

# SIERRA SIGNALS

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



**Next Meeting - Saturday, June 28th at 8:30 a.m. At Betsy's Cafe in Slot World on Hwy 50 and the corner of Fairview in Carson City. The club will provide the coffee or other "non-lethal beverages". If you would like to have breakfast during the meeting, you may do so, at your own expense.**

Our annual Old Timer/ Sailplane event took place on May 31st. It was an interesting event; in that each event was scored based on pilot skill rather than aircraft flown. The winner of the 30 second climb and glide won five points. The winner of the two minute timed flight won seven points; and the winner of the spot landing won ten points. Second and third place winners in each category received reduced points. Scoring was close and we had to have a fly-off between Kent Mclain from Gardnerville and Vonnie Fundin from our club to determine third place. Vonnie was the winner, coming in third with Ray Brindos from Gardnerville coming in second. Our very own Vince Euse won first place,.



## The Road Trip to Castle by Dave Vandenberg

The 17th Annual West Coast Festival and IMAA Giant Scale Fly In was held 5/22-25/2014 at Castle Air Force base near Atwood, California. Four of our High Sierra RC Club members attended. Tom Reinbolt flew his Valkyrie as well as his T-34. Bob Jones was Tom's spotter. Yours truly, Dave Vandenberg went along for the experience (it was my first large RC event); and Bob Heitkamp was the official "IFOPP" representative. The trio went in Tom's RV and met up with Bob Heitkamp and Gardnerville Club Members Dan and Mike Hickey, Roger Harker and Scott. We all shared a couple of adjoining RV spaces in the almost full parking area.

If you are into scale modeling this is an event not to miss. The quality and flying skills exhibited were as good (and even better) than a full scale air show. The hundreds of models entered are too numerous to try and mention but among the favorites were scale B29, B17, B10 and of course Tom's Valkyrie. A new event this year was a precision jet team flying two Vipers in formation with smoke. They performed many flawlessly coordinated maneuvers reminiscent of the Thunderbirds or Blue Angels.

The crowd was also treated to a number of full scale fly-bys, most notably a DC4 and a B25. In the evening, during unrestricted flight time we saw some very well lit 3D night flying.- DV



This B-29 is covered with aluminum foil tape used on a/c and heating ducting.



Mike Hickey's meticulous 1/3 Scale Cub was flown by Bob Heitkamp.



Tom Reinbolt's planes and the party wagon.



Many thanks to Dave for writing the article about our trip. Not only is Dave a great travel buddy, he is also a great photographer. I think this one of the best flyby pictures I have seen. It is the full size DC-4 and the B-25 as they pass down the flight line. Great shot Dave..... And thanks again. Bob Jones

On June 21 HSRCC held it's third "annual" flying scale contest. We had ten planes entered, flown by nine pilots. Once again the Reno, Gardnerville and Carson clubs were represented. Hey Carson-- most of the flyers were from the "other" clubs. The types of planes ran the gamut from J-3 cubs to WW I, WW II, private and classic planes.

We flew two rounds of the 5 mandatory maneuvers-- Take off, fly by, horizontal eight, landing and realism in flight. Started flying about 9:00 and finished up about 10:30 or so.

We flew two classes of planes this year, 58 inch and under electric; and unlimited which was anything you wanted to enter regardless of size or power type.

The electric class was disappointing in that only two pilots entered, Paul Cioti flew an extra 300 type and Ed Putnam flew a TA-152. Paul took first place.

Eight planes entered in the unlimited class. Mel Qualey took third place flying a Foker D-VII. "Drainpipe" Lance Morrison took second flying a P-51 and Will Qualey took first flying an F-8-F Bearcat. His brother Jake who took second place last year flying the same P-47--had engine problems and finished out of the money. Bob Heitkamp who took first last year flying a Super Stearman flew a P-51 this year and also had engine problems and finished out of the money. Tom White flew a Tiger Moth AND an Extra 300, finishing ONE point out of third place. Fred Chapin flew a J-3 Cub in his first ever scale contest. Good going Fred!!

The wind and weather were good and not a factor so how you placed was strictly determined on how well you flew.

Our flight judges, Tom Reinbolt, Harold Siegfried, Vince Euse and Bob Sullivan did a great job. Their scoring was very consistent.-DM Editors Note: Thanks to Ed Putnam for supplying us with the great pics.- BJ



**At the field...** Actually out at Vince Euse' gun club. We had a great day float flying. Three of the group, Roger Collins, Don Morse, and Dave Vandenberg had never flown from water before. They made us veterans look pitiful. Don flew a Flyzone Tidewater, Dave flew a Flyzone Beaver, and of course there was Roger's "Frankenplane on floats. All of us who made the trip want to thank Vince for his warm welcome and hospitality.



**HSRCC Club Events for 2014**

Jun 28 Club Meeting	B. Jones
Jul 11 CA Deathride	B. Jones
Jul 26 Club Picnic	B. Jones
Aug 9 Frankinplane Fun-Fly	R. Collins
Aug 23 Electric FF	G. Fuller
Sep 13 Fun-Fly Contest	D. Morse
Sep 27 Annual Open House Charity Event	B. Jones
Dec 18 Christmas Party	B. Jones



**On the cover...** Oh...The things you can do with a "Frankenplane". Roger Collins is sponsoring the "Frankenplane". Fun-Test. Pilot's choice award for best entry. Date is August 9th. In the cover photo, Roger added floats to the "Frankenplane" and flew it at our float-fly out at Vince's place. It flew magnificently, and Roger did a great job with his first water take-offs and landings.



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