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ELECTRIC FUN FLY!

ELECTRONS FILLED THE AIR!

There was a big turn out for the Seventh Annual Electric Fun Fly on August 26, 2017. About 56 planes and 38 pilots made the event a real success at the Pony Express Air Park. The range of models ran from the four motor Quadra Spin scratch built, kind of looked like a cross between an Otter and a Caribou, by Phil Wesley to the 5-inch F-35 of Don Morse. We had four guests from Reno and three from Gardnerville.

Fred Chapin displayed the only float plane (thanks), his DH Beaver, along with another Beaver on wheels from Reno. I debuted my Mini Me little Ugly Stik. There were three P-38's with one being CAD designed. The glider group was represented with at least three plus some old timers (aircraft). Speed merchants came as electric ducted fans and tore up the sky in great fashion. My favorite was the "Blue Flash", kind of like a pattern plane, scratch built by his dad without a horizontal stab that Josh Wesley flew, it went like blazes. The "wrecklord" seemed to have it in for multiple motored aircraft. Paul's CAL84 (3-motors) had a mishap, Don's B-25 (2-motors) ended up short of the runway, and Ray lost one of his P-38's (2-motors) to the sagebrush.



The "raffle" was a lot fun. Anyone that brought a plane, whether flown or not, received a ticket per plane in the raffle. Gary Taylor and Steve Panter gave me planes to give away, the eighth and ninth since the first Electric Fun Fly. We also had some other great prizes. Josh Wesley picked the Cessna AG Wagon as the first pick (NFL talk). The next round went to Bob Barnett (R) who chose the ball drivers with the third round going too Fred who picked the down vest, Next selection went to Ben Webb who chose the House of Balsa P-51 kit. The last prize went to Paul who selected the (continued)



Carhart jacket from Les Harris via Steve. As an addendum, Josh traded the Ag Wagon to Ben so that his dad Phil would have a kit to put together. Many people helped me make this event so much fun. Keep those electrons flowing, maybe we can do it again sometime. -Gary Fuller, Event Coordinator.



I do believe we may be one of the only airparks with an amazing steam engine and antique rail cars that amble by! photo by Bob Sullivan



AT LONG LAST, NEW PAINT!



The long-deferred painting of the clubhouse, prep tables, and shelters at the Pony Express Airpark has now been accomplished, and it looks GREAT! A huge thank-you to all who wroked so hard on this project, and to Field Marshall Bob Sullivan for seeing it through to a succesful conclusion.

VISIBILITY IN THE SKY, PART II

So last time we discussed how **CONTRAST** can make your aircraft easier to see in the sky, and how assigning a tonal number (from 1 to 10) can help us identify contrasting greys and colors. This time we are going to discuss a few more characteristics of colors, and how combinations of certain colors are more visible than others.

First, let's talk about Cool colors vs. Warm colors. A 'Cool' color has a distinct feel of blue, green, or purple to it, without much red, yellow, or orange. A 'Warm' color is the opposite of Cool, it has a distinct feel of red, yellow, or orange to it, without much blue, green or purple.

WARM

COOL

You can enhance or strengthen the effect of contrast if you combine a light tone of a warm color with a dark tone of a cool color, or the opposite:

COOL

WARM

You can do this with any color, by using what we call a 'Color Wheel'. To pick contrasting colors, simply pick two colors that are directly across from each other on the color wheel, like purple and yellow, or green and red.

See how it works? Blue and orange, Cool and Warm colors, when placed next to each other are more 'punchy' and have greater contrast when they are directly across from each other on the color wheel.

Next time, we will delve deeper into more aspects of color that make it easier to see our aircraft in the sky!

-Dave Triano



LANCE'S LATEST VIDEO:

From Lance: "This is the second flight of the ESM Supermarine Spitfire RB159 RAF. The original owner/builder John Pollock sold it to me after having it as a Hangar Queen for a year and a half. The first attempted flight by pilot in command Les Harris, R.I.P., ended in a nose over with gear and nose damage. New owner, "DrainPipe" repaired the damage, installed fixed gear and flew it on Monday. It was quite tail heavy in flight. This video is the second flight of the aircraft by "DrainPipe" with 30 ounces of lead added to the nose to move the CG forward from 120mm to 106mm.

Check out the onboard Spitfire video at <https://youtu.be/iQRAJraHbI0>



UPCOMING HSRCC EVENTS

September 13-17 - Reno Ar Races

September 23 - Fun Fly

November 4 - Fall Turkey Shoot

December 12 - Christmas Party

January 1, 2018 - Frozen Finger Fun Fly

FYI

Fun Fly with anything

Balloon busting for a turkey, small entry fee

Freeze your keyster off and ring in the New Year!

Most of all.....

***HAVE
FUN!***