

 <p><b>SIERRA SIGNALS</b>          Newsletter of the High Sierra R/C Club          AMA #1362          Carson City, Nevada</p> <p><a href="http://www.hsrcc.com">www.hsrcc.com</a></p>	<p><b>December 2014</b></p> <p><u>Your Board Members and Officers</u></p> <p>President .....Dan Etcheto 384-8245          Vice President .....Bob Sullivan 881-8798          Treasurer.....Frank Gomez 884-2983          Secretary.....Dave Vandenberg 384-1731          Safety Officer.....Paul Ciotti 453-1507          Field Marshall.....Tom Reinbolt 742-1847          Newsletter Editor Dave Vandenberg          Web Master.....Dan Etcheto</p>
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## Letter From The President

December 5, 2014

The officers met last night to talk about the club. Well, all of us except Tom. He went to the Minden club's party. I hope they don't hold that against us!

We decided that the next club meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>, the second Wednesday of the Month. We also decided that the HSRCC Christmas party will be February the 11<sup>th</sup>, also the second Wednesday of the month. Are you feeling a trend here?

At the next meeting there are some items that will need to be discussed and some that will need to be voted on. I'll try to get these in some type of order;

### 1) Financial

- a) Return the dues amount back to \$50 per year.
- b) Remove the "Initiation fee" for new members.
- c) Clean up the membership form. I'll have a draft at the meeting.
- d) Earmark a percentage of the dues (and remaining balances) toward building/maintenance.

Why the changes? Thanks to the cost saving of not printing the newsletter and funds from the Death Ride, the end of 2014 finds us with a much larger balance than I have seen since joining the club. Reducing the dues will help our current members as well as new and returning. The initiation fee has been a bone of contention for a long time. These fees disappear into the general fund. We need to be saving for the future so why not have a separate account for just such a purpose?

### e) Transparency.

A List of Accounts has been drawn up and a report will be posted each month on the web site showing balances, income and expenses. We think it is important that the members know how their money is being used.

f) Frank has already established a checking and savings account (had to do that to make it free for us) with Wells Fargo. We propose for ease of use to make the savings account the building/maintenance fund and the checking account the general fund.

g) Not sure how Frank did without it, but we need a "Resolution to Open a Bank Account". I have one on file so will change the names and bring it to the next meeting. Just trying to be legal and all! We also need a second signature on the account in case Frank has a head on with the proverbial bus.

### 2) Operational

a) What kind of club do you want this to be? Do we have lots of planned small events or just a few big ones? The best events that stick out in my mind are the Roll-Out Party, the Electric Fly-In, the Open House and the Club Picnic. Come to the meeting and share your thoughts.

b) Landing fees. Is it fair that 5 to 10 people benefit from small events? We propose a landing fee to pay for the cost of the event.

c) Promotion of our club to attract new members. We would like to have a business card made so that each of us has something to pass out to someone if they are interested in the hobby. We could also use these at events such as the Carson City Airport Open House (if that ever happens again). There will be a small cost to publish these and I will have that by the next meeting. There are other ways we intend to promote the club, but we will discuss that at future meetings.

### 3) The Field

a) The shade covers need painting. We would like to see work parties during the spring and summer to hand-paint the shades and tables. We feel they will hold up much better this way.

b) The tables need to be repaired. The tops have to be replaced with more reinforcement under them. Again, we can have the same work parties do the repairs.

c) Consider replacing the carpets with AstroTurf. No more fuzzy wheels!

d) Rotate the tables 180 degrees so that the props face the runway, not the spectators. (This is a safety issue but we need the work crews to do this.)

#### 4) Safety

a) Safety notes published in the newsletter have already been started. From time to time, we used to have a "Safety Committee", but we propose to keep it simple and just have the Board be the Committee. If a major violation occurs then the 6 members of the Board will issue the Notice of Violation. We should have a form letter for this.

b) Ed Putnam sent Paul a letter outlining his thoughts of a safety program. Ed is a pilot for a major airline, so his views are skewed toward absolute safety and perfection. Not so sure that his complete program would work for "hobbyists." But, there is a lot in the letter that I think would be good for the club. There is too much to review here, but over the next couple of meetings I think we should address some of these items. By the way, thank you Ed, if you are reading this! Outstanding!

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Remember the Frozen Finger Fun Fly on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

And, I hope see you at the next meeting.

It should be an interesting year!

Dan

## Disc Golf Project

Bob Sullivan attended the Parks and Recreation Commission public meeting held on December 4th to review the Disc Golf Proposal. He provided this update.

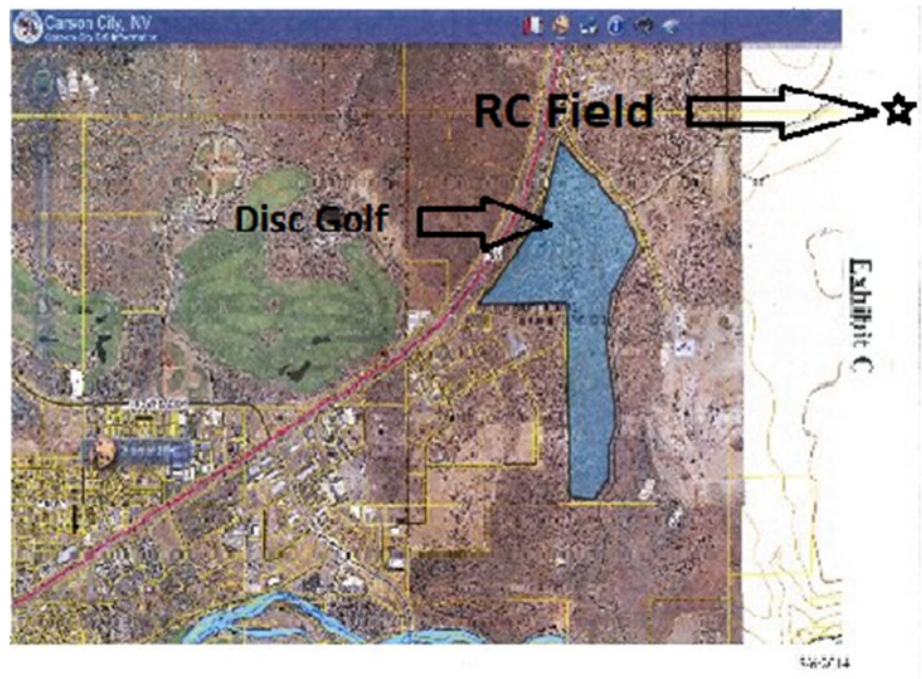
The proposal for the Disc Golf Course west of the Pony Express airpark, between the landfill access road and Highway 50, is on its way I am sure to the Board of Supervisors, with recommendation of approval along with partial funding from the City. The Parks and Recreation Commission went over the Disc Golf Park concept at length to get it about as perfect as can be at this stage.

Now the Disc Golf proponents need to form their nonprofit and raise funds for the disc golf baskets and such. They did not want to start

this process without first securing some land in order to show funding sources that this would be a viable program. The City has to do some paperwork to exchange management of the land to what would be the Disc Golf nonprofit (and used the HSRCC and Pony Express Airpark as an example). For sanitary facilities, presently Carson City uses well maintained port-a-potty shelters in some of our newer parks here in Carson City, and same is thought appropriate at the Disc Golf Course.

As for me, I said "hello" to the Commission, and earlier to the Disc Golf proponents, indicating the HSRCC is pleased to have soon to be neighbors developing the recreation potential of the area.

For more information: <http://www.carson.org/index.aspx?page=6030>



## Next Event: Frozen Finger Fun Fly

The Frozen Finger Fun Fly is an RC activity that happens every New Years Day. The only competition is between the participant and Mother Nature. You must make at least one pass around the pattern. You can be gas powered, glow powered, electric powered, rubber powered or if you have enough "umpph", hand launched. You must have an AMA card to fly. Once around the pattern, you have the bragging rights to say that you flew in the 2015 Frozen Finger Fun Fly. Hot chocolate will be provided. If it snows, skis would be good to have. If it floods, floats may work. Of course, wheels most always work. I will probably show up around 9:30 AM and we will fly until YOU are done. There are no time limits and no prizes are handed out. Gary Fuller

# SAFETY NOTES

**Observations:**

1. Some pilots still not calling take-off and landings.
2. Pilots flying in Safety Zones. See diagram below.
3. More pilots are calling out their take-offs and landings.
4. Proper take-offs and landings have improved.

**This month's recommendations:**

1. All pilots should be familiar with and adhere to AMA recommended flying site layout (see below). No flying in the "Safety Zone".



2. Planes with bad / broken wheels should be fixed so they will taxi properly.



*Photo from a Drain Pipe by Drain Pipe...a.k.a. Lance Morrison*

## Classifieds

When I was much younger I built a lot of U-Control planes and of course flew them as a hobby. I have a radio control Skybolt bi-plane for several years, engine for it and the radio control equipment, needs to be completed. I am retired and just do not have the desire to build the airplane, so I have decided to sell it all. I have a lot of good balsa wood, both sheets and pieces, there are several glow plug engines, propellers, fuel tanks, etc. I have attached a flyer (it is in Microsoft Word format) that I was going to post on a bulletin board which I have not done yet but it indicates all of the equipment I have that I want to sell as a single unit. I thought maybe someone in your organization may be interested in it before I post my flyer. I would like to get \$375.00 and my phone number is 775-741-6846. I live in Reno. I also have a desk with a cadenza and a soft top to hold pins for building airplanes that I will sell for \$40. Thank you for any assistance. Gregory Masegian [gmasegian@gmail.com](mailto:gmasegian@gmail.com)

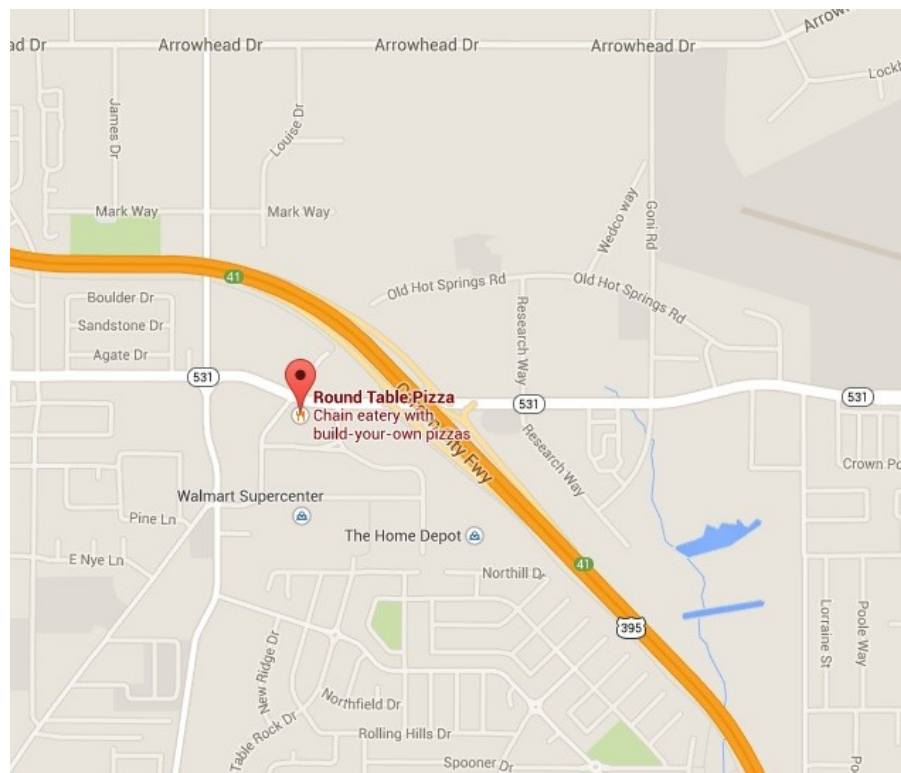
I have an older RC Futaba radio and flight box with plane. Everything needed for flight is included. Only used twice. Paid over \$1200 new, Would anyone be interested in this equipment at a reasonable price. Perfect for beginner. I can no longer fly and would like this to go to someone who can really appreciate it. Thanks. David Cooper 267-4474, [cnancyus@yahoo.com](mailto:cnancyus@yahoo.com)

## Impromptu Work Party

The high winds last week, which did not touch down in central Carson City, did touch down at the RC Field. Several of those heavy tables, which take four men to move around, were turned upside down, and at least one table apparently went through the mesh fence. The morning flyers got themselves organized and using a pick-up truck, straightened things out. I heard Paul was the earliest arrival, and probably with Vince, got the work party going. Also collected was a huge trash bag stuffed tightly with plastic bags that had hung up along the entire airpark perimeter fencing. Since this information was obtained second hand we can't acknowledge everyone involved, but it certainly deserves recognition.

Keep in mind when you see things happen at the field take a picture and we can memorialize it in the Newsletter.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:30, Round Table Pizza, 3325 Retail Drive, Carson City, NV, (775) 884-8080**



**Mark your Calendars: Winter Party February 11, 2015.  
Time and place to be announced!**

## The Semi Final Christmas RC Poem



It was a little bit before Christmas and our party was put on hold, cold weather has kept some from flying but others were quite bold.

Our punchbowls were filled with prune juice and a couple drops of nitro, hoping we would not have to add skis because of snow.

The Roll Out Party had many flyers as the first event of the year, but there were pilots you had to look out for because of fear.

We see many new airplanes being put together even some twins, so we look forward to next April for the Roll Out when everyone wins.

We continue to help out the Death Ride to add to our coffers, but those who give their time to the Club are the ones that offer.

Frank put on the Old Timers fun fly though I thought you had to be sixty-five years old, there wasn't one person from the Club that I saw that was left out in the cold..

There are many more electrics flying through the air, but we can't hear most glow engines so most of us don't really care.

One of the great activities this year was the Frankn Plane event, Roger flew the neatest "9" plane even though many others flew planes that had been bent.

Paul keeps flying new electric we can all view, but the one I like is Lester's glow engined lawnmower that he flew.

President Bob cooked up hamburgers and hotdogs before we flew, we have had a dedicated leader for the past year in review.

With low water levels for float flying, we had to take a back seat until next year as we will keep trying.

As Rudolph turns from base to final this year, remember safe flying and having fun is always near.

Merry Holidays, good flying, and we will see you at field.

Gary Fuller

