have learned for other colors apply to Neons, in that lighter colors such as yellow are #1-2 on the value scale, orange is about a #3, followed by the less-contrasting blue, green, and red which read as #5-6.



Chromes are especially difficult to use, if the whole aircraft is polished chrome it will literally take on the color of the surrounding sky and disappear! A better use of chrome is for 'flash' in an isolated area on the top or bottom (not both) to show you clearly what you are looking at. Metallics are less reflective, and obey the other value and contrast rules we have explored before.

-Dave Triano

**LANCE'S LATEST VIDEO:**

Here is where you can find Lance's latest Warbird Training Video:

[https://youtu.be/Rz2\\_bE2IPIE](https://youtu.be/Rz2_bE2IPIE)

And Gary Fuller is joining the video fun with his submission of a B-17 and B-25 flying over Nevada:

<http://vimeo.com/18135369>

**THANKS GUYS!**

Check out Dan Etcheto's cool electric conversion! Dan says: "First time I have converted anything to electric. Very heavy, not much throw for ailerons, but flies ok. Hmmm, maybe a twin?"



**UPCOMING HSRCC EVENTS**

November 4 - Fall Turkey Shoot

December 12 - Christmas Party

January 1, 2018 - Frozen Finger Fun Fly

Balloon busting for a turkey, small entry fee

South of the Border food fest, TBA!

Freeze your keyster off and ring in the New Year!

**Most of all.....**

**HAVE  
FUN!**