

SIERRA SIGNALS

Newsletter of the High Sierra R/C Club
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Next Meeting – February 12th, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm

Safety Corner – by Tom Howell

As this year's recipient of the Broken Arrow Award, I couldn't help but notice all of the envious looks from those in attendance. So as a service to the membership I thought that I would share the secrets that enabled me to receive this prestigious award.

Rule 1: First and foremost you must learn to use **MIXING**. There are various types that can be tried; however, Balsa and Dirt work the best.

Rule 2: This is very important, **NEVER FLY ANYTHING SMALL**. This will improve **MIXING** in Rule 1.

Wishing you all a great 2008, and remember the Order of the Arrow is again up for grabs!

Editor's note: Tom, I heard that Gene is in the running for the Broken Arrow Award in 2008. Seems he lost his E-Flite 260 due to a fried speed controller. Straight in, full power! Wish I would have been there!

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

From Da Prez,

Well, 2008 is here. How many of you thought that you would get to see it? I know that it is a surprise to me!

Anyway, a tentative events schedule has been worked out, and should appear elsewhere in this Signals, and on the web site. You will note that there is only one actual contest (the Annual Scale event), all the rest are non-contest low-key fun events. If possible there will be food & refreshments at all of the events this year (depending of course on the turnouts at the events). It is our hope to create a more social atmosphere at the field this season, and less of a competitive one.

The Silver Springs day (Lyon County Fly-In at Silver Springs, May 17th) this year is themed "Kids In Aviation". A great chance to interest some more youngsters in RC. I would really like to see demonstration flights of Heli's, 3-D and/or Pattern, Scale, maybe Warbirds around imaginary pylons, some Sam's and an Electric flight. A Jet would be great. If we have a volunteer, we might take the club Nexstar and do a few intro flights. We can probably set up a joint transportation arrangement for the trip.

The first Float Fly is a month earlier, to allow for the lower lake level conditions that occur later in the summer. Tom R will host this event. I have just put together an electric 20 inch model of a Cris Craft runabout that I hope will serve as a retriever this year. Actually, it is an exact same model as the one that Mary used to run (on fuel) back in Grand Island in the 50's, except that no one had invented ARF's back then, and had to use 27mc with compound escapements.

The Carson City Airport Open House will be as in the past, a booth with as many ships as possible on display, and

hopefully great raffle ticket sales. If the fella that did the demonstration last year does not show up this year, I would like to have one of our members do one.

We will need someone to volunteer to host the Float Fly #2. Volunteers need to speak up or these events will just disappear. We will attempt to announce any cancellations (due to no volunteers) at least a week in advance.

The Annual Scale Contest, this year a Static Scale / Flying Scale contest, will run two days on the same weekend. Mr. T has agreed to host the annual Open House event. We would like to see demo flights of Warbirds (two if possible) 3-D, Heli, Pattern, Old Timers, Electric, Jet, and Scale if possible. We will be contacting you for support in this. We will also be offering introductory flights again this year.

A new event this year will be a day devoted to electric powered models only. I guess that even we old timers have to admit the electrics are here to stay, and may possibly take over RC flight someday.

The Old Timers event will be held in conjunction with a normal day's open field flying. Simply an opportunity to show off your old birds.

The Sept Warbirds will be a non-competitive day to crank up one of your Warbirds, and even play with the pylons if you want. I will endeavor to host this one.

We have set Sept 20th as the Annual Picnic/Club Raffle day. As usual, great food, refreshments, and lots of flying for a whole day. If you know a good preacher, you might try to arrange the weather for this one.

The officers hope that these events will meet with more enthusiasm than some of those last year, and provide great fun for all.

Winter weather, so stay well

Lou

From the Editor -

I am posting the 2008 schedule for all to see, and will be contacting the other clubs to get their schedules as well. The other clubs will have access to this schedule from the web site. Trying to promote some "togetherness" as well as letting you all know of other events around the area that you may be interested in attending. I will try to keep it updated in a timely manner, so check the web site for the newest revisions.

One of the largest costs to the club is this newsletter. I do not have the actual amounts, but it is probably pushing \$2000 per year between printing and postage. 70 members at \$50 dues equals \$3500. Don't know about you but I would like to cut that cost down so that more of your/our money gets used for the field and events. I think I have done a good job of maintaining the web site and keeping it timely, so I am hoping that you will use it to your benefit. Therefore, I would like you to email me and let me know if it is OK to send you a notice that the Newsletter is posted on the web site, instead of mailing these out. For you members that don't have internet access or who would rather have a printed version, that's OK too. But if I can get half of you downloading the newsletter, that will be a significant savings!

I also found a free forum for our club on the internet. I have a feeling it probably will not be used much but I will give it a try for 6 months or so. One good feature that it has, is the ability for me to send bulk emails to those using it. I could use this for announcements to events, reminders, newsletters, cancelled events, meetings, etc. Check out the forum from our web site. It will only show up on the home page in the menu bar.

In case you don't know, my email addy is:

dan@hsrcc.com

This year the raffle will revert back to the way it used to be with an actual "tangible" prize! We did not do as well with our fund raiser last year compared to past years. So this year we will be displaying the raffle prize whenever we sell tickets, and there are several public events that we can attend to do this. This will be a raffle prize that people can see and touch and say "WOW!" Thanks Ken for bringing this to our attention!

I think that is all I have this time. I'm sure as soon as this is published I will remember what else I should have added!

Please email me about the newsletter.

High Sierra Radio Control Club

Annual Raffle

This year our club will be raffling off a "ready to fly" remote control airplane package which includes:

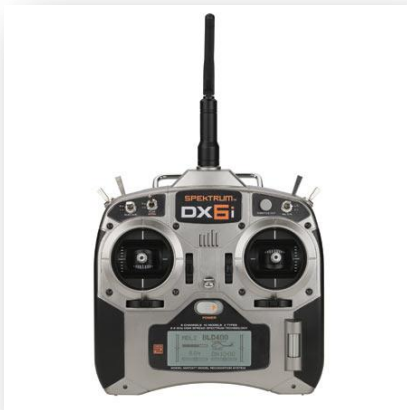
Great Planes Super Stearman

\$1,000.00 Value

Spectrum DX6i Radio

\$1,000.00 Value

26cc Zenoah Gas Engine



Drawing to be held on September 20th, 2008

Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

For tickets or information, call Dan at 356-5755



High Sierra RC Club - Reno RC Club
Sierra Sagebrush Flyers - Sierra Silent Soarers

Combined Event and Meeting Schedule – 2008 – Revised 1/28/08

| Event | HSRCC Carson City | RRCC Reno | SSFI Gardnerville | S3 Silent Soarers |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Meeting | Jan 8 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Feb 5 |
| Meeting | | Feb 6 | | |
| Meeting | Feb 12 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Mar 4 |
| Meeting | | Mar 5 | | |
| Meeting | Mar 11 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Apr 1 |
| Meeting | | Apr 2 | | |
| Meeting | Apr 8 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | May 6 |
| Meeting | | May 7 | | |
| Meeting | May 13 | | | |
| First Response (tentative) | May 17 | May 17 | May 17 | May 17 |
| Lyon County Fly-In | May 17-18 | May 17-18 | May 17-18 | May 17-18 |
| Float Fly #1 | May 21 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Jun 3 |
| Meeting | | Jun 4 | | |
| Carson Airport Open house | Jun 7-8 | Jun 7-8 | Jun 7-8 | Jun 7-8 |
| Meeting | Jun 10 | | | |
| Float Fly #2 | Jun 28 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Jul 1 |
| Meeting | | Jul 2 | | |
| Meeting | Jul 8 | | | |
| HSRCC Open House | Jul 12 | | | |
| Fun Scale | Jul 26-27 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Aug 5 |
| Meeting | | Aug 6 | | |
| Electric Fly-In | Aug 9 | | | |
| Meeting | Aug 12 | | | |
| Old Timer's Fly-In | Aug 23 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Sep 2 |
| Meeting | | Sep 3 | | |
| War Bird Fly-In | Sep 6 | | | |
| Meeting | Sep 9 | | | |
| Reno National Air Race | Sep 10 - 14 | Sep 10 - 14 | Sep 10 - 14 | Sep 10 - 14 |
| Club Picnic & Raffle | Sept 20 | | | |
| Meeting | | Oct 1 | | |
| Meeting | | | | Oct 7 |
| Meeting | Oct 14 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Nov 4 |
| Meeting | | Nov 5 | | |

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| Meeting | Nov 11 | | | |
| Meeting | | | | Dec 2 |
| Meeting | | Dec 3 | | |
| Meeting | | | | |

Description of Events

Lyon County Fly-In: Full size aircraft fly-in at the Silver Springs Airport. This year the theme is “Kids in Aviation”. HSRCC will be setting up a kiosk to showcase our hobby.

First Response: To support and honor wounded troops.

Float Fly #1 & #2: HSRCC informal gathering of float planes at little Washoe Lake.

Carson City Airport Open House: Annual full size fly-in. HSRCC will be setting up a kiosk to showcase our hobby.

HSRCC Open House: Annual open house at the Pony Express Air Park, to showcase our hobby to the public. Flight and static demonstrations, buddy box training and free hotdogs to be provided.

HSRCC Fun Scale: Both static and flying scale airplanes geared toward participation and fun, with easy judging criteria.

HSRCC Electric Fly-In: Just what it says. Come out and have fun! Hosted by Gary.

HSRCC Old Timer’s Fly-In: Field will not be closed. Hosted by Bob Brogan. Come out and watch old farts (Or is that old planes? I get so confused!) having fun!

HSRCC War Bird Fly-In: Dust off those war birds and come fly. Hosted by Lou Scheel. Hot dogs and sodas.

HSRCC Picnic and raffle: Your last chance to win a Great Plane’s Super Stearman ready to fly with engine and radio. Ticket \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Hosted by Tom Reinbolt.

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I get a hoot, yes that's right, a hoot, out of the "Tag Lines" that people use below their names in the forums such as RCUniverse. Here are a few examples:

To a tree, balsa wood and MonoKote taste just like chicken!
When you`re dumb you got to be Tough!
If the screw ain't loose then things ain't normal.
Conform and be dull...
I know just enough to be dangerous
My spelling isn't good enough to post graffiti.
Bigger Badder Meaner Faster!
It only takes two things to make an airplane fly -- AIRSPEED
AND MONEY
"Old Age, and Treachery will overcome youth and skill".
There's only one thing cooler than Radio Controlled
Aircraft,,,,,,,,,that's the guys that fly em!!
Science and Skill Triumph Over Ignorance and Superstition
Every time
Any landing you can walk away from is a good one
Eat, Sleep, Fly
Up elevator is not always your friend.
All I ask is for a chance to prove that money can't make me
happy.....
Hey!...Where did that tree come from!
If it's not a War Bird it's a Target!!!
Never take life to seriously. You will never get out alive!
It's easy, just glue all the pieces together, and sand off
everything that doesn't look like an airplane.
The take off is optional, but the landing is MANDATORY!!
"If you ain't crashed-You ain't flown"
It's not a hobby, It's a habit
Losing is nature's way of saying you suck!
"I don't fly helis, I direct them to the scene of the crash!"
We must have had a BIG earthquake...the ground rose up and
HIT my plane , Honest.
It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice ...
Build em', fly em', crash em' and build more.
The goal is not to FLY ... the goal is not to CRASH.
Have Fun! - Fly low
"Flying models since the Fifties - I'll get the hang of this
yet!!!"

Got an email from Bill Smith last December:

Hey Dan, received the latest news from hsrcc, sure enjoyed reading about the ole club, sob-sob. Seriously I love to hear from you.

The weathers been downright brutal here, the temp has been in 20s & 30s for over a month now and snow almost every day. Had about 14" till today when it started to rain, now it's about 6" of slosh.

Had one flight at my new runway (driveway), my landing as usual was not pretty.

We have big wire cages' around our fruit trees, well I stuck it right in the top, it survived to fly another day.

My e-mail;

williamrsmith@operamail.com

I am printing his email address so if you want, you can write to Bill and give him a hard time. Or is that make him feel at home! OK, same thing!

Did you get your dues in?

**If you do not get a
newsletter after this, you'll
know why!**