

SIERRA SIGNALS

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HOT ACTION IN JULY!

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

....Good to see all the club members out enjoying the field this year, even with the abnormal heat! We also have had a lot of flyers show up at big Washoe Lake on Thursday mornings for float flying. If you haven't seen this yet, it's worth the drive to check it out. We are flying at the Northern State Park on the East side of big Washoe. For better directions, you can contact Bob Jones or Vince Euse. (Last month when I gave directions, I did not realize there are 2 parks on the East side, and also one for small Washoe).

I want to thank everyone that helped out with the Death Ride fundraiser, and also the people who participated with Vince Euse and his challenge. Many of the crew have been there multiple years and some all of the years. Bob Jones goes to 3 or 4 meeting a year in preparation, and does a great job of organizing. Thanks for all your efforts. This year, we had 10 members at the Death Ride, Bob Jones, Gary Fuller, Don Morse, Frank Chapin, Roger Collins, Frank Lovering, Tom Reinbolt and Tom's brother Bill Reinbolt, George Kohler, and Steve Jacques. I believe we will receive the normal \$1,000.00 donation to the club for volunteering. In addition, Vince's challenge of \$100.00 inspired Stephen Panter to donate \$100.00 and Larry Gilman donated \$200.00...-let me know if I missed any,-- Great job everyone!! Club meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from now on, 6:30 at El Aero.. See you there!! Go out and fly something!!

Steve Jacques

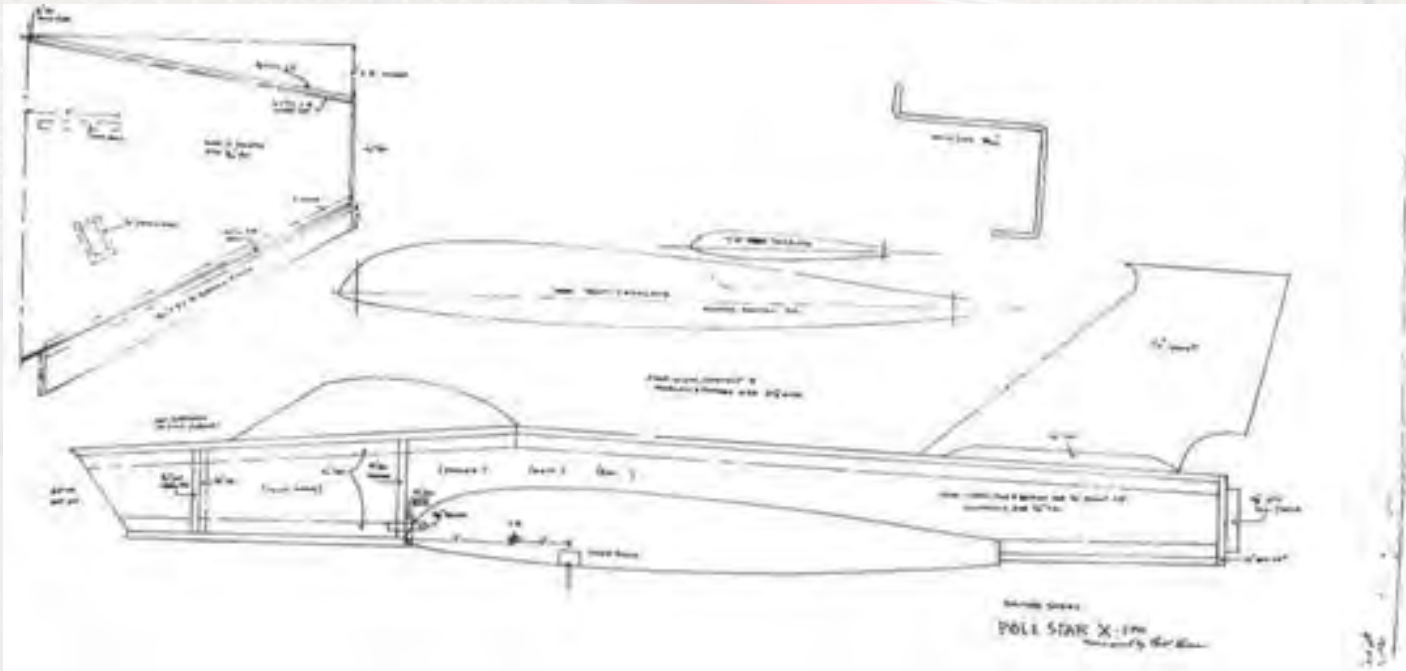


THE RENO AIR RACES ARE COMING SOON!

The second week of September is sneaking up on us, be sure to make your plans to get out to see the World's Fastest Motorsport in person! Go to <http://www.airrace.org> for more information-

WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING?

By this time of year, we may have 're-kitted' an aircraft or two, and thoughts come around to new projects... If you have an interesting new project that you are working on send a description and good photo to Newsletter Editor Dave Triano at dtriano@mac.com. As for my own projects, I am working on a special one: A Bill Evans design with cores donated to me by Frank Gomez called a 'Pole Star X', also known as a Pole Star EPO, which stands for 'Expert Pilots Only! I'm no expert pilot, but I think i can handle this great looking aircraft-



FIELD MARSHALL'S REPORT by Bob Sullivan

OVERVIEW

So much of what we do at the Airpark in terms of maintenance consists of projects that move along at their own pace. Things do get done, thoughts toward the future do mature, but not on a pace like that of an actively managed small business. It is not appropriate to think of things as "stalled" tasks do get done, but each is tied to a lengthy timeline.... We simply do not have the manpower to investigate, research, design, and physically undertake many of these tasks ourselves.

MY FOCUS

Appearance is important. I have my near-future sights set on two items of higher priority to me than many other field needs.... painting the set-up tables, and re-netting the safety netting. Inquiries have been made regarding painting of the set-up tables. Sooner or later, we will have a bid or two to present for acceptance.

I will be presenting to the Club a request to purchase additional netting of the type now strung on the far east side of the table-set-up area. Once installed, our field will look far, far better.

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FIELD MARSHALL'S REPORT - Continued

The existing netting is beyond further maintenance. With the help of a few volunteer members, stringing the new netting will go very quickly.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO STIR THINGS UP

The cans of old latex and oil based paints, now stored in the Clubhouse, will be soon placed outside and along the south wall of the clubhouse, uncovered, to dry in the summer sun. You will find a couple of "stirring sticks" next to the open cans. Please take the time to wander over and do a little stirring which will speed up the paint can drying process. Once dried, we can legally dispose same in the Carson City Landfill.

MAJOR DRAINAGE

At this writing, our Carson City Parks facility manager is away. I am awaiting his return to visit with him, and to keep the HSRCC in a competitive position in terms of receiving maintenance from the City. I am looking at the Fall for some mitigation drainage improvements which when done, should simplify our erosion and field maintenance issues.

WHO HAS EQUIPMENT?

As you know, I am interested in moving some dirt around....to fill-in the eroded areas immediately adjacent to the center, northside of the runway. I am interested in seeing what we can amass for an afternoon work session.....tractors with scoops, tractors with blades (even snow blades), flat bed trailers large or small for hauling dirt, etc. Let me know....
RTSully1@aol.com.

WEEDS

The field has some weeds showing. In the past two years, there were none. I will see what can be done to eliminate at least most of the current weeds. It is a time consuming, labor intensive process. Does anyone have a "truck garden" sized spraying rig?

CLUB MEMBER FACILITY PLANNING

I know there are some club members who feel the current layout, that has severed the Club for the past few decades, is just fine the way it is to serve the club in the future. I know that there are other Club members who express thoughts about moving things around a bit.... specifically, in the shade structures, set-up tables, and pilot flying areas. The Club now has the money to entertain any facility lay-out changes that the majority of members might end up envisioning. I think it is time to solicit ideas, work them over for the remainder of the year, and perhaps have some concrete plans in mind come the Spring of 2018.



THE LATEST ON REGULATION FROM THE AMA

Government Relations Update, June 29, 2017

AMA is working hard in Washington, D.C. to represent and protect our hobby. We want to share with you more information about our activities this week. First, AMA President Rich Hanson attended two meetings of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC), which brings the industry together to provide recommendations to the FAA concerning a full range of aviation-related issues. Importantly, this includes the integration of UAS into our nation's airspace. For years, AMA has shared our experience managing the hobbyist community in these meetings, which play a significant role in shaping FAA policy. Also, our Director of Government Relations, Chad Budreau, participated in the Domestic Drone Security Summit. The goal of this meeting is to facilitate engagement between industry and government around drone security issues, inspire understanding, discuss solutions, and find areas for mutual collaboration. This week Chad also met with the Army Corp of Engineers to discuss a potential partnership that could allow AMA to open many new flying sites across the U.S. Although this opportunity is still in the discussion phase, we are excited about creating more places for you to fly. As always, we are committed to updating members on AMA's government relations efforts as frequently as possible, including our work to protect the Special Rule for Model Aircraft in FAA reauthorization legislation. The most up to date information is available on our website www.modelaircraft.org/gov and we encourage you to reach out with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29 - Scale Fun Fly and BBQ

August 26 - Electric Fun Fly and BBQ

September 13-17 - Reno Ar Races

September 23 - Fun Fly

November 4 - Fall Turkey Shoot

December 12 - Christmas Party

January 1, 2018 - Frozen Finger Fun Fly

Show off your best scale aircraft!

Electric Power Only!

FYI

Fun Fly with anything

Balloon busting for a turkey, small entry fee

Freeze your keyster off and ring in the New Year!

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

MORE GREAT VIDEOS-

<https://youtu.be/jBoltBW-SNM>

<https://youtu.be/XExGpEffMiw>

Most of all.....

**HAVE
FUN!**