



November 2015

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10, 2015 - Club Meeting: Election of Club Officers

January 1, 2016 - Frozen Finger Fun fly

Agreement Signed With Carson City Airport Authority

President Dan Etcheto pursued and obtained agreements with the Carson City Airport Authority and a little known publicly identified airfield just off highway 50 called Parker Field. These agreements allow us to continue to fly pretty much as we always have in the face of new scrutiny of RC flying sites within 5 miles of public airports. The purpose of the new requirements is to minimize conflicts with our hobby and full scale aircraft. While the impetus for the changes has been the unregulated use of drones, it is always good to revisit the safety issue of flying radio controlled planes in the vicinity of full scale aircraft. These agreements can be found on our club website; for members logging in they can be found under the "Documents" section; for everyone else they are in the section on the Home Page that identifies rules for flying at the Airpark (the first link below the Club picture).

New signs will be added at the airpark that emphasize our vertical flight restriction of 400' AGL (above ground level) and the horizontal flight restriction, not to exceed 1500' from the center of the runway.

Club member Lance Morrison confirmed for us that the FAA and the Carson Airport have issued a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen), a broadcast message and a flight planning item/message announcing the existence of our field 2.7 miles SE of Carson City Airport with unmanned aircraft operations up to 400ft AGL. This is a supporting action from our agreement with the City.

Having problems getting into the field....

Some of our members have come across a perplexing problem...How to get at the combination lock in the inner gate. At such times, the lock's combination is tucked down inside the protective steel cylinder, and is very hard to retrieve (turn around) so that the combination side of the lock (its bottom) is facing upward. It is not that some mischievous person has intentionally closed the inner gate and placed the lock's combination side facing down within the steel cylinder. The lock can "fall" to a position of combination side down just from shaking the gate and taking up the slack in the hasp...and...vola', the lock disappears (rotates) downward...from combination side up, to combination side down. If you encounter such a situation, be patient, and push the left side gate outward toward the field, taking up the slack, and then pry the lock upward so that the combination face is upward and facing you....

This tip is from Bob Sullivan. Speaking from experience this is good to know! Thanks Bob

Little Washoe Lake Float Fly

The first of two Float Plane outings at Little Washoe Lake came off without a hitch. There may have been as many as 10 airplanes, one drone (which was used to rescue a plane drifting mid-lake, fascinating endeavor), and one 1955 Dumas Airboat.

The actual site was wonderful, sort of at the middle, east side of Little Washoe Lake...using the kayak/canoe launch area. The weather and tiny breeze was quite acceptable. All planes, drones, and boat performed remarkably well.

NOTE: there were two bald eagles in a near-by tree, enjoying, I guess, a diversion from their usual Little Washoe Lake day. Each stayed put the whole time...amazing!!!

(I put floats on the Super Cub that I fly at the field, and it performed just like it had wheels...easy to take off and easy to land, and capable of the usual aerobatics in the air.)

The following week flyers enjoyed a second round of flying at Little Washoe Lake, again under calm conditions. Submitted by Bob Sullivan



THE TRASH BARREL SAGA CONTINUES...

Everyone appreciates a well-tended trash barrel. Our August Newsletter featured an article about one such barrel.

At one time, this particular barrel looked like this....Nothing special....It looked like all the rest of the trash barrels.



Then, a member of the Club, on a cold Spring morning, decided to give it a more updated, distressed look, by setting fire to the barrel's contents, and giving the barrel's exterior a unique, burnt appearance...Too bad we do not have a photo....none seemed to have survived.

The barrel's next transformation was more mysterious, as one morning the sun arose to find the barrel to be painted a motley semi-flat black....sort of the trash barrel version of the "little black dress".

But, without accessories, the new outfit just did not have that "Wow!", or "Bling" factor.

So, after consulting with style concepts on the Internet, the sun arose one morning to find the barrel in its full glory....

at least until the next restyling to fit the times.

So come out and admire our signature trash barrel. It awaits your approving comments....

Isn't it a beauty?



Submitted by Bob Sullivan

Education and Outreach

Discovery Museum

President Dan Etcheto and Safety Officer Paul Ciotti will attend “Aerospace Day” at the Discovery Museum on Saturday, November 7. Exhibits will include the Drone Zone, Flight Experience, Build-a-Plane project and opportunities to learn more about robotics, rockets and space travel. Dan and Paul will set up a few tables and display some planes with transmitters to let the kids see how they operate.

Civil Air Patrol

E. J. Smith with the Civil Air Patrol met with Dan Etcheto recently. They are doing a STEM program as well for their cadets. She bought a new glider that came damaged. Dan inspected it and told her it was OK to fly. Next spring they will be contacting us to see if we can help out and teach the kids to fly RC.

What’s Happening at the Airpark

Club House

Field Marshall Tom Reinbolt and his protégé, Bob Sullivan, completed the process of winterizing the Clubhouse. They filled the toilet-sink tank with RV antifreeze and then purged the lines to allow the "winter" water into the sink and toilet, flushing out the non-winter water from the feed pipes. Bob is itching to check the in-ground toilet-sink black water tank's remaining capacity but will wait until spring.

Table Tops

Work continues on replacing those tabletops that have rotten fiberboard underneath the carpeted coving. Dan Etcheto has been experimenting with plywood, and the sealing of plywood, from our weather conditions.

On October 4th, with the aid of Bob Sullivan, one of the worst tabletops was chosen for replacement. First, the carpet was removed, and then the rusted screws as well as the rotted 4’x8’ fiberboard tabletop were removed. Additional cross bracing, using treated 2x4’s, was installed and then the new, weather protected, plywood tabletop was dropped into place and attached with new screws. There are more replacements to come....we have several to do...

The club is still considering whether to cover its new table tops, and if so, with what material.



Club President Dan Etcheto working on replacing the rotted table tops with weather-proofed plywood

October Meeting Show and Tell

Bob Sullivan began the October Meeting Show and Tell not with an airplane, but with a nifty form fitting hard shell, soft interior lined, transmitter travel case, made by Atomik RC. Atomik makes cases for various current transmitter manufacturers. The case is handy should a travel situation not be appropriate for a large transmitter suitcase.



Bob brought two airplanes for which the transmitter and travel case are used: a 72 inch wingspan, retractable ducted fan powered, ST Models Salto glider, and a 63 inch wingspan, electric 25 powered, Gary Fuller conceived and Bob Sullivan finished sleek looking retro-look craft made from 6 donor airplanes.



OCTOBER 4th ANNUAL FRANKENFLY

Despite the weatherman's promise of poor flying weather, the morning of the October 4th Annual Frankenfly presented sun and quiet air, at least for awhile. A handful of optimistic flyers turned out for the morning fly.

While Dan Etcheto and Bob Sullivan started their day by replacing a one of the rotted table tops, others enjoyed the unexpected pleasant flying conditions.



Roger's "Number 9"

Then the morning moved to the Frankenfly...and there were but two entries. Roger Collins returned with his "Number 9", and Bob Sullivan had his sleek looking, Gary Fuller inspired, airplane whose exterior was made from 6 donor planes.

But also of interest, and not a Frankenplane, was Ray Triano's scratch built, and very unusual, foam Flight Test Guinea Pig, unveiled for the first time this morning. A load carrying airplane, the nose comes off to open up the vast interior, and the design features a full rear tailgate.

In the end, none of these three planes took to the air, due to last minute mechanical concerns and some wind that came up. But each will fly soon, as each is very airworthy.

Roger Collins took home the award for best Frankenplane, the award given him being a very worn and much abused Hanger 9 P-47 Thunderbolt, (51" wingspan, balsa and plywood construction, sans motor and controls). And, to help Roger get this challenging rebuilding project started, a \$30 gift certificate to Hobby Town! A fitting award for a Frankenplane builder. (Submitted by Bob Sullivan)



Bob Sullivan's Six-Component Frankenplane entry...



Ray Triano's Very Unusual "Guinea Pig"...

Elections

It's that time of year! Election of the officers is at hand. This year you have two ways to vote; come to the meeting on November 10th, or send in a Proxy. The form can be found on the Club website at:

<http://www.hsccc.com/wp-content/uploads/Vote-Proxy-2015.pdf>

The completed Proxy can be sent to:

Dave Vandenberg
188 Peponita Court
Washoe Valley, NV 89704

You can also email a copy of your proxy to: djvandenberg@charter.net

The nominees are:

President:	Dan Etcheto Bob Jones
Vice President:	Bob Sullivan Don Morse
Treasurer:	Frank Gomez
Secretary:	Dave Vandenberg
Newsletter Editor:	Steve Jacques
Safety Officer:	Paul Ciotti
Field Marshall:	Bob Sullivan

It is always better to come to the meeting and participate, but, we know that some you are not able to make it, thus the proxy. This process also enables participation from the approximate 2/3rds of the membership not residing within Carson City itself.

SAFETY NOTES

Observations:

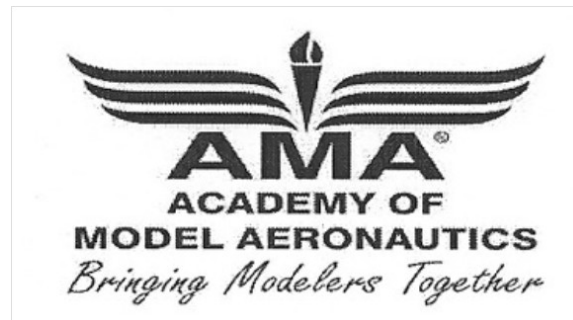
- 1. Some pilots still not calling take-off and landings.**
- 2. Pilots flying in Safety Zones. See diagram below.**
- 3. More pilots are calling out their take-offs and landings.**
- 4. Proper take-offs and landings have improved.**

This month's recommendations:

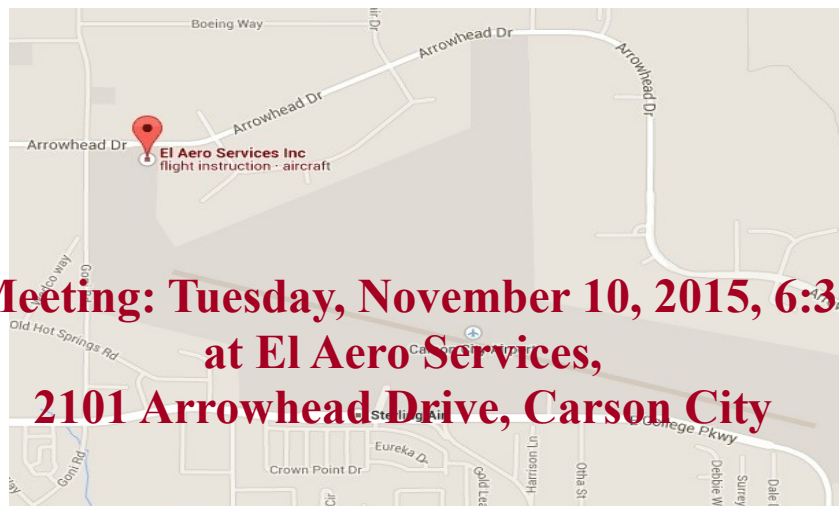
- 1. All pilots should be familiar with and adhere to AMA recommended flying site layout (see below). No flying in the "Safety Zone".**



- 2. Planes with bad / broken wheels should be fixed so they will taxi properly.**
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If you are a new, old or prospective club member please join us for our monthly meetings. We try to hold them the second Tuesday of the month in the evenings.



**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 6:30 pm
at El Aero Services,
2101 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City**