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High Sierra Radio Control Club
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BIG FUN AT THE OLD TIMER FUN FLY!

On June 3 the Pony Express Airpark was transported back in time, to an age where the polyhedral was heavy and the smell of Ambroid was in the air! The 'Old Timer Fun Fly', hosted by our friend Roger Collins, was a great success with beautiful examples of designs from years gone-by lining the set-up area. It was a perfect combination of camaraderie and aircraft, a simpler brand of fun that serves to remind us all of why we build and fly.



The Spot Landing competition provided thrills, chills, and spills as a half-dozen intrepid pilots used great skill to float their senior aircraft towards the circle in the middle of the runway. The event was won by Bob Heitkamp, who landed with his spinner precisely on the North/South hashmark and only 3" off of the centerline! Bob collected a gift certificate to BJ's for his concentration, finger dexterity, and extreme good luck.



Paul Ciotti brought his extremely cool and original DeBolt Champion, which sported 'Reno R/C Club' markings. Paul rescued this beauty from the original owner, who was ready to dispose of it.... and Paul was rewarded with the 'Oldest Actual Aircraft' award. Perhaps one of our members has an original 40's era ignition engine that we could mount on this fabulous relic as a display of earlier times?



Don Morse pulled in the award for 'Best Hand-Launch Glider', and just about all of the entrants lived to fly another day. Roger Collins had a great maiden flight and more on his Old Timer, rescued from Larry Johnson's estate. Winds were just enough to make it a real control challenge for the 2-channel wonders, and we look forward to another great gathering of antique aircraft very soon!



PONY EXPRESS AIRPARK IS LOOKING GOOD!

The reason we have such a great airfield to fly at is due to the work 'behind-the-scenes' by a few very special volunteers. Let's all give a big 'Thank You' to our friend David Gregory, who floated the ground surrounding the field, and does much of the hard work keeping these areas in tip-top shape. Thanks Dave!



The Carson City Parks Department also began spraying the grounds for weeds, and did some extensive trimming of brush on the east and north sides of the field. A new spirit of cooperation and commitment can be felt, a great opportunity to broaden our interaction with our community.



Bob Sullivan is at the field doing the required maintenance and attending to issues that crop up, he deserves huge kudos as well. Now if we can just keep him from losing his keys....! Seriously, thanks to all of the HSRCC members who care enough to do this hard work, we wouldn't have a place to fly without you.

HSRCC MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please note that the June HSRCC General Meeting will take place on **WEDNESDAY, June 14** at 6:30 at the El Aero facility next to the Carson City Airport. Come on out and join in the fun!

US COURT OF APPEALS STRIKES BACK AT THE FAA!

The big news for this month is that a US Court of Appeals has struck down the FAA's requirement that recreational model aircraft be 'registered'. In a suit brought against the FAA by R/C hobbyist John Taylor, the court found that the FAA exceeded their mandate and disregarded their own Section 336, also known as the 'Special Rule for Model Aircraft' or 'Interpretive Rule', which specifically prohibits the FAA from such practices. So, for now, we are free from the requirement to register ourselves with the FAA in order to fly our model aircraft. For those of us who already registered, we shall see where that leads, but government being what government is usually means that this is probably not the last we will hear from the FAA on this subject. For more information on this big story, please watch the official AMA video on the subject at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJq8jAQQKdg&feature=youtu.be>

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 24 - Annual Club Picnic and Fly-in	Bring the family for a BBQ, with raffle prizes!
July 7 - 2017 Death Ride	Help raise money for the club by volunteering at this event
July 15 - Carrier Landing Contest	Spot landing competition
July 29 - Scale Competition Fun Fly and BBQ	Scale static and flying contest
August 26 - Electric Fun Fly and BBQ	Electric Power Only!
September 13-17 - Reno Ar Races	FYI
September 23 - Fun Fly	Fun Fly with anything
November 4 - Fall Turkey Shoot	Balloon busting for a turkey, small entry fee
December 12 - Christmas Party	
January 1, 2018 - Frozen Finger Fun Fly	Freeze your keyster off and ring in the New Year!

For more information on any event please contact Bob Jones, Event Coordinator

Most of all.....

**HAVE
FUN!**

