

# SIERRA SIGNALS

Newsletter of the High Sierra R/C Club  
AMA #1362 and SAM 34  
Carson City, Nevada



*September 2007 Edition*

**Next Meeting - September 11<sup>th</sup>, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm Sharp!**

**\$1000.00**

**Raffle – Raffle – Raffle**

**\$1000.00**

**You won't win unless you get your tickets in!**

**The Drawing is on September 15th**

From da Prez

Sunday morning. Odie and I went out to the field about eight to find it deserted. Couldn't believe my eyes. Got in one nice flight before the windsock became fixed in the straight out position. Gave up on anyone joining us, was locking up at nine when Ron Triano drove in.

Ron is one of those Green Earth people, drives a Prius. Said that he would stick around a while in case someone came out. Where were you all?

That was also my first view of the new runway surface. It really looks nice. I understand that it needs to age about two weeks, then it will be swept and painted. Now that there are no markings, I managed to actually land in the center and make the turnaround.

It was also my first look at the new windsock.

Thanks to Robert H's daughter. For those of you unaware, an extra strong gust tore up the old sock, and even broke off the pole.

I've heard several comments that the pockets on the new (thanks again Tony) frequency board are too small. I have tried both my AMA card and my HSRCC card in them, and find no problem at all. The best thing about the pockets is that if you put your card all the way in, it will never be blown out. They really stay in well. It may be some have extra laminate around their cards. If so, you all have scissors!

Was not able to make the last meeting (the wife fell and broke an arm that day). Understand that Tom, Bob and Dan did a good

job running it for me.

Regarding the meetings, please remember that the Pizza is free from 6:30 until 7:00, after which you are on your own. Also, Tom R and Bob B are the only members authorized to order them.

Made it out to Sierra Sagebrushe's Pattern contest on Sat. Thought that they had a good turnout, but much wind. A few lawn chairs were blowing around the pit area. When I arrived (about 10 AM), it appeared that nothing was going on at all. Then noticed two sets of judges near the runway. Turns out that two contestants were in the air, both electric. You could hear a pin drop, while these guys were really wracking their planes around. Later, after Harold, Gary and Tom had shown up, some of the ships were glo and gas powered. What a difference. The wind was about 60 degrees cross, and those electric ships were really crabbing (about 40 degrees) in their approaches.

Our Flying Scale contest on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> went off well. Had some great looking ships, two fellas from the Reno club, and great officiating. Many thanks to Bob Heitkamp and all his crew. It was quite windy on Sat, had to cut it short, but with an earlier start on Sunday they got all three flights done minutes before the Sunday wind kicked in. With that, it was decided to have to picnic inside, which with Gary's cooking, turned out quite nice. I believe that all enjoyed. Served twenty four hamburger/cheese burgers while Bob was presenting the awards. I believe that Dan will list results elsewhere for you.

Please take note of the editor's safety comments, they are **VERY IMPORTANT**. We are not trying to spoil any ones enjoyment, only to prevent an accident that would close the field permanently. Take care, Da Prez

Coming up: Float fly Aug 25<sup>th</sup> if lake is not too low.

RRCC swap meet in Reno 25<sup>th</sup> August

Big Mac Fly in on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> (Pony Ex Park)

RRCC T-34 races on the 8<sup>th</sup>,

Plus the 'Great Raffle' on the 15th

### **Scale Flying Results**

Place	Name	Score	Aircraft
1	Tony Buholzer	73.75	Extra 300
2	Bruce Mowry	71.00	Sukoi
3	Ray Brindos	66.90	Corsair
4	Bob Barnett	66.75	Airbus 300
5	Pete Francone	66.56	PT 19
6	Dan Etcheto	65.50	P-47
7	Kent McLain	65.25	Decathlon
8	Jake Qualey	n/a	Pitts

Notes: Jake could not return to fly on Sunday. It was windy! Tony flew his last round inverted. No one got good scores when the wind was blowing. I was very impressed with the foam Airbus in the wind! If not for the wind, I would have kicked butt! Look out next year! Did I mention it was windy? - Dan

From ClassicInsignia.com



## *Member of the Year*

Have you seen the Bent Prop Award, hanging on the wall in the Club's Shack? This award will be for the person that you feel has done the most for the club during the year. It has nothing to do with flying, but rather club participation. We need nominations! So please take a moment and fill out this form and bring with you to the meeting or mail it in.

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ deserves to be recognized because:

**A note about safety:** All of us need to help police the airpark, not just the safety committee. It would be a shame if an accident occurred because you said nothing. On the same note, if someone says something to you, ***it is not a personal attack***; they are just trying to help you stay safe. We all have to look out for and help each other. As a reminder, stand behind the fence when you are flying, no airplane parking next to the fence, no kids on the runway or pilot's area, RC cars/trucks to stay on the car track.

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44<sup>th</sup> Annual

Reno National Championship Air Races & Air Show

September 12 – 16, 2007

**Fly Low - Go Fast - Turn Left!**

*The 2007 Air Show will feature the return of the*

*Canadian Forces Snowbirds*

***Send in your Raffle ticket stubs with money, and your Nomination for Member of the Year, or we'll send Mr. "T" out with his new meat grinder to do bad things to your new ARF!***

And if you don't know about Tom's meat grinder, maybe come to a meeting as well. See what you've been missing!

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Hold the presses; Lou wants to add, "Keep an eye out for the new engine start-up tables at the field."

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Several weeks ago I met a very interesting guy. If you're from the Sacramento area you may remember Commander Bill Eveland, who gave live traffic reports from the cockpit of a black Cessna 177 (the Blackbird). I found out he also flew F-86's in Korea and later was Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing flying B-52's. He has built a 3/4 scale P-51 that he intends to fly at next year's Reno Air Race.



These are photos taken during the first test flight last weekend. He had a fuel problem and had to return quickly.

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