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Next Meeting – Thursday, May 14th, Carson City Airport Terminal – 6:30 pm

The car guys have been busy! What a great looking track. The jump you see in the picture is 16 feet. There is even a pit lane for refueling and repairs. Some of the races will last long enough that they will have to refuel. But the question is; what do these guys call themselves? Is there a club name? Someone let me know, otherwise they will be known as “Car Guys”! It should be great having them around. The more useable this area becomes, the more it benefits all of us.



The float fly crew is becoming quite popular! There seems to be getting more and more interest in the added complexity of this type of flying. Must be a cult thing! Since these guys don't seem to be able to walk on water (yet) they are asking the club to help out and purchase a small kayak to assist in airplane retrieval.



The manufacturer is pelican and the model is a “Burst KOA08P107” which costs \$400. We will be voting on whether to purchase this at the next meeting. Please come to the meeting or let one of the officers know how you feel about this. We need your input. More details here:

<http://www.pelicansport.com/index.php?language=en&category=kayaks&nauticalboat=burst>

The High Sierra Scale Contest will be held July 11 and 12. The contest will be a fun scale contest as was done several years ago with a couple of changes. In the past we have held basically two events, fun scale and team fun scale. They were flown and judged simultaneously but prizes were given for each event separately. This year we will run three events that will be flown simultaneously; Fun scale, team fun scale and aerobatic fun scale.

Fun scale and team fun scale will be limited to non aerobatic monoplanes and non aerobatic biplanes. (P-51 war bird types and PT-17 bi-plane types, Cessna types etc. Aerobatic fun scale will be for the Edges, Lasers, Yaks, Pitts, Ultimate's, and etc. type of planes. Maneuvers will be the ten specified by AMA. Required maneuvers are take-off, fly-by, horizontal figure eight, landing and realism in flight. The other five maneuvers are up to the pilot but must be appropriate for the type of plane entered. No snap rolls for B-17s etc. For maneuver examples for aerobatic and non-aerobatic planes read the scale article on page 107 of the March Model Aviation magazine.

Don Morse

Mr. Les "Die Hard" Harris is at it again! Flying 24/7! Les, you must have been a mailman in a prior life. "Neither rain, nor sleet, nor gloom of night will keep me from my appointed rounds."



And, if you don't believe you can fly at night, check out this YouTube video about a lighting system consisting of 30 meters of LED lights. The LEDs are powered by three separate 3 cell 2100 Mah li-po batteries.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw6ofGPwbl>



Sign of the times? As you may have heard, Hobbies of Reno has closed their doors. Discretionary spending is usually the first to go. I hope better times are ahead John Miller. Good luck to you.

For Sale - Hangar 9 Extra 300 1/3 Scale

With one flight on it. I'll be willing to demo fly it for seriously interested buyers. Hitec digital servos on all control surfaces. Titanium gear on ailerons. Brison 95cc single cylinder gas engine in the nose. Cowling modified to split in half for easy access and installation. 2 RX batteries for redundancy, 1 ignition battery, all NMHI for easy charging. Patriotic pilot figure in IMAC legal cockpit.

Can be flown with an 8 channel computer radio capable of some mixing functions without any complicated electronics on board.

Asking price \$ 2,000 - or best reasonable offer.

Cheap way to get into 1/3 scale aerobatics.

Contact Tony – goupsidedown@aol.com

HSRCC 1st Annual Roll out Party

Date: Saturday, May 9th 2009
Place: Pony Express Model Air Park
Time: Viewing @ 9am
Lunch @ 11am

Hosted by Tom Reinbolt & Gary Fuller

On Saturday, May 9, in connection with members of the Skunk Works and High Sierra Radio Control Club, we invite you to a "Roll Out Party." Any member with a newly completed aircraft that has not seen or flown is encouraged to be a part of the festivities. Aircraft ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE FLOWN but may do so at the owner's option. We look forward to you attending this important event in modern day RC aviation history.

All Participants will be treated to a **Free Lunch** of Mr. T's Texas Chili & Soft Drinks





I have been e-mailing a man back east who is going to build a 1:6 scale A-26 Douglas Invader. He is also into rockets. You are looking at a 1/10th scale Saturn V rocket (35' long) next to the real thing. Lift off was April 25th. If you go to our photo/video page, you will see the YouTube video of the launch, or click here if you get this newsletter by email:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bj4lj6YSwzg>

Presidents Corner:

We hope you all have had a chance to enjoy the good flying weather, and are planning to attend the Rollout event sponsored by Tom Reinbolt and Gary fuller.

At the April meeting it was proposed that the club purchase a one man kayak for use at the lake to retrieve Float planes. The Kayak would cost \$400.00. It was further proposed that unit would be stored at the field when not in use. It would be available to any club member thru the use of a sign-out sheet. This proposal will be voted on at the May meeting. If you are unable to attend and wish to cast a vote on this issue, please contact me by phone or email and your proxy will be counted.

The railroad construction continues. Please be mindful of the flying restriction when workers are present. Additionally, I have observed pedestrians using the roadbed. Please be observant when flying, who knows, ET may be the next obstruction seen in the flying area.

The June meeting will be held at the Carson Airport. At this meeting we will vote on the continued use of this venue or reverting to the pizza parlor /alternate location.

We hope that all members plan to attend the open house on May 16th. It will be a great way to kick-off the flying season.

Be safe and good flying.

More from the car guys! They had a race on April 18th called "Pay for Play."



Hmmmmmmmm, maybe we don't need wings!



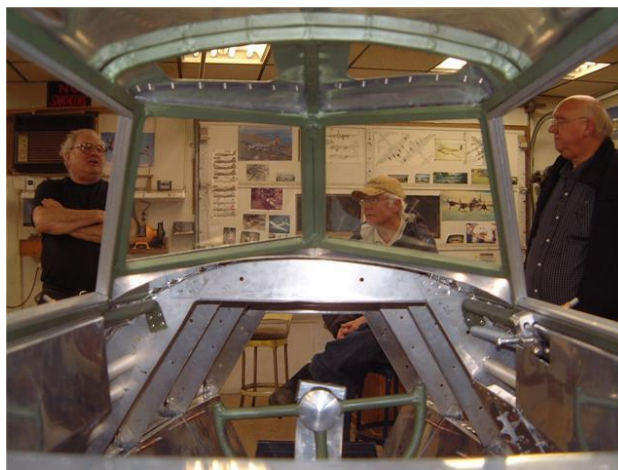
Basic Flying Rules:

Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees, power lines, and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.

Airbus has a new plane, the A400M. Might make a great scale project for someone!



And speaking of scale, here is one that is very unusual. What's so unusual about a B-17? How about one you can fly..... IN!



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