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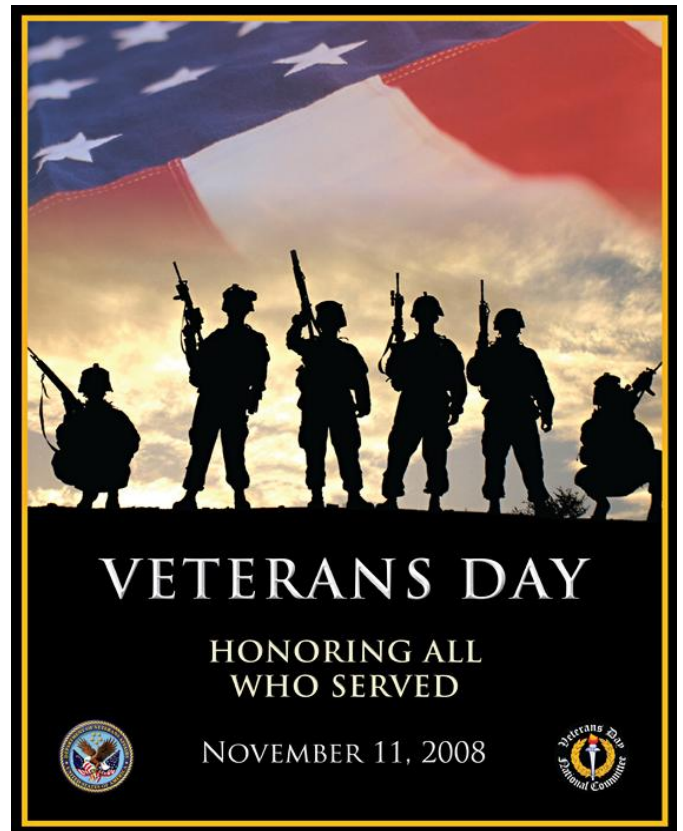


Next Meeting – November 11th, at Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy – 6:30 pm



Republic XF-12 / XR-12 "Rainbow"

Built in 1946 as a long-range photo-reconnaissance aircraft, *Republic's XR-12 was the fastest multi-engine piston-powered airplane ever built*, reaching a top speed of 450 mph in level flight. The fuselage contained three separate camera compartments with facilities to process film in flight. Eighteen high-intensity flash bulbs were stowed in a hold in the belly for night photography. The Rainbow had one of the highest power-to-weight ratios of any multi-reciprocating-engine airplane. Two prototypes of the Rainbow were built. A derivative airliner design, the Republic RC-2, was proposed as a high speed transport. One Rainbow crashed on a flight out of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The other one ended up as a target at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland.



Veterans Day; A celebration to honor America's veterans, both living and dead, and in times of peace and war, for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

World War I, known at the time as "The Great War", officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

I showed it is possible to fly a little bit like a bird.

— Yves Rossy, first person to cross the English Channel strapped to a jet-powered wing. The 22 mile journey took 13 minutes. 26 September 2008



In case you have not heard via the web site or email that was sent out, Frank Hamilton passed away September 28th. From his close friends in the club, I learned what an amazingly good man he was. A few moments of silence were observed at the last meeting in his honor. You will be missed Frank.

From Da Prez,

The votes are in. The layout of the Pony Express Park will be changed in the near future. Tom Howell is leading the group that will be doing the remodeling, and I believe that the final layout is yet to be determined. The only thing certain is that the pilot area will move North, closer to the runway. The new fencing will be lower in height, for you short fellas with long antennas.

I presume that other activity at the field will be dwindling down soon. Thirty degree mornings, with very slow warm ups do not make for fun flying, especially after the morning breeze kicks in. Would like to have gotten a couple more 'first flights' on two of my ships, but guess they can wait till spring, unless we would be lucky enough to get a surprise Indian summer later.

We did get one flight in on the new Beaver (Les Harris did, that is) that I plan to put on floats now that it has been trimmed out. Seems to fly nicely, although it is a good thing that it is equipped with flaps. Really wants to float on landing without them deployed. The ship is the E-Flite model, totally designed for electric power, but with some beefing up and internal changes, seems to like the OS 35 will be just fine. Looking forward to next year's float flies.

For those that did not make the October meeting, we now have two first aid kits in the block house. One is for minor cuts, punctures and things, while the second is a first class emergency kit, with supplies for most major injuries. Please take the time to become familiar with

these kits, as well as the new fire extinguisher. At least know where they are located. You may be the one that needs them.

Heard some comments at the last meeting regarding pilot inter-communications while flying, especially when six or more are in the air. I don't know about the rest of you, but I would really like a ruling that no more than five aircraft be in the air at one time, or even four. Even five will require a lot of concentration in avoiding each other, with little time left for flight enjoyment. Saw this work quite well at Red Bluff last summer. Whenever the max ships were in the air, a field marshal would appear, holding up other pilots until someone came down.

The second auction was a real success, and I hope that Ray will do more in the future. Many thanks Ray.

Remember, November is the annual election. Be there.

Nuff for now, need to get back on my Aero Commander Shrike kit.

Louie

Where am I?

— Charles A. Lindbergh, upon arrival in Paris

A year in review!

Gold Leader Club Status

Annual Open House

Operation First Response

Lyon County Fly-In

Carson City Airport Open House

Water Type Fire Extinguisher

Two Auctions

Revised Contract with Carson City

Club Picnic and Raffle

A Real First Aid Kit

New Pilot Flight Line

Seems to me, a lot has been accomplished this year. There were some events that did not pan out, but, with 60 plus members, who all have differing opinions, skills, schedules and enthusiasm, we have reason to be patting ourselves on the back. Another year is just around the corner. Let's see what we can do to make the next year even better!

As I was writing this newsletter, I received an email from Les Harris with some pictures from this morning's flight of Lou's SR-71. Enjoy!



Congratulations on a successful maiden Les and Lou!



Les also sent me shots of Red Bull's P-38 being restored by Ezell Aviation in Breckenridge, TX.

<http://www.ezellaviation.com/>

For Sale

#1 Parkzone Typhoon PNP - Modified with Side Force Generators and larger tail wheel. Needs new tail feathers – includes three props, all servos, motor, and ESC. - \$55 Local Area Pickup.

#2 Eflite P47D Thunderbolt - Now that they have been discontinued for a year, this plane is becoming rare. It has a brushless Suppo motor, 40 amp ESC with BEC, all four servos and Y cable, plus a modified steer-able tail wheel. This plane is fully receiver ready and comes with a ton of spare parts. I have over \$300 into it and am asking \$175.

I have pictures of both planes if anyone is interested! Thanks and have a great day.

Mike Escalera - michael@escaleraphotography.com



Lou's new Beaver!



*As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them. ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving!

Next Meeting: November 11th, 2008 - Round Table Pizza on College Pkwy at 6:30 pm. Nomination and Election of Officers - Please come and vote!

Upcoming Events: Christmas Party - Thursday, December 11th. Starts 6:30 pm at the Fandango. \$25.00 per plate buffet!

High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue,
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew -
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untresspassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

*Pilot Officer Gillespie Magee
No 412 squadron, RCAF, Killed 11 December 1941*

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