

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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***Next Meeting – October 9<sup>th</sup>, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm Sharp!***

From Da Prez,

The annual raffle was held Sat the 15th. I was a little disappointed that there was nothing for me. I would guess that Kurt Baron thought that it was a great one, he walked off with the grand prize, plus some of the others. Lucky man! Our thanks to the Fandango for the prizes that they donated. The day was perfect, a lot of good flights were gotten in.

Those of you that have been flying lately must have noticed that it is harder to avoid flights into the sun these days. Now that Fall is in the air, old man Sun is much later waking up in the mornings. Some warm clothes and a thermos of coffee are also in order.

I see that Tom R has managed to get the runway and taxi ways striped. The runway is in white, and the taxi areas are in yellow. When the shade is finally painted, we are going to have one great looking park. I was telling Mary just the other day, I believe that we have to be the most popular park in the county. Hardly a day goes by that there is not someone out there flying, while you can drive by Mill and any other park and not see a soul on weekdays.

I have been working on a Stagger Wing Beech for almost a year now, but what with the pneumonia this spring, more than usual CAP glider instructional flights, and Mary's broken arm, progress has been very intermittent. To the point that my interest in the project has waned somewhat. So I have shelved it for a while, and am trying my hand at designing a model from scratch.

Years ago I was lucky enough to own a 35A Beech Bonanza, and so have decided to try doing a scale of it. Not as large as the Great Planes kit, moving and storing those large ships is too much for me, so have decided on a 58 inch span. I believe that I have come up with a way to include functional Fowler type flaps, as per the full size ship (note that I did not say REAL ship, Tom). For those that are not familiar with these, the flaps move rearward as well as downward, increasing the wing area as well as changing the airfoil to a higher lift configuration.

Wanted to have the gear retract at a realistic speed also. The full size ship uses electric retract thru a sort of slow gearing system. Talked to Tom H and Ken S about this, and it seems that the JR Tx can be programmed to set the retract speed as desired, but not the Futaba. I emailed Futaba, it took them several days, but they did come up with a

**If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?**

solution for me. I have not had a chance to try it yet, but it seems that one uses the throttle servo connection on the Rx for the retracts, and move the throttle to an aux connection, then do some fancy programming. Hope it works!

A reminder, the Oct meeting is the last opportunity to nominate someone for the MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD for 07. Please get your nomination in before or by then (Oct 9th). This is a really meaningful recognition, and I can think of several members deserving of it. There has been a lot of effort expended by many folks for the club this year. You might also bring your recommendation for a new FIELD MARSHALL, we need to move on this.

I am writing this column from a room in the Carson Tahoe hospital, as Mary has had a lung collapse, and needs to rest here a few days prior to a surgery. Can't do much modeling here, but it is good computer time.

Next event is the SAM #3 on the 6th, and we hope to do a FULLER'S FRUIT FLY in the near future. Will keep you apprised.

Be well, and watch out for the goblins.

*Editor's note: Our best to Mary. Get well soon!*

### **If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?**

*From the Editor –*

Last weekend, I travelled to Washington DC for a short vacation. I will not bore you with the details but I wanted to add some pictures in this newsletter from the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. My pictures turned out like yuck, so I "borrowed" some from the internet. Enjoy! I did! If you ever get the opportunity to go there, do it. Washington DC is amazing.

### **Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?**



Beech Bonanza V35A

*From the editor –*

Three shocking developments occurred at last month's meeting; two from Tom Reinbolt.

First it seems after all these years, he bought a computer. I about fell out of my chair! I guess Tom was tired of being left behind or something! Welcome to the real world Tom.

Also, to add insult to injury, Tom announced that he and Harold will be retiring from the position of Field Marshall. I'm speechless. I thought the Field Marshall position was a life time commitment. All kidding aside, thank you guys for your time and efforts with HSRCC. Besides taking care of the place, there was a lot of behind the scenes effort that most of us did not see.

Lastly, Bill Smith sold his home and has left on the first stage out of town. I personally will miss Bill's company, but, I do have his new address. So, as soon as he's settled, maybe we can get some pictures of his new flying field. Take care of yourself Bill!



## *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:

OK people, let's try this again. Fill out the above form and send it in or bring it to the meeting.

**That's an order soldier!** At ease. Smoke 'em if you got 'em.



Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?



*From the Editor –*

I also went up to Tahoe to the Thunderbird Lodge. You should go there as well. I am including a picture of an amazing boat. I make note of this because it has two V-12 Allison engines from a P-38, each developing 1100 horsepower.



If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

**And the Winners are:**

Kirk Baron - Stole the show! \$1000

**The following won a variety of prizes from the club as well as the Fandago:**

Vince Euse, Done Morse, Bob Petten, Bill Smith, Bill Boni, Dick Jamison, Larry Johnson,  
Vionnie Fundi, Lance Morrison

**Congratulations to all !! Thank you, winners and contributors alike, for participating in the Club's Annual Raffle.**

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