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## PROP WASH

### Float Flying

On June 1st we had one of the biggest turnouts at the lake. 12 pilots managed to join in the fun fly and had fun with water takeoffs and water landings. Two flyers joined us from Fernley with John Johnson bringing his over 86-inch Cessna 170 "big foamy" and Mike Durso brought his Turbo Timber.

Our own Ed Putnam had his "big foamy" 84-inch Cessna 150 to join our "little" Kingfishers and Grumman Widgeon so that we all could have some fun. He liked flying with John so we could see two big birds fly together. As no one had a "splat landing" or had to get help getting back to the beach even though Vince had his "rescue vessel" available, it was great weather so that we made a good impression for our visitors.

Thanks to those who sent me pictures, keep those cards and letters coming in.



From left to right are Paul, Vince, Larry, Gary, Rick T, Ralph and George enjoying another "rough" day of float flying.



Ed's foam Cessna 150, pictures don't get much better than that.



Paul's Grumman Albatross



Fernley member John Johnson's Cessna 170 on floats



Washoe Lake beachfront property

## Eagle Eye

Last month one of the one of the picture captions on the third page was "Which do (you) like better of these two planes." Eagle eyed pilots may have seen the reflection of Paul's Ploaris off the water as it flew.



Paul's Seahawk



Mike Durso from Fernley says "howdy" to boat traffic

## AMA District X Sanctioned Event - Lake Lahontan Float Fly Announcement

- Lake Lahontan Float Fly, AMA Sanction #14800
- July 21 -23, 2023
- Located at the Lahontan Reservoir State Park, Silver Springs, Nevada
- Day use and camping fees are included in the pilot registration fee of \$25
- **Early Bird Registration (with free gifts) closes June 18th.** You can register online or at the day of the event
- Information and registration at <https://highdesertrcclub.com/product/lake-lahontan-float-fly-early-bird-registration/>
- Great raffle prizes from our event sponsors **Horizon Hobby, FMS Hobby, Castle Creations, Du-Bro and SMD Wood Works**

Please share this email with your club members and encourage everyone to forward it to their flying friends. This is going to be a big event so we've reserved an entire beach for the weekend.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions and we hope you join us.

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## Interesting Aircraft

When hunting for an interesting aircraft, I stumbled upon one in a video. The first time I saw it, it was identified as a Consolidated aircraft. The next time I saw it it was identified as a Convair aircraft and later it appeared to be a General Dynamics aircraft. You can pick what you want, but I am going with the Convair monicure. It is the trike geared Convair Model A-48 Charger Light Attack Aircraft first flown on November 25, 1964. It was the last aircraft built by Convair and lost out to the North American OV-10 Bronco in a competition.

Convair built only one prototype and it was lost on the 94th flight at the controls by a Navy pilot after being modified with a longer wing and having hard points added to the wings.. The original wingspan was 27 feet 6 inches and it was extended to 30 feet 10 inches. Power came from two Pratt and Whitney turboprops with speeds capable of 319 mph. It had a service ceiling of 21,300 feet. It could take off over a 50 foot obstacle in 485 feet. It had a crew of two in tandem and was armed with 4-7.62 machine guns with 2000 rounds per gun.

The Marines and the Air Force voted for this aircraft but the Navy vetoed it and the Charger was not to be.



## SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Moving into summer things are looking good on the Safety Front. We only had one minor incident involving a glider pilot. After preparing his glider for flight, the pilot powered up his transmitter and electric motor on the glider. The throttle cut was not activated at this time do to imminent launch.

The pilot realized a rubber band was still holding his folding propeller, so while holding the plane and transmitter in one hand to remove rubber band the pilot inadvertently bumped the throttle stick. This caused a laceration to his hand, but did not require stitches.

The recommended procedure would be to activate the throttle cut, place the plane and transmitter on the start up table and fix whatever problem may exist and proceed from there.

Also please use the startup tables for testing and energizing your motors.

Have a safe and fun flying season. Thanks,  
Larry Raley, HSRCC Safety Officer

## FIELD MARSHALL REPORT

I did some weed spraying this month around all edges of the runway, the safety netting at each end of the pit area, around the starter tables, the clubhouse and the car track. It is not known if the city sprayed this year or if they will but those are all the problem areas the city has a hard time getting to or don't do a good job of.

We need to address the chair problem again. If you sat in one of the plastic chairs please stack them back or leave the face down under the shade structure. If you leave them out the sun destroys them or they blow away. Plus the folks that leave the field last have to clean up your mess.

Trash; If the trashcan looks pretty full where you are please pull the bag and place it by or in the trashcan at the front of the clubhouse.

And a final note; The orange safety netting on our property line at each end of the runway has been replaced. It's there to give pilots a good visual of where the fence is. Also, the netting is centered on the runway so if you are landing your plane and you are over the netting on your final approach you will be over the runway.

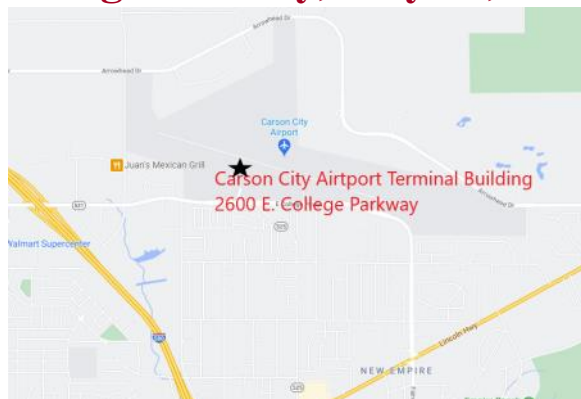


Paul Ciotti, HSRCC Field Marshall

## 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, July 11, 2023, 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!