

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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**Next Meeting – August 12<sup>th</sup>, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm**

Kent Couch lifts off from his gas station in Bend, Ore., in his lawn chair rigged with more than 150 giant party balloons, Saturday, July 5, 2008. Couch, 48, is making his third cluster balloon flight and hopes to go more than 200 miles to Idaho before running out of daylight or helium. BTW, he made it to Idaho!



Three old pilots are walking on the ramp.  
 First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"  
 Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"  
 Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

Our Prez, Lou Scheel, is almost done building his new home. He has a full size ?? bush plane on floats hanging from the ceiling!



OK, it's not his! But this is in the new Scheels store in Sparks.

Save costs, go green! If you have internet access, get your newsletter by email notification.

Write me – dan@hsrcc.com

## Suggestion for HSRCC Operational Changes

It has been suggested by several club members that some changes be made to the club meeting schedule. As there is not a lot of actual business that requires discussion at our meeting, several members have suggested that we reduce the number of meetings to four per year, December, March, June, and September. The annual voting would be conducted at the Xmas Party/meeting, with nominations being presented during the September meeting.

Extra board meetings could and would be held as needed, open to all members of course. E-mail and the news letter could be used to advise of such meetings. This would mean that event organizers would sometimes do their contacting of volunteers/helpers by phone or e-mail, which would probably be better organized than they are now at the meetings, particularly when not all participants are now present at the monthly meetings.

The news letter would continue to be monthly, thus keeping all members posted on events, etc. which would certainly make the letter more meaningful.

The adoption of such a plan would constitute a revision of Article Six of the HSRCC By-Laws, which is in need of revision anyway, as the specified location of meetings is presently in error.

I would like to hear discussion on this proposal during the August meeting, with a possible vote at the September meeting.

“da Prez”



photo: Gabriel Branbury

Forgot to show you all this model of a DC-3 located at the International Terminal at SFO, in the museum. I'm guessing about a 24 foot wing span. That's a Ford Tri-Motor in the background. If you are ever in the area, go take a look!

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***Remember to get your raffle tickets in. Time is running out! September 20<sup>th</sup> is the date of the drawing.***



You know you've landed with the wheels up when it takes full power to taxi.

While browsing on the internet, I ran across a web site that had photos of the latest fire fighting going on in California.



From Da Prez,

I started my last letter with the Annual Open House, so why not do the same now. Myself, and those that I have spoken with feel that we had a very successful event. Plenty of demonstrations, thanks to Allan, Gene, Ralph, Tom R and anyone else that I missed. We appreciated your extra efforts fellas. We would have had a P-51 around the pylons, but someone had his ailerons reversed, thus no 51 anymore. Dan would have done a Warbird flight, but had an engine problem. Big Al flew his full scale ultralite in, which added to the demos (twice if you figure both arriving and departing). There were many buddy box flights given to the guests. Thanks to Mitch, Gene and Les for doing the flights, and to Gary and Bob Y. for letting us use your trainers for these demonstrations. Gary used up 80 hot dogs in all, so guess that we had quite a few guests show up. Surely HooRay could not have eaten all of those by himself. Gary did a great job of cooking, and Robert's wife the serving. I would like to see a little more advance publicity for this event next year.

Had a fun Float Fly on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pete, Harold and Robert got in some impressive flights. Harold had forgotten his retrieval gadget, so there was considerable waiting after some of the flights. Luckily the wind was blowing inshore. One thing about the float flies, we draw a nice audience at these events (must be for the drinks and food served after). I retired the old Nexstar float ship, as being totally unable to cure its' takeoff problem. Big Al says that he will convert it back to a wheeled trainer.

Received my JR transmitter back from Hobbico, they found nothing wrong with it. Nice to know that those two failures must not of ever happened. Builds one's confidence immeasurably.

At the July meeting, Ray offered to do another raffle this fall, and Sept 27<sup>th</sup> was set for the date. Time to start setting those items aside.

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> will be our Electric Flight day, so the field will be closed to gas and fuel powered flights until at least 10:00 am, and later should there be more electric flights ready to go.

I imagine that by the time that this goes to press our Annual Fun Scale event will be over. Anyway, there were to be two awards this year, one for military aircraft, and the other for civilian aircraft. As my P6-e was one of the JR failures that did not happen, it will not be entered this year.

Remember the Old Timers Fly-in on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>. This should be interesting.

Time to close, and start assembling my new Goldberg Eagle.  
Gary has advised me that I require a ship designed for the  
slow thinker. (*So... is that what Gary flies? – Editor*)

Louie

### IMPRESSIONS OF A PILOT

Flight is freedom in its purest form,  
To dance with the clouds which follow a storm;

To roll and glide, to wheel and spin,  
To feel the joy that swells within;

To leave the earth with its troubles and fly,  
And know the warmth of a clear spring sky;

Then back to earth at the end of a day,  
Released from the tensions which melted away.

Should my end come while I am in flight,  
Whether brightest day or darkest night;

Spare me your pity and shrug off the pain,  
Secure in the knowledge that I'd do it again;

For each of us is created to die,  
And within me I know,  
I was born to fly.

— Gary Claud Stokor

Hi all,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank those of you that have commented on the web site. I appreciate your kind words. I have been trying my best to keep it up to date and relevant. I have added a page for interesting videos. I do not want to include just any old video, but rather to highlight outstanding ones. So with that in mind, if you have a link that looks great, let me know.

Don't forget to check out the photos that various (or is that nefarious) club members have sent me. Harold took some great photos at the Open House. In fact, on the first page of this Newsletter there is a beautiful photo of a Spruce Goose from the Red Bluff Float Fly that was taken by Harold. We may have to recruit him to be our official photographer! There is a link to our photo pages on "Flickr" from the video/photo page.

Hope you read about the "Operational Change" suggestion. I have thought about this and think it is a good deal. This idea would help some of us save travel time/costs. The important stuff, like discussing events, can be handled by the officers via email and phone calls. The only down side that I could come up with is that there will be less "social time" with the members that show up at the meetings.

- Editor Dan

Here is an interesting personal "get-about."



From: <http://www.trekaero.com/index.html>

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