



December 1, 2023

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PROP WASH

Turkey Shoot/Balloon Bust

On a bright sunny day, a large number and spectators and participants enjoyed watching flyers attempt to break balloons mounted on sticks across the runway. . Six participants flew two rounds each of three minutes pitting their skill against stationary objects about four feet above the runway. If you haven't tried it, you don't realize how hard it is. You scored 5 points for breaking the balloon and two points when knocking the balloon loose or hitting the stick. Finishing order was as follows:

Adam Kremers - 1st place
Dave Becher - 2nd place
Larry Raley - 3rd place tie

Steve Jacques - 3rd place tie
Chris Meadors - 5th place
Brad Amussen - 6th place

First, second and third place won a turkey. The tie dispute for third place was settled with a coin toss, Larry won. I want to thank Gary and Bill for scoring and timing, Vince B for adding balloons and Mrs. Panter for the cookies. Paul



Adam showed us how to do it with his L-19



Steve J's P-47 makes a low pass

Christmas Party

Vice President George Kohler reported the Christmas Party is on for December 13, 2023, at the Fandango Casino in Carson City from 6pm to 9pm. Just as last year, there will be a buffet with two entrees, veggies, deserts and non-alcoholic drinks. The cost will be \$33 per person. There will be a raffle and some giveaways. So far 36 have signed up. Please let George know by the November 21 if you intend to go.

Coming Attractions

December 13th - Christmas Party at the Fandango Casino - George Kohler hosting
January 1, 2024 - Frozen Finger Fun Fly - Gary Fuller hosting

Random Photos



Bob Brogan RC Godfather



Don's airboat he won
at the Electric Fun Fly



Larry's T-34, RIP



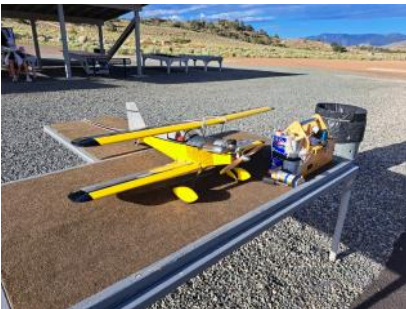
Room, lots of room



Want to trade some for
a slightly used Lazy B



Gee Dad, it's a Wurlitzer



A good looking biplane



P-40 Warhawk time



Maybe if I added a pound
of weight up front...



It doesn't get much better than this!



Great Smokey Float Fly



Navy PBJ-1, "1 X 1 Scale"

Bear Essentials

A few years ago down at the Death Ride, President Bob Jones was manning the post at the bottom of the hill on the road by Turtle Rock Park. During the midnight shift, he was aroused awake in his sleeping bag on the lounge chair as Brother Black Bear made his rounds. Needless to say, Bob stayed alert the rest of the early morning.

When Larry had an impromptu Night Fly in October at the Field with Dan O, Larry thought someone was joining them. Hearing them in the dark, he turned his trusty flash light to see who had joined him at the other end of the table and there was Brother Black Bear. Being the Safety Officer, he should have asked if he had an AMA card but just proceeded to take the Tiger Fighting Stance with a plastic chair in front, yeah right! As he and Dan created a little commotion, Brother Bear ambled back into the dark. When Dan made an unscheduled landing in the sagebrush, both went together in the dark to retrieve it.

Interesting Aircraft

The Good Year GA-33 Inflatoplane was an inflatable rubber aircraft made by the Good Year Aircraft Company. The finished prototype aircraft proved to be able to meet the requirements of a mobile scout/reconnaissance aircraft. With twelve built between 1956 and 1959, testing continued until 1972 when the project was cancelled.

The aircraft had a wingspan of 22 feet without internal bracing or support. The length was 19 feet 8.4 inches. It had an empty weight of 225 pounds and a gross of 550 pounds. inflation pressure was 7 pounds.

It was powered by a 2-cylinder Nelson engine of 42 horsepower. Maximum speed was 72 mph with a cruise of 62 mph and a endurance of 6 hours on a 20 gallon tank. Ceiling was 10,000 feet with a take off run of 250 feet. It landed within 350 feet.



"It really flies"



"Assembly site, not the crash site"

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

I had an interesting experience a few weeks ago I would like to share with you. Me and a buddy were out night flying at the field. I was loading up my last battery of the night when I heard foot steps to my left between my table and my truck. It was curious because I didn't hear any vehicles pull up and my buddy was still flying.

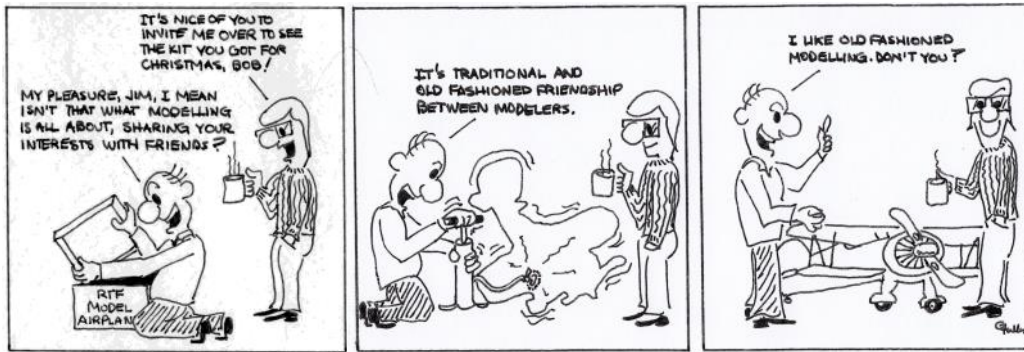
I retrieved my lantern and started looking around and all of a sudden between my table and truck was a black bear. I have to admit I was little startled because he was only a few feet away. I think he was hungry and looking for something to eat. It wasn't going to be me. I started yelling at him and he finally left.

It made for a memorable night. My buddy Dan O put his plane into the sagebrush beyond the tracks. We had to go out and find his plane and hope we didn't run into the bear again. We were out there with lights yelling "hey bear" "hey bear" until we recovered his plane. After that we called it a night. If you're ever out at the field at night flying be on the lookout for bears.


Other than the bear incident, we had a fellow RC Pilot violate our rules by flying a Kerosene powered, turbine jet aircraft at the Airpark. Due to the severity of the rules infraction the safety committee decided to give him a verbal reprimand in accordance with our bylaws. This is basically written warning. The member has no intention of repeating this activity. In case anyone was not aware, the flying of Kerosene powered jet turbine aircraft is not allowed at the Pony Express Model Air Park. The only jets authorized to fly are EDF jets (Electric Ducted Fans).

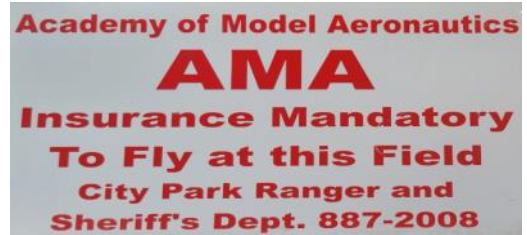
Larry Raley HSRCC Safety Officer

An Old Cartoon



FIELD MARSHALL REPORT

1. This month 2 more 5 gal. buckets of asphalt sealer were used to seal existing cracks in the runway.
2. The sign to the left of the entrance gate has faded away to white and was removed. We will attempt to have a new one printed along with our road sign mentioned in my last report as long as it is not cost prohibitive. The text on that sign was completely gone but I believe the text was the same as this example. 
3. The paper towel holder in our bathroom was broken and will need replacing but neither Home Depot or Walmart had any so I ordered 1 on Amazon. As soon as it arrives I will install it.
4. The wind sock was out of commission. Vince Euse fixed it for us. Thanks Vince!



Sales and Marketing

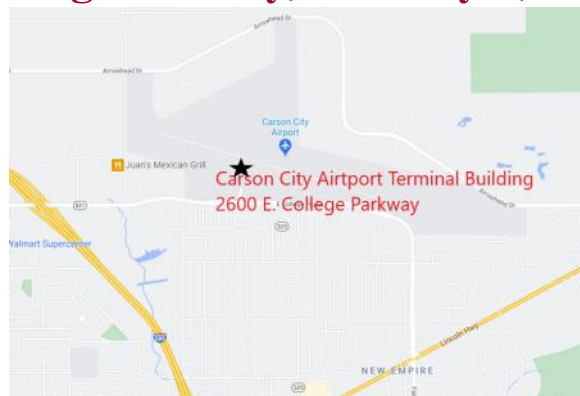
Since my last report 8 more airplanes and 1 radio have been donated to the club. 3 planes were old and dry-rotted and discarded, the rest were sold except for 2 items. The 2 remaining items, 1 plane and 1 radio were NIB and were held back to be used as raffle prizes at our Christmas party next month. The plane is a 1/4 scale (35cc class) Great Planes Extra 300. The radio is a 2.4 Futaba 7ch FAST system flight pack with all servos and batteries included. Next month I will report the total amount of money generated this year for the club from these sales.

Paul Ciotti HSRCC Field Marshall

CLUB MEETINGS

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, January 9, 2024, 6:30 pm



I want to especially thank David Vandenberg for assisting me with the HSRCC Newsletter. He is my "right hand" man and does most of the layout, second proofreader, and computer assistance. Thanks a bunch Dave!