

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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



**Next Meeting - Thursday June 14th at the El Aero Main Building - 6:30 p.m.  
2101 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City, NV 89706**

Saturday, June 9th proved to be a great day for working.... It was clear but not too breezy to fly when I arrived at the field around 7:20 a.m. I thought I would have a little time to get organized, but five minutes later Michael Crafton arrived, and our work day began. Twenty-one other members arrived shortly there after to continue the work we had started the day before with the help of Roger Collins, Harold Siegfried and Kirk's son Russell. By nine in the morning we were stretching fence at both ends of the field, installing the new walk-through gate for general access from the road, replacing carpet on the tables, and painting gates and posts. You may recall Dan Etcheto found us some great carpet in Reno. Gary and I went with Rich and Frank, who provided their trucks, to meet Dan. We removed the carpet and hauled it back to the field. On Saturday, Dan led the "Carpet-Crew" and replaced the carpet on all the field tables with nice tight carpet, getting rid of the shag on all except one of the tables. Paul Bigelow took the painting duties and with the help of Dale Singleton, his wife Sarah and many others, painted the gate, and all the fence posts green with white tops. Paul Ciotti, Don Morse, Dave Burbidge, Larry Johnson, and Gary Fuller all kept themselves busy helping out when and where they were needed. Last, but by no means least, with impeccable timing Mr. "T" dispatched himself for a pizza and burger run returning with food for everybody, just as work ended. What a great day for the Club... thanks to our hard-working twenty-four members and volunteers. BJ



Rich Garner and Lance Morrison paint the gate and swap flying stories. Neither ran out of paint or stories.



The parking lot was full due to the fantastic participation from our members. Looked like a big fly-in.



Kirk Baron and Tom Howell "eye-ball" the new walk-through gate for access to flying by the general public with AMA insurance..



Louie, Fred, Steve, and Vince stretch fence at one corner, replacing old posts and wire that was really sagging.



At the opposite corner, Frank, Robert Canadian, and Bob Heitkamp replace the old barbed-wire with safe shiny new stuff.

You don't want to miss the meeting Thursday night. We are going to discuss our plans for the Carson City Airport Open House and the California Deathride. In addition, we will have a discussion about changes to our annual dues for next year. You need to be present, make sure your opinion is expressed and be informed as to why there should be changes to our annual dues schedule next year. We will discuss the changes at this meeting and vote on them at the July meeting. - BJ



On May, 19th, the HSRCC held it's first flying scale contest in half a dozen years or so. We had TWELVE entries, with some from the Carson club, some from the Reno club and some from the Gardnerville club. The types of planes ran the gamut from J-3 cubs to a Boeing 737 with sport, home built and war birds in-between. Tom Walters from the Sierra Sagebrush Flyers the said "it was like the good old days when we would have 15 or so entries every year". Everybody had a good time. We flew two rounds of the 5 mandatory maneuvers-- Take off, fly by, horizontal eight, landing and realism in flight. Started flying about 9:30 and finished up about 11:30 or so.

Tom Walters took third place flying a P-51. Ray English took second place with Tom Walters flying his Morrissey Bravo and Jake Qualey from Reno took home the first place prize flying a Corsair. Will Qualey took 4<sup>th</sup> place only one point behind Tom Walters. Both Jake and Will are young guys who showed the old guys how to do it.

I want to thank Gary Fuller, Louie Scheel, Gene Frey and Fred Chapin for being the flight Judges. We used two judges per round and with one or two exceptions the judges scoring per maneuver was pretty close. I think this is Fred's first time judging and he said "judging was a good education for him as you not only had to watch the flight but had to break the flight down into individual segments and determine what the pilot was supposed to do and judge how well he actually did it". He's right on-- you learn a lot. Thank you judges. And thank you Louie and Gary for alerting the pilots when it was their time to fly. I thought it was great!!! Don Morse



Many thanks go out to Don Morse for acting as CD at this event. It's great we are sometimes prodded into stepping outside our comfort zone by competing in a friendly way... I learned a lot and had a good time too.- BJ





I was fortunate to make my second annual trek to the Castle IMAA Mini-fest again this year. As the last time, I camped in comfort with Tom Reinbolt and Harold Siegfried. Being the junior member of the crew I was delegated to all the menial tasks like cooking cleaning up and catering drinks (not really). But it was worth it. There were a lot of great airplanes and a lot of great pictures (compliments of Harold's photography skills) Here are a few for your enjoyment compliments of Mr. Siegfried.-BJ



Here Bob Heitkamp arises from a brief nap in his unique accommodations, the "Tilting Hilton". Watching Bob rise up in the morning was truly very close to a religious experience.



Sagebrush Flyers, Mike and Dan Hickey provided great hospitality, food and great stories. The fellowship between the clubs is fantastic. The next newsletter will cover Hickey Days.



Tom's T-28 put on a great show with Bob Heitkamp flying it several times. The big news was Tom cashed it out. That was "cashed" not "crashed"





**Fly Over Carson Project...** Members of HSRCC donated their time and installed many of their models for display in the old Carson City Terminal Building which is being converted to a new Aviation Learning Center. Gary Fuller, Don Morse, Harold Siegfried, Tom Reinbolt and your truly spent two days hanging thirty-two club models. Highlighted by Bob Brogan's magnificent collection, the display is amazing. The club will provide guides at the Carson City "Capital Wings" Open House Saturday, June 16th.

A preview reception was held for the volunteers on May 11th. Many dignitaries were present including Mr. Jeff Rutan, son of Burt Rutan.



Roger Collins and Jeff Rutan. Roger's Long EZ, a Rutan design is just visible overhead.



Jeff was a driving force behind the Aerospace Bricker Exhibit.



On the Cover... A magnificent B-29 at Castle. 148" wing span. Covered with 2" and 3" foil backed tape from Home Depot. Took four builders four years to build. Four engines sounded great and flew flawlessly.

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

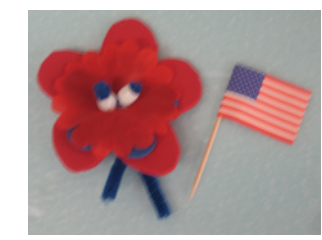
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**Upcoming Club Events**

Jun 13	Boca Float-Fly	H. Siegfried
Jun 16	CC Airport	Bob Jones
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



**At the meeting... And at the field**



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