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Next Meeting - May 8th, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy

May Events: Fun Fly # 2 - May 12th, SAM #1 - May 19th, Castle May 25-27th

From Da Prez:

Fun Fly's. Are they really fun? Allen A. and I were at the field ready to CD on the 14th. Bob Brogan was the only one to show up, although I must say it was quite cold, and by 9:30 so windy that even Allan gave up trying to fly. He did get his Mustang War Bird up for one timing test run before the wind prevented a second flight. The next week end (the 21st) John D. and I were ready, much too cold and again the wind, plus Bill Smith was the only one show up. I was somewhat surprised at the turnout, as some 21 members voted for 3 to 4 Fun Flies per year in our January poll of events most members would like. Perhaps it was the temperature &/or the winds. If so, and numbers 2 and 3 are well attended, we could add another later in the summer.

So, Fun Fly #1 is officially over. We will move on to #2 on May 12th, followed by the Sam #1 on

the 19th.

Not that we have used them yet, but I might explain that prizes this year will be in the form of gift certificates redeemable at Hobby Town and Hobbies of Reno. Same as cash! \$50.00 for 1st, \$30.00 for 2nd, and \$20.00 for third. The prizes will be even larger for the two scale events.

The Carson City airport open house is scheduled for June 2nd. We would appreciate all of you displaying ships there, as it will also be opening day for our annual raffle ticket sales. There will be club members present to protect your equipment. Please contact Tom Rienbolt (coordinator) and let him know if you can provide a ship that day.

We will probably need a work crew (other than Bob Y., Harold S., and Tom R.) in the near future to re-stain the Sun Shades. I will try to get

the date out to all of you when one is established.

Raffle tickets for the annual event will be in the mail shortly. As mentioned previously, the first prize will be a \$1000.00 gift certificate. Wow!

A vote was taken at the March meeting regarding the continued use of the Round Table Pizza as our regular meeting place, and the vote was a resounding yes. In fact, the summer meetings will probably take place there also, as there is usually no one left at the field by 7:00 pm, and for those that do show up, it's really wind blown out there.

I spent a good deal of my sick time building a set of floats, and adapting them to my Nexstar trainer. Today (the 24th) I thought that I had better fly the Nexstar again, before moving on to my Hanger 9 Pulse tail dragger, just to get current flying. Won't need the floats after all, I totaled the ship trying to pull out the TX antenna when the ship was too low. Didn't even get the power reduced. For those of you yet to forget the antenna, the ship will behave really strangely, letting you know that something is not right.

Some Notes;



Another new member this month. Lets all welcome Lance Morrison.

An all electric fun fly in Reno on May 12th, 8:00 to 2:00 PM, with a turbine powered demonstration during lunch. This will be a no fee event, with refreshments available.

T-34 races will be held on May 21st at Reno, using a two pylon format.

The Pony Express runway will be closed for one day in May (the date to be determined) for repairing of the cracks in the runway.

The Xmas meeting to be at the Fandango Casino is now confirmed, the actual date will be Dec 6th.

Something to think about. I would like to see the club re-institute the annual "Member of the Year" award this year. Please be thinking about a way to establish the winner, not based solely on contest results, but also on how active a flyer, club activity, etc., and bring your idea to the next meeting, or even give me a call.

I would really appreciate a volunteer CD for the May 12 Fun Fly!!! I hope to be there also as a helpmate. You can reach me at 267-4283.

Be well, Louie

Yikes!

Editor's Corner - Don't get around me! I am sicker than **goeey gopher guts!** So this letter will be short I think. I added a section on the first page of the web site for up-to-the-minute news related to our club. I will try my best to keep it updated in a timely manner. On the back of this page, you will find the flyer that Mr "T" published concerning the Hanger Queen Contest. Addition information about the "Rules" follows.

I found a product that may interest some of you. It is from Xtreme Power Systems. Their web site:

<http://www.xtremepowersystems.net/>

XtremeLink is a replacement module for certain transmitters. Yup, some transmitters can be changed to 2.4 GHZ Spread Spectrum! I just bought a new transmitter last year so was reluctant to change yet again. But now..... I may have to upgrade!!!

From their web site, some propaganda:

"Imagine a radio system with no frequency conflicts ever. Imagine never having to wait for your frequency pin. Imagine having complete control well beyond the range of what you can see, even with binoculars! Imagine having the ability to get real-time data back from your plane, car, or boat. Imagine control so smooth, that not even \$2,000 radio systems can match it. Imagine no more! The XtremeLink™ system gives you all of this, and much more... and without having to change transmitters!

The XtremeLink™ is a module system for most Futaba, JR, Hitec, Multiplex, and Airtronics radio systems that have a removable RF module. The system includes a replacement transmitter module that plugs into the RF module location of your existing transmitter, and a XtremeLink™ receiver. Receivers are available in 6 channel (lightweight "park flyer"), 8 channel and 10 channel versions (16 channel versions will be available in the future). In just seconds, you can convert your existing 72Mhz system into an XtremeLink™ system! The switch is completely transparent to the user. Nothing changes

with your transmitter settings. Just remove your existing transmitter RF module (and stock antenna) and plug in the XtremeLink™ transmitter module. Then swap your 72Mhz receiver with the XtremeLink™ receiver and you're done! It's just plug and play! Advanced features include the ability to program a failsafe position for each individual channel in case of a catastrophic failure (such as a transmitter battery failure), as well as mixing, swapping, and duplicating channels.

The XtremeLink™ system operates on the 2.4GHz band. This is a license-free band used typically for wireless networks, cordless telephones, and other devices. The radio portion of the XtremeLink™ system was developed for us by the leader in wireless network technology. The XtremeLink's™ proprietary spherical RF radiation pattern eliminates the need for multiple antennas, and eliminates drop-outs. The XtremeLink™ uses all of the available frequencies in the ISM band through an advanced patent-pending frequency hopping technique. The output power is adjustable from 1mw (legal anywhere in the world that allows 2.4GHz) up to a staggering 100mw of power (U.S. and select other countries only). Power consumption is extremely low. Even at the highest power level, the power consumption of the radio module is less than 100ma, giving you up to 5 times the battery life over a traditional 72Mhz RF output."

There's much more information on the web site. However, it looks like demand is high so product is limited!

Futaba RF module and XtremeLink™ module for Futaba and Hitec transmitters.



1st Annual Tri-Club Hanger Queen Contest

Announcing the First Annual Tri-Club Hanger Queen contest sponsored by the Carson City High Sierra Radio Control Club especially to include the members of the Gardnerville's **Sierra Sagebrush Flyers** and Reno's **Reno RC**.

To enter in this contest all you need is a scale model airplane that you built, had built for you, or even an ARF! This is a static contest. No flying, no risk. You will need some documentation and an operating engine that will allow you to taxi, under radio control for a mere total of fifty feet! Will your beautiful Hanger Queen do that?

Here is your chance to be a part of a display of keen scale airplanes. A laid back contest that should not raise anyone's blood pressure, a fun day in the sun at a first class RC facility with people who share your interest in showing off great looking scale models.

Static contest only, based on Scalemasters expert class static judging rules. See www.scalemasters.org for rules to be used. Contestant must have 3-view, color and marking info to receive static score for those items. Craftsmanship points will be awarded for all contests. No builder of the model rules applies. Highest static score wins, however to get your static score and be eligible to win you have to taxi your aircraft from the start/finish line 25 feet, make a 180 degree turn and return to the start line without outside assistance with the engine running. Contestant will be given two attempts to complete this task starting from the beginning. Multi-engine aircraft need to have at least one engine running while crossing the line.



Entry Fee: \$10.00

Open Scale Flying During Contest

1st Place: \$100 Gift Certificate

2nd Place: \$75 Gift Certificate

3rd Place: \$50 Gift Certificate

People's Choice Award: \$100 Gift Certificate

Date: Saturday, June 9th 2007
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Pony Express Model Airpark
Carson City, NV 89701

Call Tom @ (775) 883-9108 for more info.



The Carson City Airport will be holding it's annual open house on June 2nd. Tom and Don said they would move some tables over there so that you can display some planes! There will also be a kiosk where potential members can get information and where we can sell raffle tickets. Let Tom know if you can help out or if you are displaying an airplane. 883-9108

Well, there was only one person who commented about using an envelope to mail the newsletter in. Thanks Gene! Since there was no negative responses, I will continue to deliver the news in this manner. The I's have it. Democracy, You gotta love it!

Looks like the Club Christmas Party will be on December 6th, at the Fandango Casino. It's never to late to start thinking about eating and drinking and gabbing! So mark your calendar.

ART KRAMER'S WWII STORIES

Sgt. Greigo's Flak Jacket

Emilio Griego was our engineer/tail gunner. He was short smiley fellow with a shy grin and a shy manner. When you spoke to him he would look at the ground, smiling but always answer you with a snappy "Yes Sir" and get to work with great energy and dedication. He was a very good engineer and Paul (Paul Shorts Lake Charles LA our pilot) depended on him a lot to work with the mechanics to keep "Willie" in good shape. Very often he would be up all through the night working with the mechanics to

make sure all would be well for the morning mission. He was a good soldier, a fine fellow and an asset to our crew that we all appreciated. But he did have one shortcoming, he wouldn't follow orders. A particular set of orders that is. He would never wear his flak jacket. He would sit on it. We would scream at him to put the damn jacket on. He would smile and say "yes sir, I'll wear it". But on the next mission it was the same thing. Ordering, screaming, yelling, threatening could never get Griego to wear that damn flak jacket. But he always said, "yes sir. I'll wear it next time". But he never did. Then on the 24th of March 1945 we hit the Viersen communications center. Mallory and his crew were shot down. No chutes were seen to open. We took some flak hits but kept on going. On landing out came Griego holding up his flak jacket for all of us to see. He had been sitting on it again and it was imbedded with chunks of flak and the canvas cover torn to shreds. Griego had a triumphant smile from ear to ear. Sitting on that flak jacket had saved Griego's life. We never asked him to put on his flak jacket again.



Many more stories and pictures at his web site:

<http://www.coastcomp.com/artkramer/>

California

Chap. 679 - "IMAA District 10 West Coast Festival" - May 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2007

Lf \$20 reg 8am fly 9am RV SF Paved food/bev This is a new location: formerly known as the "Castle Fly-In". RV \$20, Autos \$5 unlimited A/C. Vendors, food, Raffle, Sat evening BBQ in hangar, fly off full size runway. AMA & IMAA required, join at the event. IMAA Turbine welcome, IMAA Rules, Call for early arrival. Airport located at Chowchilla off Hwy. 99. Motels & Restaurants in town. E-mail or call for more info., on vendor and pilot packs. Located: Chowchilla, CA - Chowchilla Airport.

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