

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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



**Next Meeting - Thursday March 8th at the El Aero Main Building - 6:30 p.m.  
2101 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City, NV 89706**

**“Happy trails until we meet again.” Au-revoir... Adios... Hasta La Vista...Auf Wiedersehen... Adeus...Tchau...Arrivederci...L’hitraot... Any way you say it, we hate to see you go. If you haven’t renewed your HSRCC membership for 2012, this is your last issue of our Newsletter. So renew now and don’t miss a future issue. BJ**

At the next meeting.... Please plan to attend the next meeting as we will be covering several topics of importance to you. First topic will be the “The Fly Over Carson Project”. The project transforms the Carson City Airport Terminal Building into a center for aviation learning. We will have the opportunity to participate by providing some of the model aircraft placed on display. Our models will be suspended from the ceiling with an appropriate placard telling the history of the aircraft depicted, the model itself, and the owner of the model. Here is a chance to gain some hanger space to make room for some of your newer projects.

The Learning Center will present it’s first programs on Monday April 10th and Tuesday April 16th. I have volunteered myself to help out with those programs for a few hours.

There are some interesting plans for the learning center and

some of them could be of great benefit to the club. Please come to the meeting so we can discuss them and decide if and how we want to participate.

The next topic at the meeting will be concerning **SAFETY**. The Safety Committee for 2012 consists of the following members in addition to the elected officers:

**Vince Euse**

**Rich Garner**

**Tom Howell**

**Don Morse**

**Harold Siegfried**

The safety committee met at my house on February 23rd, We had a very productive meeting where we discussed some suggested changes to our safety procedures. We will present these recommendations to you at the meeting and give you the opportunity to discuss them and adopt them for the coming year. The topics included modifications to the “No Fly Zone”, parking, fire safety, general safety on the flight line, and appropriate handling of safety issues with non-club members visiting the field. There

A recent incident with a non-member is worth noting and it will be beneficial for us to spend a few minutes discussing it. This was not a safety issue but more of a public relations issue that raises some important issues about our club and the flying field. We need volunteers to participate in our Safety Program. Please contact Larry Johnson and volunteer to make a short presentation at one of our upcoming meetings. You get to choose the topic of interest to you. Larry will also have some suggestions as to appropriate topics. As a review I have posted the process for safety violations on the last page of this newsletter. -BJ

#### OUR FIRST EVENT

**MARCH 17TH**

**An Open Fun-Fly**

**Three Challenges**

**Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd**

**Don Morse Host**

**Gomez Gold at the  
next meeting ...**

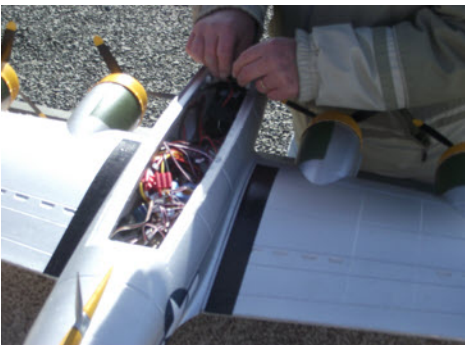
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**On the cover...** Paul Ciotti’s all foam twin motored Pterodactyl makes as impressive sight.

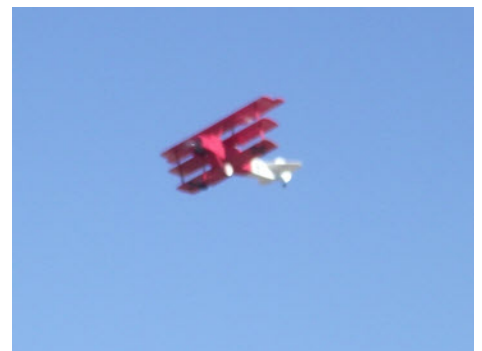
At the last meeting's Show and Tell.... Planes all over the place. Ray English holds Don Morse's magnificent B-17. Don fired up the engines and the El Toro Supervisor came up to see what was going on. He thought a toilet had exploded. Tom Reinbolt brought his Extra 500. Tom hasn't flown it yet, and it is really a beautiful ARF. Tom bought it for \$90.00. Louie Scheel brought another fine looking ARF, a Spitfire from Banana Hobbies..



Don brought the B-17 to the field and treated us to a fantastic first flight. This plane has awesome power and literally jumped into the air before full throttle. It also did very un-B-17 like loops and slow rolls. It is equipped with flaps and retracts. Evidently there are four more B-17's like this one waiting in the wings for a mass fly-by.



We have had some nice flying days and great flying.



Paul Ciotti's DR-1 ... Take offs and landings are interesting and it is a beauty in the air. All foam and electric.



Miss Texas on the Bench and in the air. This plane is really fast and furious.. Vince Euse's J-3





Rich Garner takes his new responsibility on the Safety Committee seriously. Here he is approaching the flight line looking for safety violations, as well as dress-code faux-pas. Photos are his WW II warbirds, the Douglas SBD Dauntless and F6F Hellcat in Blue Angels Markings. SBD has been modified for retracts and the Hellcat has a newer bigger engine.



A once friendly visitor arrives with his Great Planes 80 inch J-3 in his car in one piece. Strange.....



Paul Ciotti's Pterodactyl makes a low fly-by. Interesting to say the least. Makes me feel young.



Meanwhile.... Back in my shop I'm helping assemble Rich Garner's 1/5 scale T-28 from Troy Built Models. The engine is a DLE-55 and will have custom electric retracts. I also scratched out a neat little Curtiss Robin from plans drawn back in 1960. Plans called for a rudder only Babcock receiver and an .049 engine. I converted it to electric with four channels. I'm saving it for the Roll-Out Party on May 5th. I also managed a little excitement from a little Dynam Models J-3. Much to my chagrin it does beautiful realistic "tail-spins", but B.H. saved me.



## HSRCC Procedure for Handling Safety Violations

These procedures apply to consistent safety violations incurred by any club member regardless of experience. An example could be "flying over the no-fly zone. A new and "in-experienced" flyer might consistently enter the no-fly zone because he can't control his aircraft where as an "experienced" flyer might enter out of habit, or disregard for the club's safety rules. Both flyers violate the rule and both would be approached the same. The new process is not intended to address an inadvertent violation. Everyone has to use common sense and take responsibility for determining appropriate action.

(1) If someone is consistently violating the rules, it is the responsibility of those club-members observing the violation to issue a "formal" verbal warning to the offending member. The issuance of this warning must be passed on to a club officer or a Safety Committee member.

Committee member. The warning will become part of the next club meeting safety report.

2) If the offending member should continue unsafe flying in violation of club rules after the verbal warning, it is the responsibility of those club members observing the violation to inform a club officer or a member of the safety meeting. Upon the second occurrence, the Safety Committee Chairman will issue a written warning to the offending member.

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The third offense will be reported to the Safety Committee and result in the immediate grounding of the offending flyer until such time the Safety Committee can convene and make a determination as to the appropriate action to be taken. Such action might include re-training, limitation as to the type of aircraft flown, permanent grounding or suspension from the club.



HSRCC contributed to the Veterans Guest House annual Radiothon by providing two Flight Certificates for one hour of flying at our field. The certificates were parts of packages put together for the auction. The auction raised over \$40,000 dollars for the Guest House. We look forward to seeing the winners at the field in the near future. Raffle tickets for our Cessna 182 are now available. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the Guest House. Tickets are \$1.00 for one, \$5.00 for six, and \$25.00 for 30.00.



### Upcoming Club Events

Date	Event	Host
Mar 17	Open Fun-Fly	Don Morse
May 5	Roll-Out Party	Tom Reinbolt Gary Fuller
May 19	Fun-Scale Event	Don Morse
Jun 13	Boca Float-Fly	H. Siegfried
Jun 15	CC Airport	Bob Jones
Jun 30	Minden Airshow	Rich Garner
Jul 4	Salute to Veterans	H. Siegfried
Jul 7	Auction and Sale	Ray English
Jul 14	Ca Death-Ride	Bob Jones
Jul 21	Electric Fun-Fly	Gary Fuller
Aug 11	S.plane/O.T.F-Fly	Les Harris
Aug 25	Club Picnic	Bob Jones
Sep 8	Swizzle F-Fly	Gary Fuller
Sep. 29	No.Nv. O. House	Bob Jones
Oct. 6	Lyon Co.Airfare	Bob Jones
Dec 12	Christmas Party	Bob Jones



Welcome

New Members

**David Burbidge, Reno, NV**  
**Ron Rohn, Carson, City, NV**

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