

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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**Next Meeting – June 10<sup>th</sup>, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm**

High Sierra RC Club attended two events in May to promote our hobby and to sell raffle tickets! I think we were successful on both counts. I am probably going to forget someone but I want to thank Tom, Gary, Harold, Ray, Bob, Gene and Mike for your help at Operation First Response on the 17th.



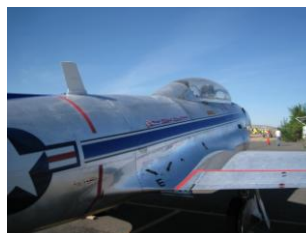
The very next day, we set up at Silver Springs.



The day started out extremely windy, but by 11, in between full size traffic, Gene, Bob and Ray were able to give a 10 minute demonstration. There were lots of "oohs" and "awes" from the crowd. At 2 pm, the wind kicked up again and Gene did a great imitation of Stretch Armstrong with his behind-the-back grab/save of the Raffle Plane as it tried to fly off the table. My hero !!



Again, my thanks go to Gene, Bob and Ray for their help at the Fly-In. Your participation is what makes our club special. Great job guys!



"Big Red" and several T-34's from Ray's Fleet! The jet is full size!

Chowchilla!! By your roving reporter, Lou!

Two hundred and twenty eight miles of snow, ice, and rain. Left at 4:30 AM Saturday, which makes a mighty lonesome drive when it is on ice covered with 3 inches of snow. Almost impossible to go uphill without the rear end breaking loose. Two and a half hours to Hamms station on highway 88 with lots of skids involved.

Gary says that there were some great planes and lots of flying on Friday, but Saturday and Sunday were pretty much rained out. Some of the fellas got a few flights in on Saturday afternoon, when there was a two hour break in the rain, but cold and wet. Unfortunately there were not many ships on display, mostly either covered or in their trailers.

Dan asked for lots of photos, but don't think that he meant motor homes and trailers in the parking area.



I was amazed at the attendance of the event. There were at minimum two city blocks of RV's, trailers, SUV's, pickups, and just plain cars in the pit area. And most of these folks were really well equipped for being away from home, tents, benches, food and drink, the whole works.

I did get to see some interesting flights during that two hour period. Two Black Widows flying their pattern flight in formation, a couple of jets, (Gary says there were five on Friday) some great 3-D flights, and several WWII scale planes that were really well done. And of course, a few P-51's. There were a few ships that I would have been ashamed to show, but I guess that is only me, not everyone.

From "The Prez"

You will have noticed that the Float Fly number one was canceled (postponed). With the majority of the float flyers out of town (including the host member), it did not seem really practical, besides which I understand the weather was not what we would have wanted. Will try to set up another day soon. Keep an eye on the web site.

I did not make the last meeting, but understand that Vince did a presentation on a Pony Express located weather station that can be accessed at home by computer. This falls in line with what Bob Yesenskiy and I were trying to put together last year. With the cost of transportation raising every week, and a forecast of \$5.50 gas by October, we really need to aware of the winds at the field before leaving home. Not only the cost of driving is lost, but those same 1&1/2 to 2 hours of driving time that some of us do could be made much better use of. I am going to push really hard for a station this year, even if it ends up privately owned by only some members. I would prefer that it appear on our own club web site, rather than a separate one, and I will contact the San Jose club to see how they were able to do so with their weather station (it will probably turn out that they had electrical power at their field).

I had to be in Monterey Bay the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>, so could not work the First Alert and Silver Springs events, but understand that Dan E did a great job of moving the kiosk around, setting up and organizing both events. Many thanks Dan! And to the folks that displayed models, manned the booth, did the Silver Springs flights (even with the hassle from their officials) a hearty thank you also, as well as Harold and Tom for the use of their kiosk.

Have not yet heard the financial results of the combined Auction on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but I thought that it was well attended, and many items were sold. I believe that there were only two items that didn't sell. Robert seemed to have gotten a great deal on an Astro Hog (used to fly those in the late 50's), that I would like to have bought, but could not justify the price. Remember the Smog Hog that proceeded it? And the 2 1/2 X 2 1/2 X 5 inch receivers that went into them? Today we would call it a trainer. I would hope that this will grow into a much larger event in the future. Many thanks to Ray English and his crew.

Several events coming up:

Carson Airport Open House on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

SS Soaring contest on the 15<sup>th</sup>

Reno T-34 races on the 21<sup>st</sup>

Float Fly #2 on the 28<sup>th</sup>

"Fly it until the last piece stops moving."

"The probability of survival is equal to the angle of arrival."

From "The Prez" continued,

We will need some planes for display at the annual HSRCC booth at the Carson airport. Not necessarily scale, some of all types would be best. If you have anything that you can display, please contact Harold or Tom R. early on. Seems that the more ships that are on display, the more folks that come by, and then buy raffle tickets. We need to raise at least \$1000.00 on those tickets to get into a profit picture. Volunteers to help man the booth would also be appreciated. The more folks that we have, the less time any one person need spend there.

Louie



Do these planes look familiar? There's more on the HSRCC website under photos. Take a peek!

Editor's Corner

So, did anyone else besides Ken and Joan see the B-17 at the Carson City Airport? I was doing a search on the internet and just happened to find the web site for this plane.



See, you can try to hide, but I can find you!

Here is a photo from the Auction. There's talk of holding another one this year. Possibly at the end of August. Seems people enjoyed it. What do you think? Speak up at the next meeting.



I know that some members are pushing for a weather station at the field, however, there is probably enough opposition that the club will not be able to build this. And, I can't blame anyone who is against it. This system is very costly to install and run. I would guess that 50% of the club members really do not get out and fly enough (I include myself in this group for the past year) to warrant the added cost. At the last meeting I asked if anyone had any alternatives. Kirk mentioned that NDOT had weather stations set up all over the place. Also that private people had their own local stations.

Editor's Corner continued

**“Stop the presses!” Lou just sent me a link for “Weather Underground” and it is now up on the web site.** I looked into NDOT's web site and found some of the weather stations' information. It is not fancy, just a printout of time and wind speed and direction, but that is good too. Maybe, what we could do is ask NDOT to move one of the stations to the top of the hill on Highway 50 close to Flint Road. I do not know if location is critical to them or not. I don't think so since some of the stations don't work anyway. So, if we ask nicely..... maybe!

On the other hand, if a group wants to pay for their own, get together and see how many people would like to join you. So, if this is something you would like to have, contact Lou or Vince.

Received this from Ken at SAM51:

## **THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ELECTRIC TEXACO POSTAL CONTEST, 2008**

You are invited to join us for a day of relaxed soaring.  
SAM Old Timers. SAM 2008 rules.

**Please see the attached file for information,  
Andrew Tickle, Member at Large, SAM 27**

I will post the attachment on our web site under SAM:

<http://hsrcc.com/pdf/SAM.pdf>

**Is this guy nuts, or what?** OK, I want one!



The four German built model aircraft engines he currently uses provide 200lb of thrust each, enough to enable the 110lb foldable carbon wings, and Yves Rossy in his 120lb flying suit, to climb at 200ft a minute.

I will be emailing (to those of you that have chosen to receive this newsletter via email) copies of newsletters from other clubs that I receive newsletters from that I get via email. So, when you receive your newsletter notification, via email, it will include a link to each club. *Say that four times!*



More pictures from Chowchilla. Hey, I see some people!



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