

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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**Next Meeting – Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Carson City Airport Terminal – 6:30 pm**

## *Safety First – Problems with CA*

“A few years back I put some CA on a rather involved joint. Hit it with the kicker and the joint exploded in my face. I had not noticed that a pool of it had formed in a corner. Lucky for me, I had my reading glasses on, as the CA splattered right into the line of vision in the center of my right lens and actually etched the plastic in several places. I still have those glasses. They hang on the end of the pull cord I use to turn on the light over my work bench. I can never turn on that light without being reminded that safety glasses can save your eyes. Who would have ever thought you need safety glasses when working with CA?”

- Darwin Hawkins of Kansas

Staying up late one Friday night, I was doing a lot of sheeting on the leading edges of a pair of wings so I could cover them the next day. I spent a couple of hours using copious amounts of CA, with my face up very close so I could see in all the nooks and crannies.

Near the end of the task, I noticed I was beginning to wheeze a little, and by the time I cleaned up and made it to bed, I sounded like someone in the last stages of emphysema. Having had a daughter with severe asthma, I began to realize what she must have gone through in many of her attacks.

I spent the next two nights propped up about 30° in my bed so I could breathe. The first thing I did the next day was to order one of those masks that control such problems. I think the one I bought was made by 3M and cost perhaps ten bucks. Yeah, it was a bit of a nuisance to wear the thing, but a couple of days wheezing around the house made a believer out of me. And my wife thought the Darth Vader look improved my appearance.

- Don Nix, *Insider Safety Column Editor*

In the wake of the recent Hudson River incident, The FAA is implementing new anti-bird measures for all airliners.



Every one already knows the definition of a 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. But very few know the definition of a 'great landing.' It's one after which you can use the airplane another time.

From John Donaldson of the RaSCaLs (Reno Control Line Club)

We will be supporting the *Tune Into Kids Fair* at Idlewild Park in Reno on 25 April, with an air show/fly-in. We'll start at around 10:00 and go until 3:00 pm or wind, whichever comes first.

We will also have an air show/fly-in at Lazy 5 Park, 7100 Pyramid Hwy., Sparks, on 16 May, Armed Forces Day, at roughly the same times as at Idlewild.

We will have flight instruction at both shows. You want to learn to go round and round? C'mon out.

#### Presidents Corner:

Our March meeting was held at the Carson Airport with 28 members and guests in attendance. The airport is centrally located with ample parking and the terminal provides a spacious area for meetings. We will be trying different refreshment ideas during the next two months, as always we are open to suggestions as to what you the membership would like to have. It's your money; have it spent in a manor you enjoy.

At the end of the April meeting the how-to session will be hosted by Ken with his scratch built B-17. There should be a lot of great information for you scale builders

The club activities schedule should be posted on the web site. <http://hsrcc.com/events.html> We still need volunteers to host a number of the fun flies. Please consider taking one of these events on. You will be asked to coordinate the event with regard to the event tasks. We will be having a club cook out after each event that is held at the field.

At the risk of sounding like a "broken record", please give the board some feedback on your likes and dislikes. As always our goal is to provide that which makes club membership more enjoyable.

Hope to see you all at the April meeting.

*A recession is when you have to tighten your belt; depression is when you have no belt to tighten. When you've lost your trousers - you're in the airline business.*

- Sir Adam Thomson

## **!! News Flash ... News Flash ... News Flash !!**

**Bob Hoover perishes in local crash!**

**By your roving reporter, Les Harris.**



I think I have passed by this a hundred times at the Reno Airport. Would be neat hanging in my living room!



Another guy built the foam plugs and Bob is video-taping his progress on making the moulds and everything else to get this to fly. 216" length! Bob's father made the landing gear. A work of art!



Hope you all have been following along with the videos on YouTube about the guy "Bob" building a B1-B Bomber. It's rather large!



Hitler built a fortress around Europe, but he forgot to put a roof on it.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt



Gary's framed 64" Dynafly SE5A.



Frozen Finger Fly-In last January.



It may have been cold, but could you ask for a better back drop? Thanks for the photos Gary!

Anyway, check it out. I update whenever I notice he has posted a new video. They are here: <http://hsrcc.com/fly.html>

Hope you all can attend the next meeting. A few "specs" on Ken's Don Smith Plans B-17, which will be there for the "hands-on" show: Wingspan 138 in. Length 98.4 in. These plans are now sold by **Precision Cut Kits** <http://www.precisioncutkits.com/donsmith.htm> Get out of the house and enjoy the evening!

I put the sweat of my life into this project, and if it's a failure, I'll leave the country and never come back.

— Howard Hughes, to a U.S. Senate subcommittee regards the HK-1 Hughes Flying Boat, aka the 'Spruce Goose,' 1946

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