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Holiday Party - Fandango Casino *Hosted by George Kohler*

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all of you HSRCC members and your families. Also, a big "thank you" to all of you RC Junkies and their wives who attended our annual Holiday Party this year. We had around 40 some people attend, plus 8 no shows. One thing is for sure, no one went away hungry or disappointed with the wonderful meal and desserts that the Fandango Casino offered up. In addition to having the entire ballroom to ourselves, excellent service and the camaraderie with our peers, it was truly a great time had by all.

In addition to the wonderful meal, we also had fun watching an old DVD of HSRCC flyers from 16 years ago. It proved that all were young once, and some of us even had hair. There were three highlights for the evening.

First - The traditional reading of the "T'was the Night Before Christmas" by Gary Fuller. This was written with his interpretation from an RC pilot's frame of mind. Everyone there got a laugh or two from it. Second - Drawing for raffle prizes shared among six winners. Those taking prizes home included Dan Ortiz, who won a "Junior Falcon" kit, Rick Taylor getting the "Super Sportster" 20 kit with a brand new Supertiger 29 two-stroke glow engine. Third - Barbara Raley won a new "in the box" 7 channel Futaba radio with four servos and a receiver, (Larry's finally getting rid of that old Spectrum stuff huh?). Steve Shothafer won a Vista (Dromida) drone.

New member and new pilot Alan Clark received a Motion RC foamie F8F Grumman Bear Cat warbird that was donated to the raffle by big hearted and long time member Don Morse. (Better hang on to that until you get your wings though. ha! ha!). And the big prize (literally) of the night went to Vince Bonfiglio. It was a 30%, 35 cc Extra 300 kit. (He had to borrow a dolly from Fandango to take it to his car).

Last but definitely not least, Paul Ciotti displayed the new road sign he had made which is now posted at the turn-off road to the Pony Express Airpark. Thanks Paul for donating time and labor in making this happen.



Prez sez by George Kohler

As of Jan 1st 2014, I will be taking over the reins as your Club President from long time member Dan Etcheto. If you don't know, Dan worked diligently with the FAA and the owner of Parker Field (next to our flying site) and was solely responsible for the Club finally receiving our FRIA certification, which in turn saves every member from having to purchase a transponder for our airplanes. THANK YOU DAN !!

I am honored to receive the position of Club President and along with the assistance of the other Club Officers, look forward to at least matching Dan's leadership. This Club and field have both come a long way since it's beginning in 1978. With it's many improvements (under Field Marshal Tom Reinbolt for 14 years) is by far the finest RC field among the several that are in the surrounding areas.

My main goal as your President is to not only keep it that way, but to also make small improvements accordingly to our other needs. Speaking of improvements, with the support of the other Club Officers, funding from the Club, plus donations (which are now being accepted from those members who wish to donate) I am proud to announce that we will very soon be installing a complete weather station at our field (Thanks to the time spent by Club member Joe Sanford). Once installed, after downloading an APP to your phone, you will be able to receive REAL TIME wind speed readings at the field on your phone. This is important because with the Club's recent growth in membership and more of us having to travel further to fly, this will be a welcome and much needed addition for all members. There is nothing more discouraging than driving a 1/2 hour or more to the field only to find out that it is a blow out and you have to go back home.

Well, that is all I have for you now and I personally want to wish all of you good health and happiness through the holidays. I look forward to seeing all of you brave souls at Gary Fuller's first event of the 2024 flying season "The Frozen Finger Fun Fly." (Be sure and bring a jacket) ha! ha!

Over the last few years I have read my version of T'was the Night before Christmas at the Christmas Party. This year is no different. With forgiveness of plagiarism upon myself and others, I present this years updated version of Clement Clark Moore's T'was the Night Before Christmas written in 1882.

T'was the Night Before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas and things were going pretty well, the mouse was still sleeping and ARF's were setting next to the Christmas bell.

The Frozen Finger Fun Fly was coming up at the first of the year, so having a model ready to fly meant you will have nothing to fear.

On a good flying day, the skies were filled with the Consendo fleet, as they were such good flyers and hard to beat.

During the year we had another 15 biplanes take to the sky for the Biplane Fun Fly, seeing two wings in profile together was a sight as they flew by.

It is hard for some flyers to keep planes in sight during the day let alone during the night, yet a few brave souls gave us lighted planes and presented us with quite a sight.

Now with over 92 members in the HSRCC fold, we might have to get a new Zip Code so our mail won't get too old.

Some flyers don't get their monies worth using part of the runway, they choose to use the last few feet and they landed their way.

In winter weather when "prop wash" make the hands so very cold, you might consider electrics as many of us do when we get old.

Since we have witnessed a bear, various coyotes, sheep, rabbits, lizards, bats, and snakes at our flying site, maybe we should apply for a sanctuary permit if we need to make it right.

In closing, be kind to one another and keep planes in the sky, there is nothing as good as seeing your favorite airplane fly by. Happy Holiday to Y'all.





Frozen Finger Fun Fly 2024

The frozen Finger Fun Fly will be held at the Pony Express Airpark on January 1, 2024. It will start at approximately 9:00 AM and last until all the fingers are frozen. To "officially" qualify you must take off and fly a circuit around the field and land. There will be no record of your success or failure. "What happens at the field ... stays at the field."



Interesting Aircraft

The Naval Aircraft Factory TDN-1 was an early unmanned combat aerial vehicle as an "assault drone." A 100 production contract was issued in March 1942 that was capable of being guided by TV or Radar.

Construction was mainly of wood with fabric covering and the TDN-1 having a fixed tricycle gear that could be fitted with a cockpit in place of guidance equipment. The TDN-1 is often credited as the first US drone to take off from a US carrier (Sable) However, a drone flew off a British carrier in 1937.



When manned, the TDN-1 had a crew of one with a wingspan of 48 feet and was 37 feet long. Power was provided by two Lycoming six-cylinder 220 hp engines. Cruise speed was 145 mph and it carried one 2000 pound bomb or one aerial torpedo. The first flight was on November 15, 1942. Between 104 and 114 were built.



An Introduction to Radio Control

Back a while ago we used to give this four-page flyer to our new members. At that time we had about one third of the members we currently have. We had a schedule for 17 events then. Now we have over ninety members but only 9 events, INTERESTING.

We will be developing a schedule for this coming year. We sure could use more members to step up and host an event. Let our President George Kohler know if you are willing.

Dues

Please note dues are payable now at \$50 for the year. **After February 1**, they will be \$75 for the year. Pay online at hsrcc.com or by check to Tim Ahl.

Thoughts for the year - These came from a full scale aircraft catalogue, but seemed RC related, enjoy...

*When my flying days are over and from this life I pass, I hope they bury me upside down so the FAA can kiss my ---.

*I must hasten to catch up with the others for I am their leader.

*No drinking on final approach.

*If your engine or motor fails when flying, land as soon as possible.

*The time a person spends flying is not deducted from his life span.

*Once you reach 40 your time and pleasures are more important than your money.

Aaaaaaaah choooooo! Gesundheit!



Submitted by Don Morse

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Hello everyone, No accidents or injuries to report. I hope you all have a happy and safe holiday season. See you at the field. Larry Raley, HSRCC Safety Officer

FIELD MARSHALL REPORT

A solar powered weather station was purchased. This is a professional grade unit that can be accessed via cell phone App from anywhere. The details will be distributed once it is installed. The cost was around \$1200.00 but so far we have \$800.00 donated towards the purchase. If anyone else would like to contribute, please contact Tim or myself. Members that live a considerable distance from the field will appreciate the info before driving to the field.

Sales and Marketing

A few airplanes were donated to the club since my last sale. From August to now the club made \$880.00 from these planes. Occasionally people donate airplanes to the club, some from people we know and some we don't but everyone benefits from these donations. Happy Holidays Everyone! Paul Ciotti, HSRCC Field Marshall

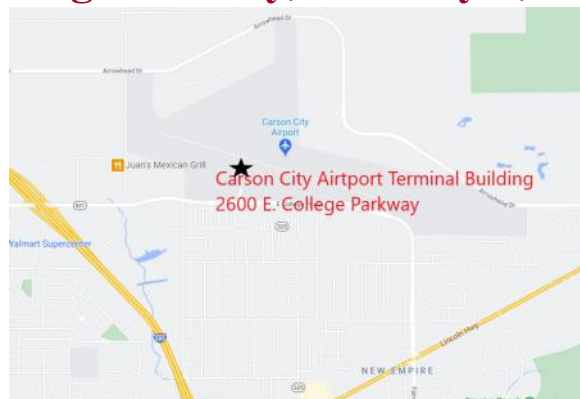


A new street sign for the corner of Flint Rd was donated to the club. It is now in place.

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!