

SIERRA SIGNALS

Newsletter of the High Sierra R/C Club
AMA #1362 and SAM 34
Carson City, Nevada



Next Meeting - Thursday December 16th at the Casino Fandango - 6:30 p.m.



It is the time of the year for "the spirit of giving". However, a lot of families are forced to reach their hands out for help. It is true for many, it has been a very tough year. The economy, and unemployment forced unforeseen challenges on pocket-books already stretched to the maximum. Yet many of us have been fortunate to have experienced a year that gives us cause to be thankful. Maybe things weren't perfect, but we find ourselves way better off than the many of the less fortunate in our community.

At our last meeting we agreed to include the Carson Valley Community Food Closet in our Christmas Party and dinner this year. For those of us who would like to contribute, the club will collect a voluntary cash donation to the food bank. The club will collect the money and make an additional contribution from club funds. We will present the donations to the Food Closet in time to benefit some families who are needing help this year. So please join me in contributing to the Food Closet's worthy cause.

If you are not able to attend the dinner you may send your donation to me at my address, or drop your contribution off at Hobby-Town. We will make sure your donation makes it to the Dinner and on to the Food Closet.

Election of Officers...

Our current slate of Officers will continue to serve as Officers and members of the Board of Directors for 2011. Bob Jones will serve as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. In addition Dan Etcheto will serve as "Web Coordinator", a new position established by the board. Dan will act as Webmaster, maintaining the club web-site. We are sure Dan will continue to do a fantastic job taking care of HSRCC.com. Tom Howell also encouraged other members to step up and serve as officers next year. -BJ

2010 Membership Info...

The one-time fee of \$50.00 charged to new members will be called the "initiation fee". After paying the one-time fee. New members will receive keys to the clubhouse, a club identification card, and a club identification pin which will display the club logo, his AMA number, name & etc. Members may wear the ID pin on their favorite hat, cap, or whatever. Current members will receive their keys and identification pins after they renew their 2011 AMA and club memberships. -

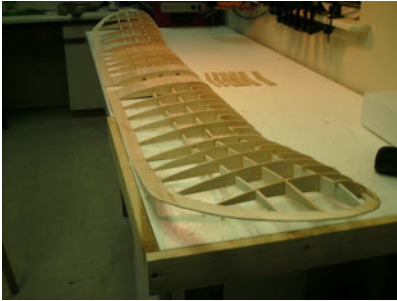
As a fellow club-member you are entitled to:

- Free access to all of our secured club facilities including our magnificent 660 feet paved runway, club-house, and work areas. You will receive your own keys in addition to club identification card and name-badge.
- Free flight instruction from qualified instructors.
- Free use of club trainer aircraft (as available).
- Free "Sierra Signals", our monthly newsletter highlighting current and future activities of our club and other area events.
- Free help with building, assembling and inspecting your aircraft prior to flying.
- 1,000,000 dollars of Liability Coverage with your AMA membership.
- Group activities such as picnics, fun-flies and trips to Topaz Lake and BocaReservoir for fantastic Float Flying events.
- An annual "Open-house" event where we are joined by members from other area clubs for a great day of flying as well as other social events for fun and support of local charitable organizations.

Builder's Corner



In the last newsletter, we took a look at Mr. "T"'s warm-up project the 80" Peerless Panther. Well needless to say, the warm-up is complete and the main event has started.



Tom finished construction and turned the project over to Gary Fuller for covering. As Mr. "T" is to building, Mr. Fuller is to covering with MonoKote. Gary has truly mastered covering. Here is the finished project as it was presented at the last meetings. "Show and Tell". Taking ownership is "Hoo-Ray" Mosbacher



Without wasting any time, Mr. "T" jumped into the main event.

The project is a 150" w.s. Carl Goldberg Valkyrie. Believe me... this project is a legend in the making. There was a preview... (also a good reminder that our meetings are a lot more interesting than they used to be).



Just to be clear.... This is a pic of the stabilizer, not the wing. To be continued.... BJ

Around Town...

On Nevada Day this year the Nevada Division of State Parks participated in Carson City and Elko with floats in Nevada Day parades. State Parks celebrated the state holiday with its annual float in the Carson City parade, this year themed as "100 Years of Aviation History in Nevada." The float was design by Washoe Lake State Park employees and built and manned by State Parks employees from multiple parks, along with volunteers and friends and families of State Parks employees. The float, entitled "Flying High at 75" – in honor of State Parks' 75th Anniversary this year -- won the coveted "Parade Director's Award." HSRCC was asked to participate. Gary Fuller and I delivered my Hangar9 J-3 to the State workshop at Washoe Lake.



It was interesting to see the volunteers working on the float and hear their ideas. We left the Cub so it could be custom fitted to the float, then on the morning of the 30th, Mary (my wife) and I went down and added



the wings and pilot. Then the Cub went up to it's majestic position above the float. Fortunately the clouds and rain made an early morning appearance and left before the parade started.



The J-3 towed the State Parks Banner with pride. At the end of the parade we met up at the DMV and carefully removed the Cub from it's perch, non the worse for wear, for what was it's first successful outing. - BJ

Speaking of Building... I had the opportunity to visit member Bob Petten's shop and take a look at his latest project, a Top Flite Cessna 182 on floats. Talk about a fine piece of work... This is one to see, if you get the chance. Here are some pics of Bob's work.



Notice the detail like corrugated control surfaces



W.S 81" powered by a OS Gemini Twin 1.60



The master himself...

And then there's this...



The one and only "Fuglie Biplane" designed, built, and flown by Lance Morrison. Note the sophisticated landing gear. Just what I need... Training wheels. It really does fly nice. Way to go Lance. Lance also makes great videos.



No training wheels here.... Bob Heitkamp's new F-16 from Banana Hobby. 32 in. W.s. 21.2 in. long and count'em twelve servos. This EDF has vectored exhaust and retracts. To Bob H. "ARF" means "Almost ready to modify" and he is busy making changes to bring this jet up to real speed.

Welcome new member Fred Chapin. New pilots should get great satisfaction watching and learning from their dedicated Flight Instructors as they are coached through the many trials and tribulations of learning to fly. They learn early that things (crashes) happen when planes crash and rebuilt to fly again. To this point we have a new legend in the making. Fred Chapin had his trusty Eagle Two crashed no less than three times by three different instructors. Notably on two separate crashes, our intrepid "F.I."s managed to strain Fred's Eagle through the barbed wire fence surrounding the field. However, as with all the great traditions the Eagle has risen and flown again... and again; this time with a new name.



"I know you think you understood what I said... but what you don't realize is... what you heard was not what I meant".

You can make some neat decals using your ink jet printer and Avery Clear Shipping Labels:





MAN IT WAS SO COLD ... The only thing flying was the cars.

The Capitol Punishers conducted their last race event of the year on Saturday November 20th. The turn-out was quite impressive with all types of cars lined up for the various events.



You should take a turn driving one of these guys. It's way more challenging than you might think. Reminded me of when I used to drive down in Orange County, CA back in the day. There were both nitro and gas cars driven and the drivers and crews were well prepared for the cold weather with some neat trailer and tents for their equipment.-BJ

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TO THE NEXT FROZEN-FINGER FLY-IN
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